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.

**Important Dates**

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

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**Other dates for Term 4**
- Swimming Scheme - 27/10 to 7/11
- Music Count Us In 30/10
- K-6 Assemblies 6/11 - K/1G item and 11/12 - 5/6S item
- NRMA Road Safety Day Wed 12 Nov
- Canberra Excursion 26/11 - 28/11
- Living Classroom 15/10, 29/10 and 3/12
- P&C Disco 5th December
- K-6 Presentation Day 12th December
- Year 6 Dates:
  - 13/10 - Uniform fittings for Bulli HS 3.00-5.30pm,
  - 3/12 - High School Orientation,
  - 9/12 - Jamberoo
  - 16/12 - Farewell

**Things requiring action……**
- Payments for our School Camp & Swimming Scheme, we are just requiring payment from those who haven't already done so.
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Principal’s Report
Welcome back everyone to what will be a very busy Term 4. I hope that all the families had a safe and enjoyable holiday. The last term of the year is always one of the most hectic times so keep checking the school newsletter and website for upcoming events and initiatives.

The school is currently finalising student enrolments for 2015 which greatly impacts on staffing. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year and you haven't yet enrolled them, please do so immediately. If you have a child already enrolled but will not be returning next year (excluding Year 6 students) please notify the school now to assist us with our planning. Parents are also reminded that if they are planning to take their children on holidays during school term they should see the office to complete an Exemption from School form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening........

Professional Learning
Our teaching staff spent Tuesday planning and developing our curriculum plans for Term 4 and 2015. There are a number of changes needed to our scope and sequence documents with the new curriculums. In 2015 we will be implementing the new science and mathematics syllabus. Mrs Stone and Mrs Chilton have also spent two days this week at the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Implementation of this program will commence next year and will supplement our Living Classroom program.

Strategic Planning
At this time of the year many important decisions are being made about the future direction of our school. The plan is we evaluate our current plan and then we seek information from our school community as to what the proposed directions of the school should be for the next few years. A committee will then write the new school plan and present it to the school community. Over the last few newsletters I have sought names of interested parents to be part of the planning committee. At this stage I have one Dad who has volunteered and also a P&C rep. The teaching staff have also indicated they would like to be on the planning committee. If you feel you would like to be part of the process please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Next week we will finalise the online evaluation survey. We will notify you by email when it is open for your completion. Today the students have been given a Directions Survey to bring home for your completion. It would be appreciated if these could be returned by Monday 20th October.

The staff and I are really keen to hear your suggestions and develop our shared vision for Coledale school. Some parents I know would like to chat in person so I am going to make myself available on Monday 20th October from 2-4pm and 6-7pm as well on Thursday 23rd October from 8 -10am. If parents would like to come and see me they just need to come to the office and ask for me. It will be an informal opportunity to have a chat and a cuppa and for parents to share their vision and ideas for our school plan. So why not gather some friends and come along or come along by yourself, but let’s please share your ideas. It is an opportunity to have your say on the direction of our school.
**Coming Events**………..

**Selective Schools**
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You'll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: [http://bit.ly/selectiveHS](http://bit.ly/selectiveHS)

**Kindergarten Transition Program**
Our Kindergarten transition process began at the end of Term 3 which was really well attended. The four transition visits for the 2015 kindergarten children and their parents will take place on Fridays in Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 9 (17th and 31st October, 14th & 5th December). We look forward to the remainder of the transition process and trust that it will assist our new students and their families as the start of ‘Big School’ fast approaches.

**P&C Meeting**
The next P & C Meeting will be held in Week 3 of this term (Tuesday 21 October). The meeting will commence at 7pm in the 5/6 room. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Strictly Coledale**
A note was sent home today and we look forward to everyone attending on Friday 24th October from 6.00pm. We envisage the show will go for approximately 90 minutes.

**General Notices**………..

**Book Club**
Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home yesterday, all orders need to be returned to the office by Monday 20th October.

**How much water does your child really need?**
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at [http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo](http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo)

**Budding artists**
Young aspiring artists could get off to a great start by entering this competition to design the look for Youth Week 2013. Winners get to showcase their work and win $1000. Find out how to enter [http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/)

**Camp/Swimming Scheme Payments**
There are still some outstanding amounts for camp & the swimming scheme. If you haven't already made your payment please do so as soon as possible.

**Canteen News**………..
Canteen will re opened next Thursday 16th October.
Helensburgh Lions Country Fair - 25 October in Charles Harper Park

It’s only weeks until the fun of the Lions Fair! With rides and entertainment, as well as a great mix of merchandise and community stalls, the town park will be the place to be on fair day. Don’t forget to visit the community centre too, with The Mama Tree stalls outside in Walker Street, the Lions’ second-hand bookshop and pop-up cafe inside, the Otford Writers’ Boot Camp’s Meaning of Life Forum from 10am, Council information stalls, a wonderful series of crafty Spring Fever workshops with The Art Box and a spring surprise from Sunrise Nursery and A Garden for Life’s Narelle Happ. We’ll also have our first ever cake decorating competition - see http://helensburghfair.com.au/cake-competition for details! The Burgh will be a buzzing place on 25 October, so be sure to stay in town and see what your community has to offer. Remember to drop your book donations to Movie HQ, and contact Gina on 4294 1371 if you would like a stall at this year’s Lions Country Fair.

Come to Scary School for Halloween - Spooky Friday at Helensburgh Public School
Get your thrills and chills at Helensburgh Public School on Friday 31 October from 4-9pm. With a Haunted House, Chocolate Cauldron, freaky rides and much, much more - you’ll be sorry to miss it! There’s food, a raffle, lots of gold coin games and you can purchase a pre-paid ride pass for $25 by downloading the form from www.helensburgh-ps.com and dropping it off at the school office, Sunrise Nursery or Helensburgh Veterinary Clinic. We welcome all those brave of heart to this family friendly event.
i98FM Camp Quality Convoy (‘Convoy’):

- ‘Convoy’ is a one day event held in the Illawarra each year, on the third weekend in November.
- ‘Convoy’ began in 2005 after Marty Haynes, i98FM’s radio breakfast show host, began the concept while working in Canberra, after the sad passing of one of his young listeners. Then, it was known as the Convoy and Carnival for Cancer Kids.
- When Marty began work for the WIN Radio organisation in the Illawarra he brought the idea with him.
- ‘Convoy’ has approximately raised over $4,000,000 for Camp Quality Illawarra in its first nine years. See below for some figures.

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- ‘Convoy’ travels a distance of 70km from Illawarra Coal’s West Cliff Colliery at Appin, through the streets of the Illawarra to the final destination at the Croome Road Sporting Complex in Albion Park Rail. (Link to the ‘Convoy’ route)
- A free Family Fun Day is held at the end, where trucks and bikes are parked for onlookers to check out and entertainment is provided. ‘Convoy’ has attracted such names as Shannon Noll, Diesel (Mark Lizotte), and Delta Goodrem.
- ‘Convoy’ is open to all truck and bike enthusiasts, who register to take part for a $30 donation.
- The opportunity to take the coveted spot as Lead Truck and lead motorbike is fought out in a live to air auction the week leading up to ‘Convoy’. Any bid in this auction is considered a donation pledge.
- The astounding 2013 total amount of over a million dollars illustrates the amazing support this event continues to generate. From the thousands of onlookers that line the streets and attend the Family Fun Day, to the people that read and watch the extensive media coverage, to the truckies and bikies, to the ‘Convoy’ committee: it’s a massive occasion on the Illawarra’s Events Calendar.

The Peoples Truck:

- The Peoples Truck had its first year in 2011.
- The brainwave of McMahons Transport’s owner, Derek McMahon, the concept allows the general public to buy sign writing space on the side of a truck.
- Derek ‘hands over’ a truck from his own fleet to the general public; the people of the Illawarra and beyond. It becomes their truck, traveling in ‘Convoy’ to represent them and their support of Camp Quality.
- Below are some interesting figures

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In both 2011 and 2012 the Peoples Truck was the fourth highest bidder in the auction for lead truck, and therefore travelled with the starting trucks of the convoy. This is a sought after position given to those companies/organisations raising and donating the most money for Camp Quality.

In 2013, the Peoples Truck was the second highest bidder in the lead truck auction. This is the best position the Peoples Truck has achieved, demonstrating the growing interest in the truck and the popularity of the concept.

The Peoples Truck is parked in the reserved dress circle surrounding the entertainment stage at the Family Fun Day at Croome Road, meaning it becomes an attraction for the thousands of people who attend.

Many people who have donated find the truck, search for their names and have photos taken.

Many people choose to throw coins in a bucket instead of making a registered donation to the Peoples Truck. The money from the ‘cash buckets’ is accumulated and goes towards having the names of the sick children on Camp Quality Illawarra’s roll sign written on the truck.

For the past two years two sick children have travelled ‘Convoy’ in the Peoples Truck. This allows them to experience first-hand the interior of the truck, its engine noise, the all-important truck horn, the UHF radio and to look out at the show of support lining the streets for them.

100% of all money raised by the Peoples Truck is donated to Camp Quality. McMahons Transport meets all promotional and administrative costs involved in the organisation of the Peoples Truck.

Camp Quality:

- Camp Quality was established in 1983, after the founder, Vera Entwistle, emigrated to Australia from the USA.
- Before leaving the USA, Vera had read about a program to support families of children living with cancer. Part of this support was a commitment to more fun and laughter.
- After arriving in Australia, Vera dedicated her time to setting up a recreation based program, with the idea of bringing a group of children together at a camp where they could participate in activities that they may have missed out on because of their illness.
- A doctor gave Vera the idea for the name. He had told her that:

  “No one can do anything about the quantity of anyone’s life, but all of us can do something about the quality”.

- The first camp in 1983 was attended by 38 children and 38 volunteer carers.
- In 1988 an educational puppet was introduced to teach school children about cancer and to dispel myths and concerns.
- In 2001 the smiling ‘Giggle’ face logo was introduced and has become synonymous with Camp Quality’s philosophy of optimism, fun therapy and laughter.
- Camp Quality now operates programs in every state and territory in Australia. Camp Quality provides:
  - Family Support: Connect Care, Domestic Support, Holiday Respite, Family Experiences, Financial Support
  - Hospital Program: In Hospital Support, Play Therapy, Partnering Hospital Projects
  - Education Programs: Puppets for Primary Schools Program
  - Recreation Programs: Family Fun Days, Family Camps, Kids Camps
  - Graduation Programs: for 13 year olds and over, teaching resilience, Graduation Camp and Transitioning beyond Camp Quality.