Important Dates

These are our upcoming events for the next few weeks. Be sure to check out our website calendar for many more events.

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Things requiring action…….

☐ Attendance at P & C AGM Tuesday 9th April
☐ Donations of shoes by next Thursday 11th April
☐ Garden Watering Roster during holidays
☐ Stewart House Clothing Appeal 10th May

Students will commence holidays on Monday 15th April and return to school on Wednesday 1st May. I hope everybody has a safe and happy holiday. Please take care when travelling.

Warm Regards, Tanya Potter

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Awards

Congratulations to the following Bronze award winners:

★ Lilly S
★ Dacey O
★ Sid M
★ Owen K
★ Max S
★ Maya B
★ Phoebe H
★ Alex K
★ Kye P
★ Mikey D
★ Lily A
★ Mikaela S
★ Leura H

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Coledale Public School is situated. We pay our respects to the Dharawal people and to elders past, present and the future.
What’s Been Happening……..

Working Bee
On Saturday 23rd March we had a good turnout of parents, students and even grandparents to help weed, mulch and prune the garden. Thank you to Lizzie and Annie for arranging this working bee and a special thank you to everyone who turned up. Thanks also to Simone and Joanne who complete some work each week in the garden. Every little bit assists and is very much appreciated.

Interrelate Evening
We had a terrific turn out in the end for our Interrelate Evening. It was a very informative and professional evening that was well received by all that were in attendance. It was fun watching the parents really support Lyndal, our presenter in expanding the vocabulary of our students. It was pleasing to see many students and their families from Otford PS come along to join us to ensure this was successful.

Formal Assemblies
We held another formal assembly this morning. Thanks to 5/6 for sharing their “Animoto” with the school community. We had a large number of parents in attendance, obviously the earlier time slot suits many parents.

Hat Parade
Last week on Thursday we had an enjoyable day constructing hats in Peer Support groups and then parading the hats at the end of the day. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents that supported this event by sending along resources. We hope those who were able to make the parade enjoyed it, I know the students thought it was fun.

NSWPSSA Swimming Championships
Kaimana competed at Homebush on Tuesday and did a PB, which is a personal best time. She came in 29th position which is a wonderful achievement. I am sure she will now shift her focus to the cross country carnival!

Cross Country
The Cross Country Carnival that was previously planned for today has been rescheduled due to the wet weather. The Cross Country Carnival will now been held on Wednesday 10th April at 9:15am with Friday 12th April at 1pm as a backup date. We will announce the students who will proceed to the next level as soon as possible. This will allow them to continue training over the coming holidays. The District Carnival will be held on 10th May at Bulli Park - they may want to train at the venue.

Chess Competition
Yesterday Lin, Louis, Sid and Daniel went along to Edmund Rice College to compete in the Interschool Chess Challenge 2013. They had a successful day and enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank Geoff Frayne for transporting our students and also to Mr Chris Hoban our Pre Service teacher who accompanied and guided the students on the day at very short notice.

Combined Easter Scripture Service
Thank you to our SRE teachers who came along and inspired our students at the Combined Easter Scripture Service. It was lovely celebrating the message of Easter in drama, song and prayer.

Coming Events……..

Helping Others – Shoe Collection
Can you imagine what it would be like to not have shoes? Well unfortunately there are a number of children and adults who have that problem. They live in a small Aboriginal community called Koonibba in remote South Australia (outside of Ceduna). Brenda (sister of Francis Rings) who lives and works there, would like our school community to help out. The community of Koonibba, was one of the first Aboriginal Communities established. In the community there is also an Aboriginal school where the students have a shortage of shoes. Francis is trying to gather as many pairs of shoes to send over to the community. A box has been placed in the foyer of our school awaiting your donations. Shoes must be in reasonable condition. Please have a scout around and see what we can contribute by next Thursday 11th April. Thank you.

Peer Support Training
Next Thursday 11th April our students in Years 5 and 6 will spend the day completing leadership and peer support training. They will complete a number of activities and tasks to further enhance their leadership skills. We would like to thank the surf
club for allowing us to use their facilities for this training day. By taking the students off site it gives them the opportunity to realize how important their role is in our Peer Support program. We would like some parent assistance so please contact Mrs Bartlett if you can help out.

**Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2013**

Bags have been sent home today for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal. Have a look through your wardrobes during the school holidays and see what you can donate. Bags can be returned to the school by Friday May 10th.

**Anzac Day Service**

ANZAC Day for 2013 falls during the upcoming school holidays. We will be having our annual school ANZAC assembly on Friday 12th April at 11:45pm. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Our Captains - Mikey and Tamzin will represent our school at the dawn service at Coledale RSL on ANZAC Day. They will lay a wreath for our school. We thank them for taking time to do this. I am sure many other students will also be present at this special service with their families.

**Staff Development Days**

This year the Department of Education and Training has again nominated universal dates for School Development Days in all state schools. The 1st School Development Day was held on Friday 29th January at the beginning of Term 1.

The 2nd School Development Day will be held on Monday 29th April - the first day of Term 2. On this day all staff at Coledale will take part in a combined Community of Schools Development Day.

The 3rd School Development Day will be held on Tuesday 30th April - the second day of Term 2. This day has been scheduled statewide to allow for intensive professional development of staff on the new syllabus documents to be implemented in 2014.

These dates are **PUPIL FREE DAYS**. Please mark these dates in your diaries - you may wish to consider deferring your return trip from holidays.

School resumes for all students in Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

Our Term 3 School Development Day is on Monday 15th July and there will be two further School Development Days at the end of Term 4 - 19th/20th December.

**Dharawal Language Classes**

We are very pleased to announce that during Term 2 our students will be having Dharawal language classes each Wednesday. The lessons will be incorporated in our curriculum as part of the Aboriginal perspectives. Jodie Edwards a teacher at TAFE will be supporting our students and staff. Participation will give our students greater understanding of the Aboriginal culture.

**Choral Festival**

Our students in Year 3 - 6 have been busy learning the songs that will form part of the festival. Early next term we will ask a commitment from students who wish to be in the choir for the festival. We are very pleased with the large number of students who are keen to represent our school at this wonderful event.

**NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5**

Just a reminder that on 14th, 15th and 16th of May Year 3 and 5 will be sitting the National testing. Please avoid booking appointments on these days, if possible.

**Small Schools Athletics Carnival**

Next term our school will combine with Scarborough and Otford PS for our small schools Athletics Carnival. This will be held at Beaton Park and all students K-6 attend. It is scheduled for 19th June with a backup day of 26th June if it is washed out.

**Coledale Public School - Stage 3 Peace Posters**

The selected winners from our school will have their artwork on public display alongside other winners from neighbouring schools during the 2013 SEASIDE AND ARTS FESTIVAL at St Michaels Catholic School Hall. Diary Dates: FRIDAY 5th APRIL and SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

During this public exhibition voting will take place for the ‘2013 PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD’ in addition selecting a number of finalists to advance to the next level of the contest. The selected
Finalists and the ‘Peoples’ Choice Award’ art pieces will be on Public display on SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2013 at the Seaside Park Festival at Thirroul Beach.

**Canteen**

Just a reminder about our upcoming canteen specials:

11th April  Chicken Schnitzel $3.00

All orders must be placed in paper bag clearly labelled with your child’s name/class/order and placed in the lunch order box on a **Wednesday morning**.

**General Notices**

**Dogs and School**

DID YOU KNOW???? Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No. 87 (14.1.e) dogs are Prohibited in school grounds (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Please also be mindful when tying your dogs up near the school gates, please leave a clear passage for our students. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

We are excited to be again taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Perhaps you could encourage relatives / friends / neighbours to collect them for us as well. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

**New library books and guided readers**

Thank you to the many parents that have been assisting covering our new library and home reader resources. These books will be available for borrowing very shortly.

**Premier Reading Challenge**

Our new library books we purchased were all off the Premier Reading Challenge list of books. It is so pleasing to see an increase this year in the number of students who are reading towards completing the challenge. Please remember you can log your books at any time and can also search the list for more titles to read. Just visit [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

**Premier Sporting Challenge**

Next term all our students will commence the Premier Sporting Challenge. Last year our school was awarded Diamond Level of participation which means

**Staff - Long Service Leave**

Mrs Brokenborough extended her period of Long Service Leave to assist her family. She will return to school at the beginning of next term. I would like to thank Mrs Bartlett for teaching the extra days to ensure routines and curriculum programs flowed on as normal for our 5/6 class.
Lost Property
Once again this bin is over flowing, please have a search for your lost property before the holidays. It will be cleaned out at the end of term.

Regional Band Opportunities
ISER Junior Band Program 2013
Students from Years 4-10 in Public Schools in the Illawarra and South East Region of NSW and have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years are encouraged to apply to be part of the ISER Junior Band Program in 2013.
This program has been running for a number of years and members of the group have gone on to become part of the Performing Ensemble and Southern Stars Show band as well as representing their school at a Regional Level. We are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments and can read music at least to a grade 2 level to form a large 'Concert Band' Strings, Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, French Horns, Trombones, Baritones, Keyboards, Bass Guitar and Percussionists are needed.
We also form a ‘Rock Band’ which will consist of guitarists, drums and keyboards. Guitarists MUST be able to read music, either ‘tab’ or notes and know basic chords and progressions. The 2013 Program begins with a 3 day 2 night residential camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from Sunday 19th May to Tuesday 21st May. All students who wish to become members of this program must attend the camp. The total cost of the program will be $190. Application forms are available from Coledale PS Office.

Nomination forms must be posted to Helensburgh Primary School by FRIDAY 3RD MAY The Nomination form must be sent with a cheque or money order and needs to be made out to Helensburgh Public School and sent to: ISER Junior Band Program C/O Alison Garvie Helensburgh Public School Lukin Street Helensburgh 2508

April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having. Find out more:

Buying an e-reader or tablet
E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go. Find out more:

GARDEN WATERING – APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Volunteers are needed to water the school garden during the school holidays. If you are able to help out please write your name on the roster which is located on the brick pier under the demountable or contact Jo Chilton by email chilton@gotalk.net.au.

Banking
Just a reminder that school banking is collected at first thing on Wednesday mornings. Please drop your bank book into the office when you get to school. Bank books should NOT be placed into the green money collection box.
Get ready to splash across the Illawarra

CALENDAR NOTE

The Great Ocean Pool Crawl urges Illawarra Students to give hope for a cancer-free future

Great Ocean Pool Crawl – Sunday, 21st April 2013

You may not be able to walk in the shoes of a cancer patient, but you can swim for one on Sunday, April 21st.

The Great Ocean Pool Crawl is an opportunity for students, friends, and families to swim, snorkel or paddle their way through 2 laps in 7 beautiful ocean pools to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW.

Beginning with a 9:00am registration at the Corrimal Hotel, a free bus will transport our Pool Crawlers to each ocean pool from Coalcliff to Towradgi.

Get your classmates, teachers, and family to sponsor your crawl and reach your fundraising target!

Fantastic prizes for best dressed, highest fundraiser and lucky door are on offer!

All funds will go towards cancer research, prevention, information and support services such as the Illawarra Volunteer General and Practical Support Service which assists people undergoing cancer treatment, and their carers with a bit extra help during a very difficult time.

For more information visit: www.poolcrawl.com.au

Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/poolcrawl

To register online visit: http://www.trybooking.com/cauv