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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**Things requiring action…...**

- Hot Cross Bun orders to be gathered and brought to school by Friday 4th April.
- Voluntary Contributions.
- Purchase a disco ticket for Thursday 10th April.
- Gather resources to make a hat and bring them to school ready for Monday 7th April.
- Year 1/2 Beach Excursion note to be returned by 8th April.

**IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL SEE ARTICLES ABOUT:**

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- K-6 Assembly & Cross Country
- Mad Hat Making & Disco
- Anzac Service
- Climate Clever Grant
- Lost Property

**General Notices..........**

- P & C Meeting
- Premier’s Reading Challenge

**Principal’s Report**

The weather has certainly been helpful for the plants and garden of late. Our buildings have stood up well in the deluge with only a few little leaks in the new demountable. Year 6 students, luckily, enjoyed their Discovery Day last Friday at Bulli HS as unfortunately the high school has had some of their buildings flooded this week. Our thoughts and well wishes are with them as their staff, along with many trades restore their school, so it can be fully operational.

Warm regards

*Tanya Potter*

**Awards**

Congratulations to the following **Bronze** award winner......

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**What’s Been Happening……...**

Grandparent’s/Harmony Day

What a wonderful morning we had last Thursday, hosting our many visitors to the school. Many thanks to the many parents that arranged to send
along some morning tea for the occasion. Also a huge thank you to the parents that came along and helped prepare and serve the morning tea and barbecue. The theme of Harmony Day - Everyone Belongs was truly being placed in action. I think our guests enjoyed the mix of activities that combined the present and the past. The listening to stories using the Harmony Day App was engaging but equally so were the Hopscotch and Game activities being played. It was a lovely mix with the visual art activity combining hands from everyone, a hit as well. The Wave FM crew dropping in for a visit and even a game of cricket was fantastic. They were overwhelmed with the generosity from everyone with their bucket collection in aid of the Neonatal Ward at Wollongong Hospital. So thank you to all our community for a very memorable Harmony/Grandparent’s Day!

**Living Classroom**

This year’s Garden Ambassadors are:

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**School Holiday Gardening Roster**

School Holidays are soon approaching and we need some volunteers to help water and care for our school garden and worm farms over the Easter School Holidays.

If you are able to help please contact Joanne Chilton by phone 4268 0415 or email chilton@gotalk.net.au and let her know when you are able to help. Any help would be greatly appreciated. A roster will be made up and you will be notified with further instructions and information ASAP. Please note that everything you will need is at the school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Joanne.

**Discovery Day**

Last Friday, a group of Year 6 students went with Mrs Stone to Bulli High School for Discovery Day. Students rotated around three subjects in mixed cameras to the school. They are very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

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

**K-6 Assembly + Cross Country**

Next Thursday we will hold our second K-6 Assembly for the year. Class 1/2B will be hosting the assembly and we will be awarding the SRC badges to the students that were elected by their class mates to represent each class.

The assembly will be followed by the Cross Country Races. Students 8 years old and above will be competing to represent the school at the District Cross Country Carnival. Students complete in the age they will turn in 2014. The older age groups will be encouraged by the K-2 students. The course will see the students run around our school oval as well as venture down the hill to the camping ground and along towards the northern end before coming back up the path to finish in the school grounds. Parent helpers will be needed. Could you please see Mr Galvin prior to this event if you can help out manning the course. We will commence with the Senior Boys and Girls (11 and 12 Years), followed by Juniors (8, 9 and 10 years). After the completion of the selection races we will move back to the school oval to watch the younger students complete their races. We anticipate the races will commence around 10am and will be completed around 11.30. Of course the weather may be a factor and we are hoping for some sunny weather to dry up our oval area before then. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend and cheer on the students. If we get washed out we will aim for Monday 7th April starting at 9.15am.

**Mad Hat Making and Disco**

The students will have a second session in their Peer Support groups. This time they will assist each other in creating a hat. This hat can then be worn to the School disco on Thursday 10th April. The theme for our disco will be The Mad Hatter’s Disco. It will be held from 5-7pm down at the Coledale Community Hall. Kevin our Dance 2B Fit instructor will be the disco jockey for the night. Tickets will need to be pre-purchased prior to the night.

**Hat Making** - this will occur at school on Monday 7th April with 4 students assisting each other.
materials needed to create the hat need to be supplied from home. We would suggest you come up with a theme for your child’s hat and then send along materials accordingly. The base may be an old hat that fits them and then things are added to create the hat. It would be best to send along materials when you have them sorted in a bag with your child’s name clearly labelled on it. Teachers will place them in storage ready for the hat making day. This will hopefully ensure everybody has something on the day. As the theme is ‘The Mad Hatter’s Disco’, it really is open to your imagination and creativity. So have a look in the craft cupboard, wardrobe, for an old hat and perhaps the kitchen cupboards to see what you can come up with.

ANZAC Service
Our ANZAC Service will be held on the last day of Term 1, Friday 11th April from 10:40am-11am. Parents are most welcome and children may also bring some flowers on the day.

Climate Clever Grant
Mr Galvin and Mrs Stone will be having a day off class next Tuesday to put a program together for teachers to implement into their class lessons. This time has been made possible from the funds received by the school from the ‘Climate Clever Grant’.

Lost Property
Again our lost property bin is overflowing. Please come and check for any lost items. At the end of Term this bin will be emptied and its contents sent to the Smith Family.

General Notices.........
P&C
The P&C had their AGM last Tuesday. A big thank you to our outgoing Committee for their effort and hard work during 2013. We would like to introduce our new Committee:

Lyn Tamsitt - President
Annie McNamara - Vice President
Margie Rahmann - Treasurer
Jen Pope - Secretary
Beth Patterson - Assistant Secretary
Jenni Keers - School Banking Co-ordinator
Michelle Morrison - Uniform Co-ordinator

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Premier Reading Challenge
It is Premier’s Reading Challenge time again. Please remember you can log your books at any time and can also search the list for more titles to read. Just visit https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

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 - 5.30pm, 7-12 yrs. Coledale studio, 52 Squires Crescent, Coledale. Enquiries: Pam Mckinlay (0418 201 587).
Need a babysitter?
My name’s Ashleigh Chilton and I am a dependable, responsible 15 year old girl willing to care for your children. I have learnt basic first aid from Girl Guides. I am patient and caring and am able to work most weeknights and afternoons after 4pm, school holidays and weekends, late nights are not a problem. I have had experience babysitting my preschool and school age cousins. I live locally in Coledale. My rates are $10 an hour, additional $2 per child after that.

Contact:
Ashleigh ph. 42680415
email: chilton@gotalk.com.au
Community Energy Forum
Save Money, Save Energy, Support our Local Community

Wollongong Climate Action Network has embarked on an ambitious project to establish a Community Energy Enterprise, with the long-term goal of establishing locally-based renewable energy generation and a secure, sustainable future for the Illawarra.

We are hosting an information evening and forum for interested members of the local community to:

- Learn about other community energy projects around Australia and the world
- Canvass technological and financial options for viable community energy
- Share ideas and expertise
- Explore how your organisation can benefit from community renewable energy

Members of your organisation are cordially invited to attend:

**Date:** Thursday 27 March  
**Time:** 6.45 pm for 7 pm start, concluding at 9 pm  
**Location:** Illawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre  
22 Kenny Street, Wollongong  
**Speakers:** Graeme Jessup & John Davis, *Clear Sky Solar Investments*  
Matthew Nott, Clean *Energy for Eternity*, Bega NSW  
Nicky Ison, Director of *Community Power Agency*

To RSVP, or for any enquiries, please contact Rowan Huxtable (0408 372 792) or Clare Tuckerman (0424 225 236).

Yours sincerely,

Wollongong Climate Action Network