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 for more events.

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Principal’s Report
Well the end of the school year is fast approaching. Students are still busy learning while teachers are busy writing reports and our office staff are getting ready for the end of financial year rollover. Our school office will be completing our Financial Rollover on Monday 1st December, I ask parents to limit questions to Jane during this time please.

Our end of year events are also being planned and preparations made, parents are reminded to mark the dates in their diaries, especially Presentation Day. Our school leader election process commenced this week with nominations made by students. After camp the candidates will present speeches on Thursday 4th and then all students and staff will complete voting on Friday 5th December. Our school leaders for 2015 will be announced at Presentation Day.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening...........
Thank you – Great Muffin Bake
Last Monday was an exciting day as the Great Muffin Bake Sale concluded and our school was announced the National Winner. Basically this means that we received $3000 and 1000 Muffins from the healthy range, to sell. When the Muffin Break company heard we were planning on using all the funds raised to help establish our outdoor kitchen they offered us $2000 worth of kitchen equipment as an added bonus.

A huge thank you must go to Chantel, our P&C Fundraising coordinator who started the emails rolling on this venture. She was amazing and never gave up on her quest to encourage us all, our families, work colleagues and friends near and wide to log on and give us a vote. I must apologise to her husband Dan, who had to run their business on Monday single-handed as Chantel dedicated herself to our cause, raising media attention and negotiating the celebrations. We will be selling the muffins in the near future and I am sure the details will filter through shortly after they are finalised by the P&C.

Congratualtions Coledale and please pass on our heartfelt thanks to all your many contacts that assisted our cause in this venture.

Remembrance Day
The courage and dedication of all our armed forces were remembered with the highest respect last week. At school we held a very special service with some very touching poetry being shared by the older students. While for the first time a class was invited to attend the local RSL club to participate in their service. 3/4C attended the club and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Not only did they participate in the service with some very touching singing of the Last Anzac and our National Anthem, they also had beautiful manners and behavior at the morning tea afterwards. Congratulations to everybody for showing the utmost respect.
Remember Poem

As the rain bucketed down,
The people gathered around,
To remember the lives,
Of the ones who survived,
And the ones who tried,
But unfortunately died.

The children cried,
The mothers tried,
The fathers fought,
And the army ought,
To not get caught.

By Charlotte

Charlotte was showcased in the world-wide creative writing 100 word challenge with her ‘Remembrance’ poem.

NRMA Road Safety Day
The visit last week from the NRMA Road Safety team member was a highlight. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show where lots of aspects of road safety was highlighted in an entertaining and informative show. Our students also received a work booklet and drink bottle. Thank you to the many students that remembered to bring along their helmets to be correctly fitted. Parents should check the fitting instructions in the workbooks and occasionally check their children’s helmets. We did need to make lots of adjustments on the day. Helmets need to be correctly fitted so they are effective in the event of an impact.

Coming Events............

Canberra Camp
Camp is just around the corner and many children are very excited about the prospect. Just a few reminders so that camp can flow smoothly.

• Wednesday departure – 7.30am. Please be there at 7.15am so that bags can be stored and the roll marked
• Lunch, fruto and a drink are to be in a separate bag and taken on the bus
• Spending money to be placed in an envelope with the child’s name & given to Mr Galvin. Spending money is limited to $20.00
• Any medications to be given to Mrs Stone
• School sports uniform to be worn on Wednesday - Year 6 may wear their shirt
• Make sure clothing is labelled with your child’s name
• Children need 2 sheets, a pillow case or a pillow and case and a sleeping bag ($16.00 fee charged if they are required)
• No mobile phones or electronic devices allowed
• The bus will return at 5.45pm on Friday

We look forward to an enjoyable camp with lots of valuable experiences.

Wave FM Rock Star
You may recall Charlotte P. won our Rock Star Breakfast Competition way back in March at our WAVE FM breakfast. We wish her well on Sunday 30th November as she competes in the Grand Final. This will be held at Stockland Shellharbour at 11am. If you are down that way shopping please give Charlotte a big cheer.

Good luck from all of us!
Combined Scripture Service
A Combined Scripture Service will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of December at 9 am in the school library. Parents are most welcome to attend and see the play ‘Christmas Unwrapped’ and join with the children in singing some Christmas Carols celebrating the birth of Jesus. Our students who attend the non-scripture and Ethic classes are also invited to this event. If you would like them to view this performance, please let us know in writing prior to the 2nd.

Rise and Shine Awards Ceremony
Wollongong City Council has invited our school to attend the Rise and Shine Awards Ceremony on Thursday 4th December 2014, at 6pm at The Salvation Army Function Centre, 13 Burelli Street Wollongong. This invitation usually means our school will be getting an award. They have requested I let them know how many will be in attendance. I am happy to make this an open invitation to our school community. All I ask is that you return the slip below so I can tell them our numbers.

Looking forward to a good response. See last page for cut-off.

K-2 Bravehearts Performance
On Wednesday 10th December at 1.45pm our K-2 students will be watching a performance by the Bravehearts Organisation. This is a follow up to our Child Protection lessons in Term 3. Parents are invited to attend this show. There will be no cost for this event as funds from a washed out session of our Athletics training are being used.

Swimming Carnival
Please watch out for a note about our swimming carnival in Week 1 Term 1 Friday 30th January 2015. Because this is so early in the new school year we do collect notes and money this year in preparation. Notes will be sent out after the 1st December. Students who turn 8 or older in 2015 are eligible to attend. Usually students in Year 2 only attend if they can comfortably swim 50 metres. Parent are most welcome to come along and cheer our students at Helensburgh Swimming Pool.

Inter Relate sessions
This is just a notification that we will be holding an Inter-Relate evening on Wednesday 25th February. These sessions are usually beneficial for students in Years 2-6. We have two sessions: Where did I come from? and Preparing for Puberty. More details next year, we just encourage parents to add the date to their diaries at this stage.

General Notices............
Early Arrivals at School
Supervision of students before school begins at 8.30am. There is no adult supervision before this time and we are unable to ensure the safety of children in the playground.

We well understand that many parents have work and commitments which require them to leave early. Wildcare - Carmel offers Before School care every morning on site for parents who need to leave their children prior to this time. Please give Carmel a call on 0419 693 863 if you need more information.

Canberra Excursion – Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon
completion of the excursion. Please note we factored this rebate when we determined the cost of the excursion.

Children, Homework and Lies
Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O’Loghlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Maths at Home
Childrens' experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Comprehension help for teens
Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here’s why.

Garden Reminder
We have noticed that there are a few parents that are collecting a big armfull of vegetables and are forgetting to come to the office to make a small donation. Please remember that these donations go back into the garden so we do ask you to follow the honesty rule.

Day for Daniel

On the 31st October we held 'The Day for Daniel’ which is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.
It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.
We all wore Red and learned lessons about 'Keeping Kids Safe’
Gardening News
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Coledale Public School’s award-winning garden has secured a place in Stephanie Alexander’s Kitchen Garden Program.

Year 6 student Kye Pearsall admitted the garden was sometimes a victim of its own success. "We used to have a lot more mulberries but people eat them, there was some this morning but they were gone by lunch," he said.

Luckily, mulberries only make up a small percentage of the huge variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs harvested from the school garden.

Bananas, passionfruit, mangoes, sugar cane, lettuce and potatoes are collected from garden beds maintained almost entirely by students.

The produce is sold in the canteen or bundled into bags and sold to mums and dads at the school gate.

In line with the garden’s permaculture philosophy, anything yielded financially or environmentally is reinvested in the project, whether in the garden’s bank account or compost heap.

The program engaged permaculture specialist Aaron Sorensen to first design the sustainable gardens and then educate young gardeners on ecologically sound gardening practices.

"We use no-dig gardening beds by layering soil and mulch because it makes things like celery taste sweeter and we grow the sugar cane and potatoes next to the compost because it loves the nutrients," said year 5 student Maya Bartlett.

Year 5 and 6 teacher Bec Stone said the kitchen program was the last step in providing garden to plate food education.

"The new syllabus is about real-life application and the kitchen is a big part in showing the final process," she said.

"It also gives kids who might find it hard in the classroom [a chance] to excel at something hands on."

You can also see the story on our class blog:

Awards

Bronze Award
3/4M  Skye M
4/5G  Yasmin B, Bronte P
5/6S  Samuel S

Silver Award
1/2B  Matthew B, Ruby C-S, Jake E
3/4M  Audrey A, Toby B, Sian K, Hadin O
Gold Awards

Andie G M – KP
Alana W - KP
Finn O – KP
Luke D – K/1G
Yve F – K/1G
Amber K – K/1G
Mitchell P – K/1G

Canteen News.............
Thanks to the following volunteers who have made canteen happen over the past two weeks: Ali Mercieca, Pam Douglass, Kimberley O’Brien, Mel Van Anen, Sam Docherty, Jane Fullerton-Smith and Judy Turner. Thanks also to Fundamentals for Life (Thirroul kitchen shop) for doing a great price for us on ceramic-coated non-stick muffin trays, much healthier than teflon!
This week sees the return of a popular garden special, mini cheesy spinach quiches. Thank you Symone for supplying eggs and Ang for cooking up the tasty quiches.
A kitchen spring-clean is happening at the moment. There’s a collection of platters, plastic containers etc we have left out on the bench and some may belong to you. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy cause.
Thanks, Vesna & Ang C

Community News.............

Christmas Twilight Market@Sunrise Nursery Thursday 4 December, 4.30-8.30pm
You’ll find a great assortment of boutique Christmas gifts at the Christmas Twilight Market@Sunrise Nursery - everything from handmade soaps to retro fashions, hats and bags to fairy dresses, award winning Porters Produce to the SnackLab’s healthy treats, Usborne books, handmade jewellery and cards, clothing, gifts sets, exquisite global crafts, Fairtrade gifts and much, much more. Throw in an Otford Public School curry, RFS bbq, Big Sister Horsie gelato, ice cream from Ken’s Cones, add some great local entertainment, and we think you’ll have the perfect Thursday evening market experience at Sunrise Nursery! The Garden
Cafe will be open, as will Sunrise Nursery’s gift shop, so organise a car pool and come along for a Christmas market bursting with good will!

**PAMZART**
Come along and enjoy creative activity with fun! Art classes for students and adults. Experience various art techniques using acrylic paints, watercolour pencils, inks, graphite pencils, etc. Join in and progress at your own pace.

**CLASSES:**
Coledale Studio (52 Squires Crescent)
- Tuesday’s, 4.00 - 5.30 pm (7-11 yrs.); 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm (teenagers/adults);
- Wednesday’s, 10 am - 12 noon (adults); 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm (7-11 yrs.); 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm (teenagers/adults).

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS:**
Coledale Studio – Wednesday’s January 7th, 14th & 21st - 10 am - 12 noon. 7-14 years $20 pp.
All materials and morning tea supplied. Bookings essential only 6 students per workshop.

Enquiries: Pam McKinlay 0418 201 587. Email: pmckinlay25@gmail.com
Come and meet members from the foster care team and find out more about becoming a foster carer. Thursday 20th November 2014 3pm - 5pm CareSouth Office at 2 Matilda Way Berkeley
Illawarra Junior Representative Trials 2015
Saturday 22nd November &
Saturday 29th November 2014

Under 12 Boys and Girls: 12:30pm - 2:00pm players born 2004 and after
Under 14 Boys and Girls: 2:00pm - 3:30pm players born 2002 & 2003
Under 16 Boys and Girls: 3:30pm - 5:00pm players born 2001 & 2000
Under 18 Boys Session 2 to be held Sunday 30th November at 10am

Illawarra Basketball Stadium “Snakepit”

Players of all standards are encouraged to trial for the teams. Selected players will receive coaching and development to improve their overall fitness, skills, ability and knowledge of all aspects of the game.

$5.00 fee to attend Trials payable on the day (cash only)

Please note that Uniform fitting for Singlets, Shirts, Hoodies, Track Pants, and Warm up Top will take place on these trial days to ensure all athletes are suitably attired in 2015.

Contact Basketball Illawarra Office on 4225 9889 if you have further enquires.

PLEASE BOOK US IN FOR:

---------- house $30ea ..... tree $10ea ..... seats

Name Adult: ............................................................
Name Child 1: ..........................................................
Name Child 2: ..........................................................

Age: ........................................................................

School: ......................................................................

Friends I'd like to sit with:...........................................

Email address: ...........................................................

Contact Number: ......................................................

........ Cash enclosed or
........ Direct Debit to Austimner Anglican Parish
BSB: 704808 Acct No: 100009309

Include your surname and GB on line.

KIDS & PARENTS GINGERBREAD NIGHT DEC 8 6:30PM
Austimner Anglican Church

Build a beautiful gingerbread house and hear how Jesus came to bring us home at Christmas.

For Kids 7 years & up with Parents

Speaker: Christine Wong

Tickets: $30 per house or $10 per tree all incl.

Book soon as numbers are limited

You are invited to build your house at our house...

For more details or to book a spot at a table just contact our church office:

Austimner Anglican Church
4880 8444
aust40@bigpond.net.au
45-01 Moon St,
9:30 - 1:30 Mon - Fri

$30 per house
RSVP & payment required by Sun Nov 22

Book soon as numbers are limited

ADULTS GINGERBREAD WEEK! DEC 1-7
Austimner Anglican Church

This year our adult event is moving 'in-house'.... We're holding small group events in various homes. You are invited to make your house at our house!

Advent is a time of reflections and preparing for Christmas. Each evening we will focus on a different aspect of Christmas and what it means to us. Expect holiday meals, harvest, carols, laughter, warm and joyful times with friends...

Come and decorate a gingerbread house, eat copious amounts of sweets and bring something to share about what Christmas means to you.

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Rise and Shine Awards Ceremony

☐ Yes I would like to attend    Family Name: ______________________
No: of Adults   __________    No: of Children __________