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…….**
- Completion of Report Survey
- Purchasing of Choir performance night tickets.
- Return Photo Envelopes

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**Principal’s Report**

Well we have come to the end of another busy term and everybody I am sure will welcome the change in routine for the next two weeks. Thank you to the many parents that have completed the survey in regards to the reporting process. It is not too late for those who haven’t, we would appreciate if parents could find a few minutes to complete it over the next few days. Many thanks to the families that have donated lanyards, we now have one class set that are being utilised.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday and we will see all students on Tuesday 15th July.

Kind regards

Tanya Potter

Link for survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5NL3DV2

**What’s Been Happening……….**

**Kindergarten Incursion with Helensburgh PS.**

On Friday 13 June we had a lovely day hosting the Kindergarten class from Helensburgh PS. The students had a fun filled day learning about our local environment and incorporating their literature. A huge thank you to Lisa Miller for arranging to have the Marine Touch pond on site for the day. It was smiles all round and many tired children at the end of the day! Making learning interactive and developing our social skills was the goal and I think students, parents and the teachers would agree it was a huge success! Check out our website or the Kinder blog for some photos of the day. Blog address is http://kinderpotts.weebly.com

**Reports / Interviews**

It has been wonderful meeting with parents and informing them of their child’s development over the
past few weeks. It is always good to take time and have a chat with parents. This reflection and determining where to now is good practice and helps in strengthening our partnership and supporting each child’s learning journey. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful staff that are prepared to give of their time and such supportive parents that the process would appear to be beneficial to all. Our survey results though will give us a true indication. Please take time to share your thoughts by sending back the paper survey or completing it on line. Remember you can always request an interview with your child’s teacher by contacting the office at any point in the school year.

Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival was another successful event this term. It was a team event with staff from the three schools Otford, Coledale and Scarborough making valuable contributions. I must congratulate Mr Galvin and Ms Gould on taking a leadership role in the organisation and delivery of the day. The day was a huge success and planned in such a way that all students were active and involved all day long. So on behalf of the students and parents I say thank you for your hard work and dedication to sport in our schools. Many thanks also to the parents that gave freely of their time to give some assistance on the day.

We had many personal bests from our students and we have been busy finalising some events this week. The District team will be announced after the holidays. Parents should note in their calendars though that the District Carnival is held over two days – Monday 28 July and Friday 1 August.

P&C
Our P&C have been working quietly in the background seeking grants and planning fundraising events. There are many parents that take time from their own busy lives to support our school community. On behalf of the school I say a huge thank you! To the many parents that help out at the bbq each month, thank you! Your contributions and efforts are very much appreciated by all involved in our school community. Please make sure you mark the date Friday 15 August in your diaries to support the Bollywood Night – now that does sound like fun! The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 22 July at 7pm, as always everybody is most welcome to come and join in and have a say in our school.

Choir Rehearsal
The school choir had a great rehearsal last Monday and are continuing to improve each week. They will have another rehearsal on Tuesday 29 July and will perform that night at Wollongong Town Hall. Ticket information has been sent home and parents are requested to purchase their tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are NOT sold at the door and must be arranged through our office by Friday 25 July.

Congratulations to Leena Mattock who has been selected to do a soloist part in the concert. We are all so proud of you!

Leadership Training
Last week our school leaders attended Bulli High School to take part in a special leadership training day. This special event, organised by the SRC of Bulli High is an annual event for our Seacliff Community of Schools.

Our Leaders, Dacey, Sid, Alex and Mikayla had a great day and took part in some very interesting leadership activities. Many thanks to the parents for providing the transport on the day.

On Friday all our students in Year 5/6 completed some leadership activities with Mrs Stone in preparation for our Peer Support program that we will implement with the school next term. Our focus for the program will be Resilience.

Debating Workshop
We have five children from Year 4 attending the Community of Schools Debating workshops being held at Thirroul PS. They enjoyed the session last week which was the theory part of the learning and will participate in the more practical workshop this week.

Next term debating becomes the focus of the Speaking component of the curriculum for the students in Years 3-6. Our senior students will also be competing in the Seacliff COS Debating competition. We hope parents don’t have negative events at home with all these new skills!

NAIDOC Activities
NAIDOC Week is celebrated each year in July, usually falling in the holidays, this year is no exception as it will be celebrated from 6-13th July. Celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
This week our class have been completing a number of activities in class and stage groups to help raise awareness and celebrate the achievements and culture of the Indigenous.

Koori Kids Day
Throughout this term we have been supporting our Indigenous students with some support time which has benefited many of our students.

The students have also completed some culture awareness sessions.

Yesterday we culminated this program with a visit to the Opera House for Koori Kids Day. It was a fantastic experience and the students were great ambassadors for our school as you can see from the email below. I would like to thank Jordan Stalker for motivating our students during this program.

"Just thought I would let you know how impressed I was when some of your kids and a few teachers came up on to the Thirroul to Sydney train at about 9.50 this morning. (Am assuming they were yours, as they were wearing Coledale PS hats)

Littlies in the 'quiet carriage' is often a woeful, noisy experience, but your kids were angels (with the occasional shush from teachers).

Well done.

They could teach many older students and adults a thing or two about good behaviour in public".

From a fellow train traveller.

Kynan’s report about the Bangarra Dance Patyegarang

“I thought that it was very interesting it was about Patyegarang a lady which now imagines first contact. There were people dressed up as European settlers that were fighting the Aboriginals. It gave me an insight of my culture”.

Leadership Training

The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces.

Living Classroom

Today the ambassadors worked in the garden in small class groups with Joanne C, as unfortunately Aaron was unable to make it. We all had a busy, but enjoyable day, even though it got a little windy in the afternoon.

Some highlights of the day from some of the ambassadors.

Today Czarina and Janae harvested the broccoli and lettuce. Kye, Kylan and Buzz weeded, mulched paths and dug up and replanted some oregano. The reason we did this was so we could plant some carrot seeds for the Landcare Winter Crop (Carrot) Competition.

Amelie and Charlotte pulled the sweet potato up, stopping it from strangling the olive plant and they cleared the paths in the food forest using chopped and drop. We looked at picking some mandarins, but they are just not yet ready. Can’t wait to try them next time.

By Czarina & Janae (Year 5/6 ambassadors)

I enjoyed getting the garden bed ready for the carrot competition. Then we planted the seeds. I also enjoyed mulching the paths with Yasmin, Matthew and Charlie. Daniel was chopping and dropping the banana. Milla and Ali were weeding and Lily was watering. We planted some English Spinach.

By Holly (Year 4/5 ambassador)

Isabella liked watering the garden and just being in the garden. Ella liked helping her friends and watering the garden. Lily loved watering and being a garden helper. Gus and William were weeding and watering. Ella and Lily were pruning the banana grass. Louis, Hadin and Joey worked together and mulched the path. We learnt a new word “germination.” It means the seeds are sprouting from the seed.

By William, Gus, Lily, Ella & Isabella. (Year 3 /4 ambassadors)
Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to help water the garden in the holidays.

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

**Staff Development Day**
Our school staff will participate in the combined SDD at Bulli High School on 14th July with all the other schools in our COS.

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

**Bulli HS - launch there BYOD Policy**
Mr Lou Tome, Principal of Bulli HS, would like to inform parents, especially those of our year 6 students, the fact that they may access their BYOD documentation on the HS website. You will find a large BYOD icon on the front page of the website behind which is a great deal of information including device specifications and some examples.

**WILDCARE - Holiday Care**
Carmel has put together some great holiday activities but please remember to support her by booking in early.

Banish the "I'm bored" complaints these holidays
It's harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you're staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- [Destination NSW](http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
- [Winter school holidays in Sydney](http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- [School holidays in Newcastle](http://bit.ly/1nljlp)
- [Winter school holidays Central Coast](http://bit.ly/1qSwX)
- [Attractions for kids in regional NSW](http://bit.ly/1lE8vMw)
- [Sydney Olympic Park - What's On](http://bit.ly/1lXUJ7Z)
- [Australian Museum](http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
- [Movie Reviews - Raising Children Network](http://bit.ly/1pKnjb6)
- [Kids Camps - NSW Sport and Recreation](http://bit.ly/1hWxTr)

**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework. For students polishing their spelling skills, the Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G](http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G)

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**Community News..........**

**Primary Ethics**
Primary Ethics is pleased to announce that there is now curriculum available for Kindy students. We would love to offer Primary Ethics as an alternative to scripture at Coledale Public but we need an enthusiastic volunteer to teach the class each week.

If you are interested in teaching Primary Ethics and are free for 30 minutes on a Tuesday morning, please let Sarah Goss, our Ethics Co-ordinator know. (0438 664 443 - or sarah@unsigned.com.au)

**What are ethics classes?**
In ethics classes, children sit in a circle and learn how to think through ethical issues. They learn to talk to their peers through the give-and-take of discussion and learn how to form logical and rational arguments. Each week, children are given stimulus material, such as a story or pictures, then our trained Ethics Teachers facilitate conversations between the children, helping them form a 'community of inquiry' with their peers. For more information or to apply to become an Ethics teacher visit the Primary Ethics website [http://www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)
ART WORKSHOPS – SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Wednesday mornings, July 2nd and 9th 10am – 12 noon.
Coledale studio, 52 Squires Crescent.
School students 7-14 years. Enjoy creative expression using acrylic paints, inks, pastel, watercolour pencils, etc. All materials supplied as well as morning tea. Strictly 6 students to each workshop. $20.00 per student. Enquiries: Pamela McKinlay 0418 201 587 or email: pmckinlay25@gmail.com

OUTREACH
The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate II Skills for Work and Training (Introduction to Retail)
2. Certificate I in Access to Work and Training Introduction to Café and Hospitality Skills
3. Certificate III in skills for Work and Training (Office and Customer Service)

These courses have no TAFE Administration fee. Please ring Jennie Vulatha on 4229 0149 for further information.

dcNeed 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.

Contact:
Ashleigh ph. 42680415
email: chilton@gotalk.net.au
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Woonona High School
1964—2014

50th Anniversary

Celebrate 50 Years of Public Education at
Woonona High School on August 15, 2014
with an Open Day at the school—9:00am—2:30pm
followed by an evening of reminiscing and dinner at
Woonona Bulli RSL, at 6:00pm

Two course dinner, memorabilia and entertainment.
Bar facilities will be available.

Ticket Prices: $50.00 single $80.00 couple

See our facebook page www.facebook.com/whs50th;
school website www.woonona-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or
contact the school 4284 1513 (Liz or Sue) for further details.