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 few weeks. Be sure to check out our website calendar for many more events.

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**Principal’s Report**

I would like to thank our families for equipping the children with the necessary school items required for class work. This certainly supports the establishment of organised class routines and prepares your child to develop settled habits. Parents of children in Years 3–6 need to ensure that they check pencil cases regularly throughout the year, as resources do run down.

The quick return of notes is also much appreciated as it saves the need for the re-issuing of notes. Thank you to the many families that are returning notes quickly.

Warm regards

*Tanya Potter*
What’s Been Happening……..

Staff Project Days
This week the staff have had a day as K-2 and 3-6 teams examining their educational plans for the year. These days have helped staff check they are on track in implementing the new curriculum successfully. It is important we are covering all the syllabus outcomes. Staff have been happy with this additional time as they already spend many hours after school improving their knowledge, preparing lessons and resources. Earlier this week we also had a session with an educator from the Area Health Team updating our Asthma training.

District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the many students that represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival last week. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was fantastic. Thank you to the many parents that took time to spend the day supporting the students and especially Dave and Lisette who worked time keeping. Congratulations to Amelie who will represent at the Regional Swimming Carnival. We all wish her well and we hope she enjoys the experience.

Student Support
The progress of our students is continually being monitored by the Learning Support Team, so support can be directed appropriately. This week we have had four Year 1 students commence Reading Recovery. This is a shared resource between Otford and Scarborough PS. Hailie Morgan is the RR teacher and we look forward to working with her for this semester.

Mrs Jackson our LAST (Learning and Support Teacher) will be assisting students on a Tuesday and Mrs Joanne Chilton SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) will be supporting students Monday - Wednesday.

P&C Meeting
Last Tuesday we held our first P&C meeting for the year. The participant numbers were down with only 7 parents in attendance, though there were many apologies. Our school does rely on the generosity of time from parents for many things. The P&C is a vital link with our parents and community. It is so important we have parents attending the meetings so we can openly discuss plans and events. I urge all families to consider having input to our school through the P&C at the next meeting to be held on the 18th March.

I appreciate many parents have busy lives with work and family commitments but without the support of the P&C we would struggle to provide the students with all the necessary resources as 21st Century learners.

The next meeting on the 18th will be the AGM and I know many of the current P&C Executive members have spent the past three years in their positions. Without their continual support we would not have achieved as much as we have over the past few years. I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank our President—Annie McNamara, Treasurer - Jenni Keers, Secretary - Lynn Tamsitt, Social/ Fundraising Committee - Chantel Banyard, Jen Pope and Pip Budgen, our Environmental Committee – Lisa Miller, Grants Co-ordinator – Pam Douglass, Canteen Supervisors – Mel Sellers and Mel Van Anan for all their efforts and inspirations over the past few years.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next meeting.

K-6 Assembly
Our first formal assembly was held yesterday in the Library, it was hosted by our School Leaders – Sid and Dacey. Thank you to the many parents that attended. These formal assemblies are held twice a term on a Thursday morning. We hand out awards and have an item from a class. Our next formal assembly will be held on 3rd April and it will be hosted by 1/2B. If your child is receiving a levelled award – Bronze, Silver or Gold they will be advertised prior in the newsletter.

The other weeks we hold an Awards Ceremony on Thursday morning under the COLA, weather permitting. Parents are most welcome to join us for these quick assemblies.
Coming Events.............
Stage Three Transition to High School

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS YEAR 7 IN 2015
In 2013, students seeking placement for Selective High Schools in Year 7 in 2015 were required to apply to sit the Selective Schools Test. This test will be held on Thursday, 13th March. All applicants should have received their information notice in the mail or by email with important student details and identification numbers. If you have not received this please contact me urgently.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
Parents of Year 6 students will receive a High school Expression of Interest Form next week. This form requires parents to make their choices of High School, in order of preference, on the form. Many schools are currently holding open evenings and special sessions to promote their programs. The following activities have been added to the calendar:

Bulli High Expo Evening - A special Expo Evening for Year 5 and 6 parents and students is to be held on Tuesday 4th March. This is an excellent opportunity to see firsthand the outstanding programs and environment on offer at Bulli High.

Bulli High Discovery Day - The annual Discovery Day at Bulli High is set for Friday 21st March. This day is for all Year 6 students to experience what High School is like. A half day of lessons and activities has been planned to showcase the outstanding programs on offer at Bulli High for 2015, with free transport by bus to and from Bulli High. All Year 6 students should attend and a note will be sent home shortly.

Bulli High Enrichment Class - Application forms for this class were sent home last week. These applications need to be sent to Bulli High by Tuesday 12th March. The Enrichment Class Test will be held at Bulli High School on Monday 24th March.

Wollongong High School of Performing Arts - Applications for Performing Arts placement in Year 7, 2015 are now available from our school office on request. These forms need to be sent to Wollongong High by 19th March. Auditions will be held in March/April.

AG Class
Next week our selected students will complete the Academically Gifted class assessment. We wish them well in their endeavours in gaining entry to this highly sought after class.

District Sports Trials
Over the next few weeks a number of students have been chosen to attend the trials for many of our District Sporting teams. We wish them well as they try to gain selection in the various sporting teams for soccer, cricket, netball, AFL, rugby league and touch football.

Stage 2 Bike Day
On the 13th March Year 3 and 4 students will be attending the PCYC Centre at Lake Illawarra for instruction on Road Safety and in particular riding safely. Please send along their notes for this excursion and remember to pack their helmets, if they own one. The students will be riding the bikes that are at the PCYC. I am sure they will enjoy this informative and practical day.

Grandparents/Harmony Day - Thursday 20th March
We are looking forward to hosting our Grandparents Day on Thursday 20th March. An invitation was sent home earlier this week and we encourage you to make contact with Grandparents and invite them along. For those students who do not have Grandparents available they may consider asking a neighbour, Aunt/Uncle or family friend.

The Grandparents' Day does fall on a Canteen Day and we would like to offer lunch to our guests but this is dependent on volunteers. If you could help out with the BBQ or some cooking/preparation can you please let Jane or Nicole know in the office as soon as possible. This may mean you do some baking and send it along or you come in on the day. If we get some volunteers we will be sending home a special menu for our guests to pre-order their lunch late next week. Please consider helping us especially if you are available on the 20th.

General Notices..........  
Voluntary School Contribution
Each year we ask for a Voluntary School Contribution to enhance our educational programs. Schools rely heavily on the generosity of their
community through the Voluntary Contribution Scheme. We find the allocation to our school, in the global budget, not enough to provide everything we would like for our students.

For 2014, we are asking for $40 per student or $70 per family. This amount remains the same as last year. All money received from this year’s contributions will go towards upgrading our school’s resources. Payment would be appreciated by 4th April 2014.

School Banking
Each Wednesday a large number of students are regularly banking with school Banking. Thank you to Jenni K who comes in each week and completes the processing. If you would like your child to be involved we do have forms available at the school office.

Medications
All medications that need to be administered to students during school hours need to be held at the office. Under no circumstances are children to have medication in their bags. The only exception to this is asthma puffers for the 3-6 students. Many of our older students will have a Ventolin puffer at the office as well as one in their bag. Jane and Nicole are happy to administer medications if they are needed during the school day. It is much safer for them to be aware and hold medications than being in children’s bags.

I would urge all parents to check their child’s plan and ensure the preventive medication is being taken, check the Ventolin held at school is in date and that we have the most updated asthma plan. With the cross country season many of our classes are running regularly and with this we usually do see a spike in the number of students requiring their Ventolin. Though it was interesting at our asthma training we learnt that if the correct preventive program is in place this should not be the case.

Cross Country
Our cross country will be held on Thursday 3rd April. This is an event for the 8-13 year olds but we do have modified races for all students in the 5-7 years. As a small school the younger students love to support and cheer on their buddies and then we give them an opportunity for this to be reversed. This advance notice is to give our students time to complete some extra jogging outside of school. It is is always good preparation, fun and contributes to our healthy lifestyle.

Fortnightly Quiz
Each fortnight there will be a puzzle in our Seaside Times. If you can complete the puzzle and submit to Mrs Stone’s red letterbox you may just win a prize!

Brain Challenge

Sudoku

There is only one rule: Every row, column and box of 2x2 cells must contain the numbers 1 through 4 exactly once.

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**ART CLASSES** Come along and enjoy creative activity with fun! Learn various forms of art forms and techniques using watercolor pencils, acrylic paints, inks, pencil and charcoal mediums. Flexible programme. Join and progress at your own pace. Tuesdays and Fridays 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, 7-12 yrs. Coledale studio, 52 Squires Crescent, Coledale. Enquiries Pam McKinlay (0418 201 587).

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**Helensburgh Junior Rugby League Football Club**

Players required for teams U6 to U17.

Boys (5 - 17yrs) and Girls (5 - 12 yrs) welcome.

Registrations are still being accepted. $100 includes shorts and socks. If you have any questions please contact registrarhjrlfc@hotmail.com.

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**Shamrocks Junior Rugby**

Registration Days 2014

Wed 26th Feb & Wed 5th March 5pm - 7pm
Sunday 8th March 2pm – 4pm
Friday 14th March – from 5pm – last registration, first training session & **season launch**

Free Shamrock cap upon registration (while stocks last)

Fees - $90 (includes shorts, socks)

Age groups - U7’s to U17’s

New players welcome.

Registrations to be held at Ocean Park Woonona

Contact: Andrew Cracknell
ph 0432 944543

Birth certificate required for new players.
Yoga for Kids
for 5 - 10 year olds

Wednesdays 4-5pm, Moore Street Yoga Room, 62 Moore St, Austinmer
8 Week Terms aligned with school terms

Yoga for Kids classes introduce children to yoga through play, creatively and
togetherness. We have fun, while improving strength and flexibility, posture, and body
awareness. Breathing and relaxation techniques assist calming, centering and
concentration. These yoga classes are inclusive of all children,
and are a great way to build self-esteem whilst having lots of fun!

-8 Week Terms $100 (or $60 for siblings), Casual $15/child/class ($10 for siblings).
Bookings required.

Erika Steller is a Dru Registered Teacher, member of the DPN (Dru Professional Network)
and certified for kids yoga teaching by Rainbow Kids Yoga

Contact Erika for term dates, to book your child’s place, and for enquiries
0427 131 701 erika.steller@robert.com www.lightbeingyoga.wordpress.com

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EAST
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SCHOOL

50th
Anniversary
Celebrations

WEPS is turning 50 this year and we will be celebrating
with an Open Day at the school on
Saturday 2nd August.

If you are willing to share photos, memorabilia or
memories (for our history book about the school) we’d love to
hear from you.

Contact the school on 02 4264 1472 or
e-mail at woononaest-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
for further information.

FUN
Sunday Children Fun Program

Learn About:
Buddhist Stories on ethics
and loving kindness, Games,
Chinese culture, Tea Chan,
Calligraphy, Arts & Crafts, and
much more!
Chinese language in daily life

Venue: Nan Tien Temple
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Schedule: 2:00 – 2:30 Buddhist Chatting & Meditation
2:30 – 3:10 Chinese Language
3:10 – 3:30 Activities & Refreshment
3:30 – 4:00 Drum/ Drama

Ages: 6 - 12 years

699 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Coledale NSW 2515
P: (02) 4267 1885 F: (02) 4268 1438
Email: coledale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.coledale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Northern Suburbs Netball Club

Registration Days

We are looking for girls of all ages to play netball this winter. Our rego and info days will be held at Thirroul Bowling Club on:
Thursday 20th February 2014 - 4pm to 6pm
Saturday 22nd February 2014 - 3pm to 5pm
Thursday 27th February 2014 - 4pm to 6pm

Registration Fees:
7 to 10 year olds - $128
11 to 17 year olds - $138
18 years and older - $156
Non Player - $45

Uniforms will be available to purchase. Cheque and cash only please!
For more information contact Kathryn Bailey: 0413 497965

Scientists in Schools

Are you a scientist, or an engineer?
Would you enjoy inspiring our teachers and students in their science?
Then you might like to become our school’s scientist!

Our school is registered for Scientists in Schools and we’re looking for a scientist who is interested in working with our staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community.

We are looking for professionals working in a science or engineering-related area. This includes research and applied scientists, technologists and engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians.

There are no fixed hours – it’s up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute.

OPTIONAL: We are particularly looking for someone to help with our project in

If you’d like to talk to the teacher about what they would like to do please contact

Register or find out more information online at www.scientistsinschools.edu.au

Scientists in Schools is an Australian Government initiative, managed by CSIRO Education.

If you’d like to contact the Scientists in Schools team, you can call them on 9490 8405 or email them at sis.nsw@csiro.au.
UPCOMING EVENT

Screening of the Movie

“The Big Picture”
Rethinking Dyslexia

Date: Wednesday 12 March 2014
Time: Registration from: 6.00pm
Movie Starts: 6.30pm
Venue: Wollongong West Public School Hall, Phillips Avenue, West Wollongong
Cost: Voluntary Donation

Register: wollongongwestpac@gmail.com
Wollongong West Public School, 4229 2096

More information: http://thebigpicturemovie.com

Q & A session after the screening

Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Wollongong West Public School P&C

The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia provides personal and uplifting accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts and iconic leaders, such as Sir Richard Branson and financier Charles Schwab. Directed by James Redford, the film not only clears up the misconceptions about the condition, but also paints a picture of hope for all who struggle with it.

Shining a spotlight on the latest scientific and psychological research, the film also highlights the work of Drs. Sally and Bennett Shaywitz, co-founders and co-directors of the Yale Center of Dyslexia and Creativity to illuminate the hidden origins and implications of dyslexia. Proving that dyslexia is a neurological issue and not a character flaw, The Big Picture beautifully illustrates that while the condition is an obstacle, it also carries some unique advantages, and ultimately can be overcome.

Sponsors:

Australian Dyslexia Association
Solutions for those that Learn Differently

Wollongong West Public School P&C

Specific Learning Difficulties
ONLY OUR BEST WILL DO
Inaugural multicultural Children’s Festival 2014 comes to Sydney

The Children’s Festival, an annual free event that promotes cultural diversity and living in harmony will for the first time be brought to the City of Sydney on Sunday, 30 March 2014 at Belmore Park, Sydney.

The annual festival brings together hundreds of culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and thousands of children and families from diverse backgrounds to promote Australia’s incredible and thriving cultural diversity.

The events aims to break down barriers between different cultural backgrounds, showcasing a multitude of cultural traditions, costumes, food, dance, entertainment, art and music, which make up the Australian identity.

The first community event was held in Bankstown in 1999, one of the country’s most culturally and linguistically diverse cities with people from 130 different countries speaking more than 60 languages, and extended its footprint to Canterbury in 2009 and Marrickville in 2012.

The concept of bringing together and celebrating the hundreds of different cultural communities as well as Indigenous communities in Australia, was dreamt up and brought to life by Thuat Van Nguyen OAM, a Vietnamese refugee of the 80s.

“Children are the most important asset this country has. We need to ensure our children are taught the best values in life - that is to be accepting of one another, no matter your background or religious beliefs.

“We need to share our wonderful traditions and practice living in harmony from a young age. Only that way, will we have a peaceful and tolerant country that we can be proud of. The Children’s Festival breaks down all barriers,” Mr. Nguyen said.

The Children’s Festival 2014 is sponsored by NSW Government through the Community Relations Commission, with support from the City of Sydney including through the Living in Harmony program, and other project partners.

Please visit www.childrensfestival.com.au for more information.

WHEN: Sunday, 30 March 2014 at 11am – 5pm
WHERE: Belmore Park, (opposite Central Railway Station), Sydney
WHAT: Children’s parade, games, activities, arts and craft, live cultural entertainment, poster competition, animal farm, multicultural food stalls and display stalls etc
COST: FREE ENTRY

For media information, interviews or sponsorship queries, please contact:
Louise Tran
Public Relations Director, Children’s Festival Organisation Inc
E: louise.ti@gmail.com M: 0466 620 744
Let’s Play on Grandparents’ Day @ Coledale PS!

Join us on 20th March from 9-11am in classrooms for Harmony Day activities! This year’s theme is “Everybody Belongs”. We will be creating Zentangle Hands together, playing olden day games and discovering stories using augmented reality! If you have an iPad or iPhone you may like to download the free app called Harmony Day to use on the day. Bring a picnic lunch and join us!