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….
- Athletics Carnival note and $11.00
- Donation of lanyards for science - Can you assist?

IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL SEE ARTICLES ABOUT:

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Principal's Report
Since the last newsletter we have had many interesting and practical learning activities happening around the school. As well the teachers have been busy compiling mid-year reports. A note will come home early next week in regards to Teacher/Parent Interviews. Reports will be sent home on Monday 16 June and interviews will be held during the last two weeks of term. Please return the form promptly so teachers can arrange their schedules and inform all involved.

Warm regards

Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening…….

District Cross Country
Our school Cross Country team had a wonderful day at the District Cross Country at Bulli Park. Our school came 3rd in the percentage trophy. This was a great result. All our students tried their best and our best individual performances came from Will B who came 5th and Rielly who came 6th. We wish Will all the best this coming Friday when he runs at the Regional Carnival to be held at Nowra.

Science Teaching
This year all classes are engaging in Primary Connections units in Science. Working as a team is one aspect of these units. The teachers are finding the students benefit from being allocated roles such as Directors & Managers. To assist with this we would love to have the students wear lanyards which display the role they are taking in each lesson. So we are looking for donations of lanyards - does your company have lanyards they give away as promotions? Would they like to donate to our school? If you are able to assist please leave all donations at the office. Thank you in anticipation.

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.
Reconciliation Morning Tea
Last Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Zef, Yarran and Kayden to the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Reconciliation morning tea. The students appreciated the Welcome to Country given by Uncle Reuben and the musical performances of other students. They were impressed with Paul Chandler from the University of Wollongong who spoke about his journey to become one of the highest appointed academics in Australia. Zef was invited to the stage to draw the raffle and did a great job.

Walk Safely to School Pancake Fundraiser
Last Friday, Year 6 held a successful fundraiser making over 300 pancakes! We worked as teams to work mathematically on how many orders we had, how many pancakes we had to make, and then how many batches. We made 44 batches! In total, including a very generous donation from the Abbott Family, we raised $538.00! Well Done!
A big thank you to the Year 6 parents who donated the groceries, and helped us make them on Thursday and Friday.
Great job team!
Mrs Stone

Sports Report
PSSA
This term the boys are playing touch footy at St James Park while the girls are playing soccer at Gibson Park, Thirroul.
We need all children in Years 3-6 participating in these sports, 5 boys are playing Rugby League with Stanwell Park each week.
The younger Year 3 boys did very well in touch last week, some displaying evasive techniques and clever ball skills. They’ll only get better with more games under their belts.
There are 3 weeks to go. Please ensure that they have the appropriate clothing and plenty of water each week.

Cross Country
On the 16th May, 45 children represented Coledale Public school at the District Cross Country event, our largest team in my time here at Coledale. This in itself was a great thing, in that every child wanted to be there and they were a part of the team. This is the attitude and culture we are trying to promote.
Parents who’ve been to Bulli know what the kids were up against, stiff competition and a challenging course. However, that didn’t daunt them. We had some tremendous individual results on the day, with many children finishing in the top 20, a fantastic achievement in itself.
After each race our school’s competitors give me their finishing number which are then placed in an envelope and sent onto the recorders to tally our results.
We finished 3rd in the small school’s percentage trophy, our best result since 2010.
Congratulations to William Banyard who came 5th in his race and is off to Cambawarra Mountain to represent the school and district.
It’s always great to see so many parents and relatives turning up at these events, urging and cheering their children and the school on. I’m sure the children get a real buzz out of it.
Congratulations to all children who represented Coledale on the day. You are all a credit to the school and your families. Well done!
Mr Galvin

SPORT
Our school is also involved in the Premier Sporting challenge. Both staff and students are currently logging their exercise. Have you noticed the staff wearing pedometers? Mr Galvin is leading the way recording sometimes up to 16 000 steps in a school day. All the students also have a card where they are recording their physical activity.
Don’t forget we are holding our Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 18th June. Notes were sent home earlier this week. Parents that are able to offer to help on this day are encouraged to see Mr Galvin.

National Simultaneous Reading
Last Wednesday we had a lot of fun participating in the National Simultaneous reading of the book “TOO MANY ELEPHANTS IN THIS HOUSE” by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner. This was a great way to promote the fun of reading.

National Walk Safely to School
Coledale Public School community participated in ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ on Friday 23rd May 2014. The event was a huge success, with many students walking safely to school with their Mum, Dad, Nana or Pop.
Younger siblings and pet dogs also enjoyed the exercise! Some families were able to walk the entire journey from home, whilst others drove part of the
way and walked the remainder. Thank you to Mrs Stone and Years 5 and 6 for the wonderful pancake breakfast on the day to raise money for the school! I hope that families continue to walk safely to school together regularly in the future!
Thank you
Mrs Munn

**Climate Clever**

Yesterday the students in 4/5G and 5/6S had a very practical incursion with Ben from Climate Clever. Our teachers applied for a grant earlier this year and so they were able to participate in this very practical and fun learning day at no cost to parents. Ben was very informative and the activities were very engaging. This incursion supplemented the learning that has been happening as part of their unit work in the classroom.

**P&C NEWS**

On behalf of the students and staff, a big thank you is extended to the members of the P&C. Your continual support of school programs and hard work benefits all the children of Coledale Park Public. As well as an agreed sum of money invested by the P&C in the school’s Living Classroom program. They have also contributed $10 000 towards resource purchases to support all Key Learning Areas. This is a huge boost and I am sure next newsletter you will see photos of some of the new equipment that will be available in our school. Thankyou to everybody that supports the P&C activities. However, it is extremely disappointing that we only have a handful of parents attend the P&C meetings. We look forward to many more parents joining us at the next meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 June.

**SKOOLBO**

We are trialling a new interactive maths program at school called Skoolbo. This program is free and will hopefully be a successful replacement for our paid maths program. The children may use it at home by logging in using their portal user name and the password ‘black bee’.
Regards Mrs Porter

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

**Public Speaking**

Public Speaking is a skill we encourage everyone to experience. We will be selecting a student next week from each Stage 1-3. The chosen students will then represent our school at the Seacliff COS Public Speaking on Thursday 12 June to be held at Austinmer PS. Each class, (except Kindergarten who don’t participate) have chosen or are in the process of choosing their finalists. A reminder that a speech must be persuasive in nature and not a recount of events. The speech lengths for this competition are Stage 1 - two minutes, Stage 2 - three minutes and Stage 3 - four minutes. There will be impromptu speeches as well for all contestants. The Stage finals will be on Monday 2 June for Stage 1 at 1.30pm. While Stage 2 and 3 will be held on Thursday 5 June at 12.30pm. Parents are most welcome to join us in the Library for these finals.

**Choir Festival Rehearsal**

On Monday 16 June, our choir will be attending the cluster practice at Figtree Public School. Our choir, under the guidance of Mrs Stone and Mr Galvin, has been practising consistently since receiving the material and will definitely sound magnificent on the performance days. The Choral Festival will be held at the Wollongong Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday 29 July during Education Week.

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

**Stranger Danger**

Unfortunately there has been a recent spate of incidents involving students going to or from schools in the state over the past few weeks. Teachers regularly review the Stranger Danger message with their classes. Please discuss the correct behaviour with your child as a precaution.

**National Reconciliation Week**

This week is National Reconciliation Week which celebrates the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and all other Australians. Every year, the week is held between the same dates, 27 May to 3 June. The dates draw attention to significant historical events. The 27th May marks the day in 1967 when the referendum was passed for the Australian Government to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and to allow them to be recognised in the census. The 3rd June marks the day in 1992 that led the Australian Government to recognise native title and acknowledge Indigenous Australians as the original occupants of Australia.

**National Collection of Data**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with
disability, as outlined in the note we sent home earlier this week.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

Yellow Footpath Gates
On Friday 23rd May 2014, Coledale Public School is participating in 'Walk Safely to School Day'. 3/4M thought we would take this opportunity to remind you about the safe way to enter and exit the school grounds. Please ensure that you use the footpath gates instead of the car park gates at all times.

Mr Lateo will be painting the posts either side of the footpath gates yellow in the near future. This will help us to remember to use the yellow footpath gates.

If you use the car park gates, a car may be reversing or entering the car park and you may be severely injured. Children are difficult to see when a teacher or a delivery person is driving in or out of the car park due to the child’s height. When you are walking on the driveway along the car park gates to reach the footpath gates, please look carefully before proceeding.

3/4M would like to see all of the school community stay safe. The car park is off limits for students and parents for the safety of everyone. Please use the yellow footpath gates and not the car park gates. 3/4M.

Head Lice
Time to have a good check of your child’s hair! The little creatures are back in full swing.

Sometimes one treatment isn’t enough, you need to redo it a week later.

If you can’t visibly see them try the conditioner trick. Cover the child’s hair with conditioner and then comb through with a fine tooth comb.

Thank you

P & C News.........

What happened at our May meeting?

- Pledged an immediate $10,000 to the school for science, maths and literacy resources for the kids
- Working on a priority list of what we want to do with the funds we raise - including an outdoor kitchen/learning centre
- Possible grant applications which could collectively bring in $63,500 if successful
- Fundraising and Environment committees have met recently, they have lots of ideas and projects that they would LOVE your input on.

Have your say! Don’t miss out. Come to our next meeting on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm

If you can’t make the meeting, we welcome your suggestions by email - simply email the school on coledale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Community News.......... 

Free Interactive Exhibition
A free interactive exhibition suited for any year level. Come along and help us build a city for the future. All materials are provided.

For bookings and enquiries email me on this email address, or phone: 42278506

Becoming A Caresouth Foster Carer
Information Session:
When: Tuesday 3rd June 2014
Time: 5.30pm
Where:Caresouth Office
2 Matilda Way
BERKELEY

Or visit www.everydaycaresouth.org.au
Phone: 1300 554 260
Prevocational Programs

The Prevocational Programs Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting an Employment and Training course for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. The course will commence in July 2014.

This course is suitable for women and single parents and covers employment and further study skills. The course is the Certificate III in Employment and Training, course number 10699, and includes units in English, Computing Skills, Science, First Aid, Employment Skills and Maths for Work.

Please contact Antonia on 4229 0036 for further information or attend one of the following information sessions: Wednesday 18 June 2014, 4pm to 5.30pm or Wednesday 25 June 2014, 4pm to 5.30pm at Wollongong Campus, Building L, Room L.2.17.

JUNE 4th - 6th and 7th 2014
BULLI HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Two Acts and an Interval Duration: 145 Minutes

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Contact Box Office 4229 0036

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