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…….**
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- Fit Futures payment
- Stewart House bags returned by 8th May

**General Notices………..**
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- Sports uniform
- Seacliff Public Speaking
- Stewart House bags

**Principal’s Report**

Welcome back for another busy term. I do hope everybody enjoyed their change of routine, the fabulous weather and even the great beach days during the holidays. The children have commenced the term well with all classes settled and into their learning. It is amazing how the two week break usually inspires us all.

There have been a few staff changes with 1/2B having Mrs Bartlett full time for a longer period of time, as Mrs Brokenborough has extended her leave. I thank Mrs Bartlett for her flexibility and willingness to change her routines to ensure we maintain consistency. We also welcome Mrs Ros Anderson to our school as our School Administration Officer on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Warm regards**

*Tanya Potter*

**Awards**

Congratulations to the following Bronze award winner…….

- Zef C
- Sian H
- Amelie M
- Mitchell P
- Bede F
- Rowan J
- Amber K
- Michael W
What’s Been Happening……….

Dance 2B Fit / Disco
We had a wonderful end of term disco and all that attended seemed to really enjoy the evening. Unfortunately Kevin had double booked himself but his replacement Paul was just as awesome and kept the children dancing and participating for the whole two hours. Thanks to the many students and parents that took time to dress up and make the event a colourful night. A big cheer to the teaching staff who also came along and ensured the event went off successfully. We truly do have a great team and they just enjoy seeing the children smiling and happy.

Wave FM Breakfast
After our night of dancing we backed it up with an early start with some fabulous karaoke singing and breakfast. We certainly have some talented students and staff. Mrs Stalker and Mrs Stone started the morning off and set the bar very high. But all the students that followed really did a wonderful job entertaining our large crowd. They especially liked their bag of goodies they received from K-Mart. It was a great way to end the term and I thank WAVE FM for making it all possible and also Stockland Shellharbour for their gift card.

Anzac Day
Our small service on the last day was also special and I thank Mrs Stone and the Captains for arranging this important ceremony. Dacey and Alex also represented our school at the Dawn Service at the Coledale RSL on Anzac Day. I heard they did a wonderful job and I thank them and their families.

Fundraising – Disco and Hot Cross Bun orders
During the last few weeks of Term 1 many families assisted our school finances with the purchasing of Hot Cross Buns and Disco tickets. We made a profit of $223.00 from these two events which we have already used to purchase some new readers for the students. So thank you very much, especially those families that gathered large orders of buns from friends and work colleagues.

Professional Learning
On Monday, the staff were at school participating in some professional learning while the children enjoyed their final day of holidays. We spent a lot of time looking at the reports, the English and Maths syllabus. We then went to a local school to complete another module of the No Gaps, No Excuse Course. This gave us further insight into the Indigenous Culture.
At the end of last term, we hope you enjoyed the PLAN report we sent home with all our students in Years 1-6. This should have given parents ideas on how they can support their children’s learning. Later this term, parents will receive a written report on their child’s progress. We will also be holding interviews with parents. Remember if you have any questions all teachers are happy to speak to you but they do prefer you make an appointment. The office can help you arrange this.

P & C News
A very big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who maintained our veggie garden over the school holidays. Naomi Ullmann, Samantha Docherty and Beth Patterson.

Joanne Chilton

Year 6 T Shirts
A big thank you to the P & C for providing these wonderful Year 6 shirts that our students are now wearing proudly.

Peace Poster Competition
Alex (1st in school) and Amelie (highly commended) will soon be presented with awards for their great art pieces that were entered in this year’s Seaside Festival Peace Poster competition. Well done girls and to all those who entered this competition.

Mr Galvin
Coming Events............

3-6 Author Visit
Next Monday the 5th May, Sandy Fussell is visiting our school. She is a local author of the best-seller Samurai Kids Series & Polar Boy, a shortlisted book for Book of the Year. All her books are on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge and are suited to readers aged 8-14.

Classes of Years 3-6 will be involved and we are asking for a gold coin donation to purchase books for the school. Students will also be able to purchase for themselves, and will be able to have them autographed! Mrs Stone will have order forms which will be available from the office. You can check out her website at samuraidkids.com.au and www.sandyfussell.com

District Cross Country
District Cross Country will be held at Bulli Park on Friday 16 May (Week 3). The students who will be representing our school were sent home notes last term. A note was given out today relating to this event to all students that are representing the school. Please ensure the permission note and fee is paid promptly.

I apologise for omitting Jemma Metcalfe for the team listed in the last bulletin.

Mr Galvin

PSSA Sport
PSSA commences this term in Week 4 and will continue for the following 3 weeks finishing in week 7. The girls will be involved in soccer at Gibson Park, Thirroul while the boys will be involved in touch footy at St James Park, Coledale.

Active After Schools Communities - Tennis and Golf
This term K-6 students can be involved in the Active After School Communities. The students registered will remain at school from 2.45-3.00pm, they will be given some fruit for afternoon tea. They then participate in activities from 3.00-4.00pm with the AASC sports teachers. These commence Monday the 5th May and will continue for 7 weeks. A note was sent home on Tuesday 29th April and this must be returned to the school before your child can participate in these activities.

Mr Galvin will be the supervising teacher for this activity.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 23rd May
Is an annual and national event for all primary school students who are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to prompt road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

On this morning, Year 6 will be having a fundraiser of a Pancake breakfast. More details to come.

Naplan

The test dates for the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

Please note: As in previous years, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia will respond to a common writing prompt. The genre of this one prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period, but will be either narrative or persuasive.

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.

General Notices.............

Payments Plan
Just a reminder with the 3-6 camp coming up you can start paying the camp off as this will help alleviate any financial problems heading into Christmas time. The cost of the camp is approximately $250.00.

Mother’s Day Wish
Today we sent home tickets for our Mother’s Day raffle. All funds raised will go to purchasing new computers for the school. Please return all sold tickets to the office by Thursday 8th May. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 9th May.

Kindergarten 2015
If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child of school age for 2015, please call into the office and collect enrolment form.

Sports Uniform
K-2 are to wear their sports uniform on a Tuesday & Friday.

Kindergarten 2015
If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child of school age for 2015, please call into the office and collect an enrolment form.

Stewart House Bags
These need to be sent to the school no later than Thursday afternoon 8th May as they will be Collected first thing Friday morning.

Seacliff Public Speaking
This competition will have the final later this term. Only one student from Stage 1, 2, 3 will be selected to proceed to the COS final. All classes Years 1-6 are currently working towards their class competitions.

This term Year 6 will be having a fundraising drive in the form of the ‘Grow-in-the-bag Herbs’ fundraiser. Grow-in-the-bag Herbs are a great gift and include Sweet Basil, Chives, Coriander, Parsley and Rocket. Each herb bag costs just $6 each. Please take a look at the website www.livingfundraisers.com.au for examples. See Mrs Stone or Year 6 for details and order forms.