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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- Gold Coin donation 3-6 - Sandy Fussell

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Principal’s Report

Congratulations to the students in Years 3 and 5 who have been very settled and focused as they have completed their NAPLAN tasks this week. Good luck to our team of 46 students that will be competing at the District Cross Country tomorrow at Bulli. I am sure they will encourage each other and have a fun day representing our school.

Warm regards

Tanya Potter

Awards

Congratulations to the following Bronze award winners......

- Sabine G
- Alana W
- Maya B
- Meliha B
- Hazel K
- Maggie B
- Charley S
- Persia S
- Leila S
- Ivy M
- Charli N
- Henry R
- Teddy Mc
- Audrey A
- Emma S
- Abeni G
- Tom C
What's Been Happening……..

**Whales**
The whale watch flag is out!! The first whale sighting of the season was made yesterday!!

**NAPLAN**
The annual testing process has concluded today. Parents will receive the results later in the year after they have been marked by external markers from ACARA. The teachers were very happy with the way our students approached their tasks.

**District Cross Country**
Mr Galvin and Mrs Stone will accompany the team of runners tomorrow to compete at Bulli. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their day. They will be able to rest before and after their race under the new shade shelter that was donated by the Ashburner family. We thank them for their kind donation.

**AASC - Tennis and Golf**
It is wonderful to see the community supporting our Active After School Community activities. Please note that the Tennis on a Thursday is full and only those students that booked can participate.

**OC Class Applications**
The applications are currently open however the High Performing Students Unit advise they will close very soon. Parents of Year 4 students are reminded to make application online as soon as possible as they will not accept any late applications.

**Mother’s Day Raffle**
Last week we saw the P&C conclude their Mother’s Day raffle. The winners were: Donna Shingler, Pam Douglass, Jane Stalker, Samantha Greaves, Chantal Banyard and Alex Fuller. A special thankyou to Pip Budgen who spent many hours gathering the prizes, arranging the tickets to go home and collecting them. She completed all the organisation on behalf of the P&C and raised $644.50. Of course she couldn’t have done it without the support of all the parents and students that bought and sold the tickets. Well done and I hope everybody enjoyed Mother’s Day.

**Sandy Fussell Book Orders**
The final day to put in book orders, to be personally autographed by Sandy, will be next Monday, the 19th May. See the office or Mrs Stone if you need another order form. Last Monday we had author Sandy Fussell visit Years 3-6 who shared with us how she writes books. Sandy wrote the acclaimed CCBA notables ‘Polar Boy’ and the ‘Samurai Kids’ series, and has written 15 books in total, although some are not published yet. She shared with us how she started writing for her son who couldn’t find any books he liked to read. They started to write one together and then he told her to write her own!! She loves Japanese culture and the history of samurais and has written eight books in the series. Her funniest story was how she threw all her saucepans off the balcony of her home and into the front yard to see what noises they made. This helped her to describe and write onomatopoeia for the sound of gongs in the samurai series. She has never travelled to the snow or overseas to Japan or the Arctic, so she has had to do lots of research before she could start writing. She even learnt sword fighting to be able to describe how it felt and how a person moved to make her stories real to the reader. The students had so many questions for her we had her share with us nearly all morning. We have purchased some guided reading sets of some of her titles for classroom use and she has offered to come back some time and see how our creative writing is progressing. Thanks Sandy!!

Mrs Stone
Stewart House Bags
Thank you to the many families that had a clean out and forwarded their unwanted clothing for collection. Stewart House is a school that has students from all over NSW visit their school and their main source of funding comes from the collection of clothing, their envelope drives as well as teachers donations. So thank you for assisting them to maintain the wonderful service they provide to students in need. These have now been collected.

Coming Events............

Walk Safely To School Day
Walk Safely To School Day (WSTSD) is being held on Friday 23rd May 2014. Coledale Public School encourages our students and their families to get involved!
You can download the WSTSD App and take the challenge. The App will map children’s walks to and from school. Download the App at alk.com.au
Please ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
WSTSD encourages Parents and Carers to walk to school with primary school age children and to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
Students can colour the WSTSD poster at walk.com.au

Mrs Munn
WSTSD Organiser

Year 6 Fundraisers
Year 6 had planned two Fundraisers for this term- the Herb Fundraiser and Pancake Day.
We have had to cancel the Herb fundraiser. As a result of only two family orders for this, we are unfortunately unable to fulfil the minimum order requirement. These orders will be fully reimbursed through the office and returned to those students. Our other fundraiser, Pancake Day, will be held after the Walk Safely to School morning next Friday morning, the 23rd May. Order forms are being sent out and need to be returned with money by next Monday 19th, to ensure we have enough batter mix made. Year 6 will be donating the products to make the pancakes. If there are any Year 6 parents that would like to help making the batter next Thursday afternoon, or help cook them Friday morning, please let me know.

Mrs Stone

Living Classroom
Next Wednesday, the 21st, the garden ambassadors from the Years 3-6 classes will be working with Aaron and myself, developing our garden. All ambassadors will need long sleeves and pants for safety, sunhats and sunscreen on, and some elbow grease and smiles! We will be learning how to raise carrot seedlings for the garden as part of a Yates garden challenge I have signed us up for. We will also be learning more about the chores and skills we need for our garden so that we can maintain the garden with the rest of our classes when Aaron is not with us. If there are any parents at the beginning or the end of the day that would like to join us, byo gloves and smiles!

Mrs Stone

Reconciliation Morning Tea
Next Wednesday 21 May four students have been chosen to represent our school and will accompany myself to the Reconciliation Morning Tea to be held at the Novotel Wollongong. This is a celebration organised by the North Wollongong AECG Group to mark the Nationally recognised Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June.

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

Staff Changes
Mrs Brokenborough, as mentioned in the last newsletter, has extended her leave and will now be on leave until the middle of Term 3. Mrs Bartlett will continue to teach 1/2B. Mrs Badham has also taken leave and Miss Organ will be teaching KP on Mrs Potter’s administration days for the next few weeks.

SLSO - Mr Jordan Stalker, has also commenced duties as a School Learning Support Officer for the remainder of Term 2. Jordan is supporting some selected students to complete some tasks with a special indigenous focus.

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.
Adobe Creative Suite 6 - Free Student Download
As part of the Department’s Enterprise agreement with Adobe, students can download and install Adobe’s Creative Suite 6 for free on one personally owned device.
Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6) is a set of software applications that empower students to work with digital media such as photos, movies and websites. A fact sheet has been placed on our website under Curriculum links about how you can download this software if you are interested.

PSSA Sport
PSSA sport commences on Friday 23 May and will run for four weeks. Students have elected to participate in various sports including girls soccer, boys touch football and some selected students will play rugby league as a combined team with Stanwell Park PS. Some students in Years 3-6 will also remain at school and do school sport.
The bus costs will be $4.00 for the girls for each week. Specific permission notes were sent home earlier this week.

Mental Maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Kindergarten Enrolments
Enrolments are now being taken for children entering Kindergarten for 2015. Any child is eligible to apply for enrolment if they turn 5 before 31 July 2015.
All families residing in our local area are requested to produce documentation proving their residential address. This documentation is required when the application is lodged.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 20 May at 7pm in the 5/6 room. All parents are warmly invited to attend and become active participants in the decision-making process.

1st Austinner Scout Group
Cubs (7½ – 10½ years) 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday Evenings
Scouts (10½ – 14½ years) 7:00-9:00pm Monday Evenings
Bring a parent, bring a friend, join and make new friends!
Come along to our Hall at 20 Moore Street Austammer.
What have you got to lose?
For more info contact Steve on 4268 2004 or 0406 065 575
Look forward to seeing you there!