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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Congratulations to the following Bronze award winner…….

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**What’s Been Happening……..**

**Cross Country**

Last Thursday we had a wonderful morning to hold our annual cross country carnival. The weather was ideal and perfect for the runners. It was great to see the large number of parents and family members who took advantage to cheer on the children.

Special thanks to Mr Galvin who coordinated the events on the day. Also thanks to our great team of teachers and the dedicated band of parents who assisted on the day with manning a post on the

**Principal’s Report**

Well the end of Term One is here and what a busy term it has been with lots of learning and special events. Thank you to the students, staff and parents for your support. Unfortunately we don't have many photos to share for some of our events as we had a mishap with the camera. If parents have some they would like to share with us for the website please send them along to Jane. I hope you have a well-earned rest and enjoy the change of routine for the next two weeks. Please keep safe and we will see all students on Tuesday 29th April.

Warm regards

Tanya Potter

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course. This provided a safe environment for our students.

The K-6 races were very successful. The students had a great deal of fun and all the parents and 3-6 students cheered them on. Congratulations to all our students who attempted the demanding cross country course and also to the place getters who will form our school squad which will represent Coledale at the District Cross Country carnival to be held next term on Friday 16th May at Bulli. The team to compete is listed further on in the newsletter.

Peer Support Hat Making
The students had a great afternoon on Monday preparing their hats. It was wonderful to see the support they gave each other and how proud they were of their final results. Hence the snap decision to have a small parade on Tuesday. Thank you to the many parents that came along to support and cheer on the students.

The students now have the option to wear their hats to the disco tonight. It will add some colour and brightness to the disco. It promises to be a fun night of dancing with Kevin our Dance 2b Fit instructor. Parents are most welcome to join us for the final part of the night.

Crunch and Sip School
Our school has been recognised as an official Crunch and Sip school. The students are enjoying the 5 minute break during the morning. It is really thanks to caring parents that are taking time each morning to cut up and prepare some fruit or vegetables for their children. The small intake of food seems to boost the concentration as well.

PLAN Reports
Today parents from Years 1-6 will receive their child’s PLAN Report. Which stands for Planning Literacy and Numeracy report. This is a computer generated report for each student from the data the teachers place into the Department PLAN Software package. The teachers must make a judgement on where the children are in terms of the literacy and numeracy continuums. Placement on the cluster then gives a statement where the student must head with their learning to achieve the next cluster. It also gives the parents ideas on what sort of activities they can do at home to assist movement to the next cluster. Staff have noticed a number of spelling errors on the reports and we will relay this information to the appropriate people. Kindergarten do not get a report as they had their Best Start report earlier this term.

Late Term Two all students will receive a written report from the teachers and we will also have an interview with parents to discuss the reports. Remember though, teachers are happy to have an interview at any time of the year if parents have concerns. All we ask though is that you make an appointment.

Professional Learning
The teaching staff have been spending many hours after school this term working on improving their knowledge of the literacy and numeracy continuums. This has assisted them to place the students confidently on the continuums to enable the PLAN
Our school has also made a decision to continue with the L3 Training - Language, Learning and Literacy. This will require Mrs Potter and Ms. Gould to attend regular half day training sessions on Friday afternoons during the remaining three terms.

Farewell Mrs Oldfield
Unfortunately at the end of term Mrs Oldfield, who has worked in our school office for the past 22 months, will sadly leave her position. Mrs Oldfield has been filling an unfilled vacancy. Another school has lost numbers so the position will be filled by a permanent employee from Term 2. Mrs Oldfield has been a wonderful School Administrative Officer and we will all miss her. We wish her well in her future endeavours and hope she will come back for many visits.

Mrs Ros Anderson will commence in Term 2 as our SAO on a Thursday and Friday. I know you will all welcome her to our community.

Coming Events…………
ANZAC Day
ANZAC Day for 2014 falls during the upcoming school holidays. We will be having our annual school ANZAC DAY service tomorrow at 10.40am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Our Captains, Dacey and Alex, will represent our school at the Dawn Service at the Coledale RSL to lay a wreath on our behalf. All students and parents are most welcome to join them at this special event.

Wave FM Breakfast
Tomorrow on the last day of school we will be hosting the WAVE FM team who will broadcast live from our school. There will be cereal and toast supplied for breakfast for everyone. Ten groups of students and even some staff members will be having a Karoke contest. Why not join us from 7am?

Staff Development Day
On Monday 28th April, the staff will be involved in professional learning activities. They will be at school for the morning session continuing on the English and Mathematics learning journey. They will then move to Austinmer PS for the afternoon session where they will complete another module of the No Gaps, No Excuse Program.

Cross Country Team
The following students will represent our school on Friday 16th May at Bulli. Happy training during the holidays!

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General Notices…………
Opportunity Class for Year 4
Parents with students in Year 4 may consider making an application for their child for an Opportunity Class. This would mean, if they were successful they would leave Coledale PS and complete Years 5 and 6 at another school. If you are considering this you need to read on.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and
their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

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.

Junior Band Program - Does your child learn music? Then this may be of interest to you:

Students from Years 4-10 in public schools in the Illawarra and South East (ISE), who have been learning an instrument for a minimum of 2 years, are invited to be part of the ISE Junior Band Program. This successful program has been running for a number of years and members of the group have gone on to become part of the Performing Ensemble and Southern Stars Orchestra. We are looking for students who play one or more of the following instruments: flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, french horns, trombones, baritones, keyboards, electric/acoustic guitars, bass guitars, percussion and drums. Guitarists MUST be able to read music, either ‘tab’ or notes and know some basic chords and progressions.

Please see Mrs Potter for more details.

Entertainment Book
Mrs Stalker will have Entertainment Books in the office for sale from Friday 11th April 2014. These books are $55 and can be paid by either cash, cheque or direct deposit into the school account.

5/6S Class Blog
“The unread story is not a story; it is little black marks on wood pulp. The reader, reading it, makes it live: a live thing, a story.” Ursula K. Le Guin.

The students of 5/6 S have been working on their class blog and would like to invite you to look at our work. We have been entering creative writing challenges on the 100 Word Challenge website. It is a weekly creative writing challenge for children under 16 years of age, with entries from across the world. Each week a prompt is given, which can be a picture or a series of individual words and the children can use up to 100 words to write a creative piece. This is then posted on our class blog and then linked to the 100 Word Challenge blog. By setting a limited word count with a focused theme and a guaranteed audience beyond the class teacher, children have far greater motivation for writing. Those who are reluctant writers feel safe with only 100 words to write, whilst those more advanced writers can really extend themselves with the word restriction.

One of the special things about 100WC is that those entering a piece are encouraged to visit other blogs and leave a constructive comment. Peer ‘talking’ to peer is very powerful and teachers have seen a real improvement in some writing that has come from suggestions from other children. It also provides another teaching point for teachers to show children how to comment constructively as digital citizens. There is also Team 100, a group of adults from across the world who have volunteered to comment each week on a given set of entries. So enjoy our blog and feel free to comment on our stories!!

This week in the #28 challenge Janae Thomson’s entry was a winner in the Special Showcase. A huge honour! She was in the top 20 out of 1129 entries! Congratulations, we are so proud of you! You can visit the 100 Word Challenge website at 100wc.net

Our class blog has also been flagged due to Amelie’s superb writing skills! Well done!!! Megan Gibson from PETAA had this to share on her blog post:
“This is great work! I work for the Primary English Teaching Association Australia and we are producing a new book with Libby Gleeson and are looking for teachers who are sharing student work (specifically narrative writing) online in interesting ways. I am wondering if you would mind me sending your blog through to Libby for her to look at and contact you about participation in the book?”

Our Class blog can be found at http://mrsstoneswhalewatchers.edublogs.org

If you love literacy and would like to be part of Team 100, contact jskinner675@gmail.com at 100 WC or speak to Mrs Stone.

Department Notes to Parents

School holiday kids and family camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common Sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

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Ever thought of playing rugby? Then:

**Shamrocks Rugby Club**

**Wants YOU!**

We are seeking interested kids – boys and girls to boost numbers in our under 8’s, under 9’s, under 10’s and under 11’s age groups. Our older age groups – under 14’s, 15’s and 17’s are also looking to boost numbers.

Registration $90 – includes socks, shorts.

Training on Wednesdays at Ocean Park Woonona. Games on Sundays. For more info, contact Megan or Andrew Cracknell – acracknell@westnet.com.au or phone 0432944543

It’s not too late! Competition begins after Easter.
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).

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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

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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, creativity and fun. Improving strength, flexibility, posture, and body awareness, breathing and relaxation techniques are taught. These 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 $40 for siblings). Casual $15/child/class ($10 for siblings).
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Contact: Erika (09) 427 3170, erika.teller@roplib.com www.lightbeingyoga.wordpress.com
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Sophie wants to be a Gladiator but... as a girl in Ancient Rome the odds are against her. Can she succeed? Can she convince four fellow Gladiators and their tough trainer that she has got what it takes to be a GLADIATOR? Will the royal poet Gabillo ever say anything right? Will the Empress assist Sophie in her quest for equality? Will Aggi ever cut the apron strings with her spoilt brat Nero? Can Seleni the Soothsayer really see into the future? Come and see a fun-filled frolicking musical that will keep you guessing till the end.