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**

- 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 Assemblies 11/12 - 5/6S item
- K-6 Presentation Day 12th December
- **Year 6 Dates**: 3/12 - High School Orientation, 9/12 - Jamberoo, 16/12 - Farewell
Things requiring action……
□ Payments for our School Camp & Swimming Scheme, are now due please.

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Principal's Report
It has been a very busy fortnight as the classes finalise their items in preparation for our Strictly Coledale evening performance. Like most great shows the final days prior to the performance means there is a lot of ‘tweaking’ to be done. The staff are all very proud of the way the students have prepared for the evening. The items will reflect the units of work that have been studied in Term 3 and early parts of Term 4. The use of technology is evident in all the class items. Some of the iMovie trailers that have been created by some primary classes are not going to be displayed on the night and we promise to give parents an opportunity to view these soon. It is so rewarding and satisfying to know that the performances have been created and prepared by the students. We do hope parents and relatives enjoy the evening. To access part of our show we recommend that you download either one of the following apps if you own a smart device: i_nigma, Qrafter or scan.

It would be very wise to have dinner prior to coming along to the Austi PS hall. Parents are kindly requested to have the students at the hall at 5.45pm so we can commence the show at 6pm. Parking is across the road at the beach parking area and a pedestrian crossing is available at the lights. Safety first please! On the night we will also have some raffles with some wonderful prizes. Tickets will be $5 each or 3 for $10.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening........

School Evaluation/Planning
Last week I attended the Principals Network meeting which was based on school planning and the key reforms of the department. A new approach has been developed for school planning that encompasses a rich process by which schools engage with their community in deep conversations about the future educational directions and strategies for their schools. The new approach uses transformative, strategic, capacity-building and future focussed planning to develop key improvements for the school. The first part of the process involves the creation of a shared longer-term vision for the school. I thank the many parents that have returned our survey in regards to the Melbourne Declaration and the few that have contacted me with some ideas for discussion at our planning meetings.

This week we would like the school community to complete our online evaluation surveys. There is a separate survey for our three key stakeholders - parents, students and staff. The links will be placed on our website as well as being sent via email. We would appreciate if these could be completed by Monday 3rd November.
A School Planning Taskforce comprising representatives from the teaching staff, parents and students will correlate the results of the survey and draft a new vision statement and plan over the coming weeks. The draft will then be presented to the school community. Schools have until the end of Term One 2015 to complete this process. We are hoping the draft will be completed before the end of the year and we will present it very early in 2015 to the school community.

P&C Meeting
It is really pleasing to see our meetings being attended by more and more parents each month. This sharing of ideas and chatting is very beneficial for our students. The P&C is constantly looking for new ideas and ways they can support the students in their learning. Every program that we implement as a school must be developing the key concepts, skills and knowledge that are encompassed in the curriculums. The P&C fundraising is all linked to the school plan. With this in mind it was so pleasing to have information shared about possible new programs that could be introduced in 2015.

One of these is the development of music opportunities for our students. Mark from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music was present and shared with us the many things they can offer our school. The formation of a school band idea was floated. Of course this takes a lot of commitment from the school community as it will involve lessons before school, additional homework for students developing their skills, instrument hiring, performance support and of course additional fees to be paid by parents. I would be very happy and excited to have a program like this be put into place but we do need to know there is committed interest in the school community. Once we have this we can go ahead and start planning for its implementation in 2015.

At this stage we can’t give parents the exact monetary outlay that would be needed but only approximate figures. Mark also mentioned that it really should only be for students in Years 2-6. Students in Year 2 may also be restricted in what instrument they play as teeth development is a very important factor. The instrument types will also be restricted as to have a well sounded band their needs to be a range of instruments. Students would nominate three instruments they would like to learn and then the band master makes the ultimate decision what instruments are played by who. Students would then need to be dedicated to this and complete their regular practice and attend training each week. Instruments can be hired for a reasonable fee from a music company. We would arrange this from school to try and keep costs down but families would have the responsibility for payment and also the maintenance of the instruments. The good thing is if parents hire instruments then decide to buy many companies take into account the money paid for hiring. As a school I would also like to think that if we proceed with this idea we would have a parent coordinator that would oversee everything. This could be done in conjunction with a staff member.

An Expression of Interest note has gone home today. If you think that you would like your child or children to be involved can you please return note as soon as possible so we can make a final decision about commencing a school band in 2015.

NRL Backyard Clinic
Our students really enjoyed the session with the NRL Backyard to league people on Monday. They had a fun time playing games and getting some tips on improving their touch footy skills.

Environmental Education Update

We have had lots of activity in the kitchen garden recently. Last week Mrs Chilton and I went to the Introductory Training for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation (SAKG). We had two days based at St Clair PS in western Sydney being trained in all the great activities that our primary classes will be involved in next year in 2015. We also had the opportunity to share with teachers and parent volunteers from other schools across NSW who will be undertaking this program along with us. We will be holding a
teacher and parent sharing session before school in the next few weeks to show you what we are involved in. Details to follow!

As a congratulations for our training, and the SAKG’s third year of partnership with Kitchen Aid, we have been given a special gift - a Kitchen Aid Artisan Stand Mixer valued at $779., which will be delivered by the end of term four!!

On Tuesday this week, we had two judges from the Rise & Shine Awards visit our school and garden for the annual awards. Our garden ambassadors Maya, Daniel, Kye and Lilly showed them around the school and garden discussing what we do. They also prepared and shared a banana milkshake and herb scones, with produce harvested from the garden. Thanks to Mrs Chilton for all her hard work in working with the children in preparing the garden ready for the visit! We will know the results in the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, our weather has not been kind to us for our Living Classroom classes with Aaron, as again last week’s session had to be cancelled. We will have a makeup day on top of our planned day next Wednesday. So don’t forget your long sleeve tops and long pants, hats and sunscreen! Helpers from all classes are welcomed at lunchtime and fruit breaks, and parents can join in anytime!

Mrs Stone

Coming Events………..

PSSA Sport – Mr Galvin

PSSA Sport commences Friday 24th for students in Years 3-6. Students will need to wear their school sports uniform. ALL STUDENTS TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE. We will be leaving school at approximately 12:15pm and will be returning by home time. As our student numbers have increased we will need to use a rotation system. This means that your child will not be attending every week. Students will be notified the day prior as to whether they will be attending that week. Students involved in the Swimming Scheme will NOT take part in PSSA sport in weeks 4 & 5.

Camp

Final arrangements are being made for camp in terms of accommodation and the activities that we will undertake on our trip to Canberra. Please ensure that all monies are in by 7 November 2014 so that definite numbers can be finalised.

Students will receive a list of what to bring to camp next week. I am looking forward to a great camp.

Music Count Us In

KP, K/16 and 1B students will be walking to Austinmer PS next Thursday 30th to participate in the Music Count Us In as part of the Community of Schools. This is a National event and we look forward to singing Paint You a Song with the other schools.

Day of Daniel

The Day for Daniel on 31 October 2014 encourages schools to ‘Wear Red and Educate’. Through this event and associated educational materials, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation aims to raise awareness and empower children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Our students are encouraged to wear ‘red’ on this day to school. The primary students who have PSSA will need to bring along their sports shirt and change at lunch time.

Swimming Scheme

Sixty students from Years 2-6 will commence their ten day swimming program on Monday. The students will be accompanied by Mrs Bartlett and Mr Cooper each day. They will be leaving school at 11.45 and travelling by bus to Corrimal pool. They will return to school at 1.35pm. It is expected that all the children will attend every day and should bring their swimming gear including dry underwear each day in a separate bag.

Waste Audit

Next Tuesday 28th we will be holding a waste audit. A number of parents are coming in to help conduct our audit. We are looking at ways we could improve our practices around the school.
Kindergarten Orientation
We have had a great response to our program so far. The Kindergarten class of 2015 have been to school for two visits and have enjoyed meeting their buddies. We look forward to all their parents joining us for their Information session on Thursday 30th October from 6-7pm. The students will then come along on Friday 31st for their third session.

NRMA Road Safety Day
Just a quick reminder that our students will be involved in a Road Safety Day on Wednesday 12th November. On this day they should bring their bike helmets to school.

General Notices.............
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

Attendance Matters
Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later in life.
Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.
If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

Sun Protection
As we enter the warmer months I want to remind parents that all students should have a school hat or cap. We all know the damage done to our skin in our younger years reappears as sun spots and possible melanomas when we are older. Please encourage your child to maintain the habit of wearing a hat and sunscreen every day.
Canteen News

We have enjoyed holiday growth in the garden and the spinach is our ingredient of the week. Vesna cooked up the harvest in our Mini Quiches for the special this week. Thank you for supporting our seasonal fresh food initiatives.

Thanks also to the families who are donating ingredients and have volunteered to help in canteen in the past weeks, especially Peta Yew, Nicole Sheath, Ali Mercieca, Sarah Goss, Claire Godsell and Mel Van Anan. Your time is hugely appreciated.

Our call for canteen kitchen items from home last term has led to a new slow cooker and apple slinky machine. Many thanks to Judy Turner and the Mason family for their donations.

We are looking for volunteers for our canteen roster for the latter part of term. Anyone who may be interested in helping out from 9am-11:30am any Thursday from Nov 27th to Dec 11th, please contact Ang Clough

Community News

Wollongong West Public School
Halloween Carnival

Friday 31st October 2014
3:00 PM - 7:30 PM

* Rides
* Side Show Alley
* Trick or Treating
* Haunted House
* Chocolate Wheel
* Market Stalls
* Food and Entertainment

Proudly Sponsored by:
The Butchery Steakhouse
ReCreate Fitness & Lifestyle

Entry via Phillip's Bridge
Come to Scary School for Halloween - Spooky Friday at Helensburgh Public School
Come to scary school for a visit to the Haunted House, chilling thrills on our carnival rides and loads of other spooky fun at the Helensburgh Public School's Spooky Carnival from 4.30 - 9pm on Friday 31st. Why not trick or treat your way to school, then enjoy dinner and some creepy fun with our Chocolate Cauldron, Zombie Toss and more? Showbags, lolly stall - did we mention the Haunted House?? This will be a fabulously freaky evening, so enjoy Halloween at our scary school - if you think you're brave enough!

Helensburgh Lions Country Fair - 25 October in Charles Harper Park
Make your way to Charles Harper Park this Saturday for our Annual Country Fair! We have carnival rides, day-long entertainment, lots of fantastic food options and some fabulous new market stalls. All this combines for a great day out for the whole family. But wait, there's more! At the Walker Street community centre we will have the Lions second-hand book stall and cafe, our cake decorating competition, as well as workshops presented by The Art Box and A Garden for Life. The Otford Writer's Boot Camp will host its Meaning of Life forum from 10am and The Mama Tree's mumtrepreneurs will also be there with stalls to tempt you. At 4.30pm our Grand Parade will make its way down Walker Street - loud and colourful as local schools, sporting and community bds make an impressive display, followed by our wonderful RFS and police escort. Helensburgh will be buzzing with Fair activity, so make sure you come along and join the fun! See www.helensburghfair.com.au or our Facebook page for more information.

Invitation
Concerned that you're being exposed to harmful emissions from mobile phones, base stations and Wi-Fi?
Are you, or is someone you know, experiencing electro-hypersensitivity?
Get the latest information on the health consequences of exposure to radio frequency (RF) emissions by joining us and some of the world's leading experts on 11 November for a discussion on RF-safety and what, if anything, you should be concerned about.
Regional clinicians will also attend the event hosted by the Edward Health and Medical Research Institute and Australian Centre for Electromagnetic Research.
www.ihmri.uow.edu.au/events

Location/venue
University of Wollongong Innovation Campus,
55 Umina Way, Payam, Corowa View and City View Road, UC Central
www.uow.emrg.com.au

Parking
Car park P1, Science Centre/short term car park. $4 free for parking between 6:30 and 8:30pm.

RSVP
Deadline by 1 November: ihmri@uow.edu.au or phone (02) 4291 4023

PROGRAM
11 November, 2014
5.45 – 5.50pm Welcome
5.50 – 6.00pm Wireless Health and Electro-Hypersensitivity (EHS)
  Professor Rodney Croft, Australian Centre for Electromagnetic Health
  Research (ACEMR), IHMRI, University of Wollongong
6.00 – 8.10pm The science of EMF - an international perspective
  Dr Eric van Rongen, Health Council of the Netherlands
6.10 – 6.20pm EHS, radiofrequency fields and treatment options
  Professor Michael Repacholi, University of Rome
8.20 – 8.50pm Panel discussion/forum
  Facilitated by Professor Ray Kemp, Honorary Principal Fellow, UOW:
  Presenters, plus Dr Fiona and
  Devaert, World Health Organisation
8.55 – 7.45am Networking Forum/panel discussion
  Food and refreshments
The Lions Club of Woonona Inc.
World Festival of Magic Show

Free entry
Entry is free to all children, parents/carers and anyone wanting to enjoy the show.

Date       Sunday, 9 November 2014
Show Time Choices  11:00 am, or 1:30 pm or 4:00 pm
Location    Woonona Bulli RSL Auditorium

The Lions Club of Woonona requests that your school or organisation be kind enough to advise your students and their families of the Magic Show in the School news-letter please.

Tickets are not required. Entry is FREE.

The show has been paid for by local business houses and the funds raised support children’s charities.