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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**Things requiring action.....**

- Year 6 Jamberoo note to be returned
- 2015 Swimming Carnival note and money to be returned
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Principal’s Report
The school year is drawing to a close very quickly and it is still a busy place. We still have many important events and we hope parents can come along and support their children at many of them. I have included in the end of this newsletter a very interesting article - Summer Slide! It is very thought provoking and one I hope all parents and even students take time to read.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening........

Library Closed
Our library is now closed for 2014 as Mrs Porter is getting all the books returned and shelved in preparation for 2015. We would appreciate if families can have a look around the home and return all library and home readers. Stock takes will be conducted by staff of both these resources next week. Any parents that would like to assist please see Mrs Porter.

Canberra Camp
The students and staff all report they had a fabulous time last week in Canberra. It was a very full schedule and they got to experience many of the major tourist sites. Many thanks to Mrs Stone, Mr Galvin and Mr Cooper and Mr Birkett (parent helper) for giving up their own personal time to enable it to happen. Congratulations also to all the students, from all reports you were all well behaved and a delight to be with. Another great primary experience we hope you remember fondly for many years to come!

At Canberra the best part was the War Memorial. The guide we had was really fun, he told us all the wars Australia has been involved in. After that we went to the Vietnam area and took us to the helicopter simulator, it was a lot of fun.

Eli T – 5/6S

Stolen Bike
Just a reminder that all students that ride their bikes to school should also bring along a chain to lock it up during the day. Last week a bike was taken from our bike rack and has not been seen since. Apparently a few have gone missing from school bike racks over the past few weeks. It is a sad indication of our society! Unfortunately the school cannot accept any responsibility for bikes/scooters that go missing.

Lions Club Book
Lions International have adopted a program to support the raising of literacy standards throughout the world. As part of this initiative all clubs are doing something in their own district to support the program.
Today we welcomed John Dening from the Thirroul Lions club to our assembly and he presented the school with a lovely book for our library. On behalf of the students I would like to say many thanks to the Lions club.

Wave FM Rock Star
Last Sunday Charlotte went and represented in the WAVE FM final. She enjoyed the experience and would like to thank the school community members that were in the audience showing their support.

Scripture/Ethics Classes
I would like to personally thank the parents and community members who come along each week and teach our Religious Education classes. I know the students enjoy the lessons and gain an insight into the different views through their lessons/discussions. We hope you have a lovely break over summer and we look forward to your continued support in 2015.

High School Orientation
Yesterday Year 6 spent the day at their selected high schools for 2015. The students that are heading to Bulli HS were taken by bus to the high school and from all accounts had a lovely time socialising with the students from the other local schools. It is exciting times and I know transition days help alleviate any concerns.

Rise and Shine Awards Ceremony
Last night Mrs Stone along with our P&C President Lynn Tamsitt, Aaron Sorensen and some students went to the Wollongong City Council Rise and Shine Awards. It was very exciting as we were awarded Overall Winner Environmental Excellence. Congratulations to everyone as this is a community garden program and very kindly funded through the efforts of the P&C. We received a cheque for $1000 which will be used to fund an item in our kitchen garden.
Congratulations also to Maya B who also received 2nd place in the Poem Writing competition.

School Leaders
Congratulations to our school leader nominations for 2015. Yesterday the nominated students spoke extremely well, reflecting the fact that many of the students nominated would make outstanding choices. Congratulations to all the students nominated. Voting was held today for students K-6 and staff. There will be four elected leaders and these will be announced next week.

Music 2015
At the last meeting of P&C it was decided that they would fund the CHIME in Schools Program from the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music in 2015. This will mean that each class has a 45 minute lesson for a term.
In addition to this class music we will also be offering the students in Years 3-6 an opportunity to learn an instrument before school as part of a band program. This will be held prior to school on a Thursday morning. This will be on a user pay arrangement. Earlier this term we sought expression of interest to determine if we had the required numbers and this indicated we did. The opportunity is still open to all students and we will
make decisions during the first few weeks of band about instruments, etc. Instruments will be provided by parents either by acquisition or hiring. A group hiring arrangement will be discussed in the first few weeks next year. Wind and brass will be the main family of instruments used. Of course as always we do consider the equity issues and if children seriously want to be involved and parents are experiencing financial hardship please come along and have a chat to myself about this.

**Coming Events..........**

**School Helpers-Afternoon Tea**

On Monday 15 December there will be a special afternoon tea at 2 pm in the Library. We would like to invite all our local community and parent helpers who have volunteered their time to support our school during 2014. The staff here at Coledale Public School wish to say 'Thank you'. If you have helped with reading in the classroom, organised and supported our P&C, canteen, uniform shop, sporting carnivals or any other areas. We look forward to you joining us.

**Presentation Day**

Please make sure you have Friday 12 December set aside for our Presentation Afternoon. It all starts at 12:00pm at the Coledale Surf Club. All students K-2 receive an award and selected students in years 3-6.

**Semester Reports**

These are due to go home on Thursday 11 December. Please check your child's bag for this very special end of semester report. We aim to make the reports as easy to understand and informative as possible and have acted on suggestions from parents in the past. I have been very impressed with the achievements of the students and feel the reports accurately reflect their current progress. As always, should you have any questions regarding your child's report, please make an appointment to discuss this with your child's teacher.

**2015 Staff / Classes**

Preparation is well underway for 2015 in terms of our classes. We have maintained our six classes for 2015. There will be straight classes in K-2, the first time this has occurred since I have been at the school. Then the primary will be in three classes 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6. Of course our numbers determine classes and what compositions they take. I am hoping in the last week we will be in a position to tell students what classes they will be in if their cohort is split like Year 4 and 5.

Unfortunately Mr Cooper will not be returning to our school next year as earlier this week he received a permanent appointment to Casula PS. I know you will all congratulate with me and wish him all the best as it is great news for him personally. He has been a wonderful temp. teacher and I know the students and staff have all appreciated his professionalism, kindness and dedication to our school.

Mrs Brokenborough will be continuing her leave next year and at this stage I don't think we will see her returning as she is enjoying her pathway to retirement. In 2015 we will welcome Mr Corey Whitaker who will be taking over her teaching load until further notice.

Mrs Munn will also remain on maternity leave until second semester. Mrs Jackson our learning and support teacher will also remain on leave, leaving this position vacant.

Mrs Badham who has been my Principal Relief in 2015 will also be ending her time at our school. We thank her immensely for all her support and guidance. I know the staff have benefitted from her expertise with computers and general teaching knowledge. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and will welcome her back at any time, especially seeing she is a local Coledale resident.

In 2015 my Principal Relief will be completed by Mrs Bec Goulder. She is currently teaching at a local school and will join us as a temporary teacher.

The following are our teachers for 2015: Kinder – Ms Gould, Year 1 – Mrs Porter / Mrs Munn, Year 2 – Mrs Potter / Mrs Goulder, Year 3/4 Mr Galvin, Year 4/5 Mr Whitaker and Year 5/6 Mrs Stone.
Farewell
It is with much sadness that we farewell Ashburner, Cox & May-Stubble families. These families have been a part of the Coledale Public School community for a number of years. I would like to thank them for their friendship and support in the time they have been at Coledale Public School.
We wish Amelie, Lily, Meliha, Samson, Leura, Alex, Max, Taj, Trent, Dacey, Kye Max S, Mikaela, Samuel & Eli all the very best at high school. What a wonderful adventure awaits you! Work hard, have dreams, set goals and go out there and get them. Good luck in 2015 and beyond! We will think of you often!
We will also congratulate and farewell Angus Pope from Year 4. Angus was successful in gaining a position in the Opportunity Class at Wollongong PS. We wish him well and all the best for his very bright future.

Picnic Day
Students will be given a sausage sandwich, watermelon and a drink. Be sure to read about the Colour Run below.

Lost Property
Our lost property basket has been growing by the day. Please take the time and have a look through if your child has lost any articles of clothing throughout the year.

GOLD Party
Wow - 53 students have received our highest award - Gold! They will all be invited to attend the Gold party on Monday 15th December.

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.

General Notices.............
End of Year Colour Run
This year, Coledale Public School is very excited to announce its very first Colour Run, being held on Wednesday 17th December, the last day of school!
Why are we doing this?
Every year, Year 6 organises fund raising activities to purchase a gift for the school. This year, rather than hosting a variety of activities throughout the year, we thought we would do one big event at the end to raise funds while also encouraging children to live a healthy lifestyle.

PS. And it’s fun!!

How does it work?
Runners begin dressed in clean white t-shirts, and pass through a colour station set at different intervals. Each colour station is associated with a different colour, with volunteers from Year 6 blasting the runners with diluted food dye squirted out of spray bottles and water pistols. Runners complete the course covered in the safe and vibrant splashes of colour. Children earn money by being sponsored for the run. Sponsorship money is returned to school by Monday of Week 11, 15th December so the family and the child who raise the most funds can be given their prizes at the end of the day. Sponsorship forms have been sent home already. See the office if you need another one.

Sponsorship and Prizes
To make it easier for the community to support our fund raising, the family who raises the most money will win a prize. In addition to the highest fundraising family prizes, there will also be a prize for the individual
student who raises the most money through sponsorship. Details to come! The winners will be announced on the day.
All parents are invited to run with their children for the colourful entry fee of $5.

What are the distances?
Kindergarten and Stage 1: 3 laps of the course
Stage 2: 4 laps of the course
Stage 3 and their parents: 4 laps of the course

When is this all happening?
This exciting event will be on the last day of school on our Picnic Day. The times are as follows:

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'Learn to Live' in colour!
Thanks for your support,
Year 6 and Mrs Stone

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.

Are you heading to Christmas Holidays 2014/15 with Wildcare?
Remember you must make a booking – give Carmel a call on 0419 693 863
Wildcare program:
Thurs18th Dec: Start the holidays with lunch at Moon Sushi Wollongong. Cost $15
Fri 19th Dec: Water slides and water fights. Bring cossies and a towel.
Mon 22nd Dec: Christmas Crafts. Christmas shopping at the Twilight markets. Children are welcome to bring money for the markets
Tue 23rd Dec: Christmas Party. Bring a plate of Christmas food to share for lunch.
Wed 24th Dec: Christmas Chiller. Watching Christmas movies, playing at the beach and a picnic lunch in the shade. Bring your towel and swimmers.

Wild Care will be closed from the 25th Dec- 10th Jan
Mon 12th Jan: Reptile Man. Come and see snakes, lizards, turtles and a crocodile!! Cost $10

Tues 13th Jan: Greater Union Wollongong. Going to see a new release movie with popcorn and a drink. Cost $15

Wed 14th Jan: Candle Making. Wear old cloths and closed in shoes.

Thurs 15th Jan: Quiz it Day. A day of quizzes, treasure hunts and prizes.

Fri 16th Jan: Sutherland Pools. Bring your swimmers and towel. Cost $10

Mon 19th Jan: Symbio Wild Life Park. Bring swimmers and a towel.

Tue 20th Jan: Dream catcher’s day plus Legends and dragons.

Wed 21st Jan: Laser Tag. Cost $15

Thurs 22nd Jan: Sewing and games day.

Friday 23rd Jan: Hangdog and pizza. Cost $15

Mon 26th Jan: Thirroul Park. Cost $7. Children can bring a packed lunch or buy it on the day.

Tue 27th Jan: Greater union Wollongong. Movie with popcorn and a drink. Cost $15

Booking Sheet

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Permission Slip
I give permission for my child_____________________ to attend the Wild Care excursion to ________________. I understand that my child will travel by public transport to and from the venue ________________.

Signed ___________________________ Date __________

For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility - the idea that they won't always be right.


Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Under scheduling your child: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child)

Garden Ambassador report for 3.12.14 By Ella, Yasmin and Lily S
The day was about work, fun and learning!

Lily, Yasmin, Charlie and Holly had lots of fun running the juice station. They made orange juice for all the ambassadors as it was very hot! Today we planted snapdragons and marigolds because they have oil in them that keep away the bugs. We also planted lettuce, sweet basil and rocket in our leafy greens bed. It was very dirty and awesome! Hadin, Gus, Joey, Milla and Charlotte also replanted some beans in the pumpkin patch. Kye pruned the mulberry trees. The rest of the group chopped and dropped the comfrey and Banana grass and fed it back to the plants because they have nitrogen and carbon in them.

We achieved so much and we loved it. Today was a bit cloudy but also hot. We were having lots of fun learning.
Awards

**Bronze Award**

4/5G  
Summer C, Elke G, Matthew S

**Silver Award**

K/1G  
Nadia D, Lily H, Noah W

1/2B  

3/4M  
William F, Katelyn Y

4/5G  
Angus P, Elke G, Phoebe H, Holly H, Charlie R,  
Matthew S, Lilly S

5/6S  
Czarina H, Trent M, Kye P

**Gold Awards**

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CANTENE NEWS

Canteen is winding down slowly towards the end of the year, but as always, a big thank you to our dedicated volunteers over the past fortnight: Nicole Sheath, Bec Greeves-James, Donna & Allan Shingler, Roberta Sabatini, Virginia Stenning & Alex Fuller.
Thanks, Vesna & Ang C

Community News
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
Wollongong Botanic Garden

Movie Wonderland

Monday 19 to Friday 23 January
10am to 12.30pm daily

Holidays of Discovery daily activities:
• My Favourite Movie Treasure Hunt
• Cinema Crafts
• Alice in Wonderland Garden Show

Activities suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost: $10 per child $20 for family of 2 or more children.
Bookings only required for large groups.

Sunset Cinema

WOLLONGONG 2014
Wollongong Botanic Garden
26 December to 21 February

Fri 26 Dec
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (M)
Sat 27 Dec
Interstellar (M)
Thu 1 Jan
Frozen: Sing-A-Long (PG)
Fri 2 Jan
How to train your dragon 2 (PG)
Sat 3 Jan
The Good Lie (M)
Thu 8 Jan
Exodus: Gods and Kings (TC)
Fri 9 Jan
Paddington (TC)
Sat 10 Jan
Dirty Dancing (M)
Thu 15 Jan
Aunie (PG)
Fri 16 Jan
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)
Sat 17 Jan
Interstellar (M)
Thu 22 Jan
Point Break (M)
Fri 23 Jan
Grease Sing-A-Long (PG)
Sat 24 Jan
Horrible Bosses 2 (MA15+)
Thu 29 Jan
St Vincent (M)
Fri 30 Jan
Night at the Museum: Secret of the tomb (TC)
Sat 31 Jan
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (TC)
Thu 5 Feb
The Imitation Game (M)
Fri 6 Feb
The Penguins of Madagascar (G)
Sat 7 Feb
The Water Diviner (M)
Thu 12 Feb
Taken 3 (TC)
Fri 13 Feb
Big Hero 6 (PG)
Sat 14 Feb
Pretty Woman (M)
Thu 19 Feb
Birdman (MA15+)
Fri 20 Feb
Unbroken (TC)
Sat 21 Feb
The Interview (TC)

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Tae Kwon Do Holiday Camps
this January!!

PCYC Lake Illawarra will be holding 2 Hwarang Toe Kwon Do camps: this school holidays!!

Build your self defence skills, confidence, personal development and physical fitness through the art of Tae Kwon Do.

Camps will be run:
Thursday 8th January 2015
Thursday 15th January 2015
9.30am-3pm—safari style lunch included

Camp Costs—$50 per person, per camp
Family discounts available—conditions apply

To book your place please contact 42964448 or come in and see our friendly staff. All participants must become PCYC Members (no extra cost)

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Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it’s absolutely FREE.

**WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN?**
Go4Fun runs for 9 weeks after school or on weekends during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer.

**WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN?**
Each week you and your child will learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The program also includes a supermarket tour where you get to put everything you’ve learnt into practice.

Every week the children will also be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active.

**START UP PACK**
Your child will receive a start-up pack including:
• Go4Fun backpack
• Go4Fun T-shirt
• Go4Fun water bottle
Your child can also earn bonus rewards including:
• Wellingtons
• Sunny days and
• $20 Sports equipment voucher

**HOW DO I ENROL?**
Registrations for Term 1 programs are now open with limited places available in our Wollongong program running every Saturday from 9:30am – 11:30am at UOW Sports Hub starting Saturday 31st January.

We’d love to welcome you and your child into a Go4Fun program and encourage you to secure your child’s place in a program by contacting 1300 780 790

*who consumes 5 or more servings a week meets crown criteria.

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NSW Department of Primary Industries

**Kids’ fishing workshop**

Kids 8-13 years old are invited to come and learn the fun, safety and responsible, recreational fishing techniques and skills from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day includes 5-10 min theoretical fishing techniques, top 5 bait limits, an awareness on how to fold your chequebook.

**COSTS:**
FREE for children and includes:
• All necessary equipment

**ENQUIRIES:**
Stephen Thurstan: Primary Industries NSW, 02 4220 8484
or 0405 245 109 or e-mail: stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Workshop details are on the web:

Locations and DATES

Lake Illawarra

Wednesday 14th January 2015

Thursday 8th April 2015

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Christmas Twilight Market @ Sunrise

Thursday 4, December from 4.30pm to 8.30pm
Sunrise Nursery, 193 Old Princes Highway, Helensburgh

All out of ideas for Christmas?
Come along to the Twilight Markets and browse among over 30 stalls – jewellery, fashion, homewares, candles, toys, books, photographs, Fair Trade gifts, children’s wear, gourmet sauces, spices and much, much more.

All out of ideas for dinner?
Buy a sausage sizzle and support the RFS’s Community Education Unit, or sample a delicious curry from Otford Public School. Indulge in a fresh gelato from Big Sister Horsie or an ice-cream from Ken’s Cones.

Car pool and come along – your support means we can support charities such as MSF, Well Wishers, the Lions Ugandan Education Fund, KIVA and more.

It’s the season to be jolly & generous... 😊
Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide

Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the “summer slide” if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide—or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

1. Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.

2. Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade while a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That’s huge! If reading isn’t one of your child’s top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.

3. Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.

4. Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.

5. Read with your child—explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.

6. Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.

7. Play games with words. Commercial games such as Spellingdoodle or 4 Square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.

8. If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

For more teaching ideas and activities be sure to visit our blog! www.blog.makesakeachteacher.com
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Laughter is the best medicine.