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 couple of weeks. Be sure to check out our website calendar for many more events.

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Principal’s Report
Well what a week it has been with the pouring rain and lots of sickness all around. I hope everybody is
putting all the Winter lurgies behind them as we move on towards spring. You may have noticed I have been
missing in action a little of late, I have been off unwell and was placed in hospital for a few days with a lung
infection. I would like to thank Mrs Stone and all the staff for rallying together to ensure it was business as
usual. I was extremely disappointed I missed out on the wonderful Bollywood Night, it sounded a real hoot!
All the best to our eight champion athletes who will fly the flag for Coledale at Canberra on Friday at the
Regional Athletics Carnival.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening........

COS Environmental Camp
Five of our senior students were very fortunate to spend three days last week at the Killalea Environmental
Park at Shellharbour as part of our Seacliff COS Environmental Camp.
On Wednesday 6th August, Amelile, Lilly, Maya, Samson and Eli arrived at Killalea State Park for an
environmental camp helping climate watch and gathering information in the area. In the three days we had
initiative activities, we talked to Dr Linden Ashgrove and looked for animals in the field. We met Munna,
Jodie and Tahlaih who sang aboriginal songs and danced. We also went canoeing on the last day. It was a
great chance to meet new people. We all went home with a great feeling and wanting more.
By Eli & Samson 5/6S

COS Debating
We did debating last week against Scarborough down in the library. Unfortunately we lost but it was heaps
of fun! We had to talk about why TV is better than books, we had the hard side of the topic but we got told
by the judge that we did a great rebutting and we are very proud. We all tried our best. It was very scary!
The people in our team were Trent 1st speaker, Samuel 2nd speaker, Mikaela 3rd speaker and Meliha the
writer. We can’t wait to do it again!
By Mikaela & Meliha 5/6S

Amelie, Maya, Max and Charlotte went to Scarborough Public School to do debating and the topic was, ’Why
animals should never be kept in cages’ and we were the affirmative team. Amelie our first speaker spoke
about the health of animals and circuses, she did really well. Charlotte was our second speaker and she spoke
about the ethics and the danger of keeping animals in cages. She did extremely well and lucky last was Maya
...... who was our 3rd speaker and she wrapped up our case. First she said what Amelie talked about then what
Charlotte talked about then she summed up our case. Max was our scribe.
We didn’t win we were three points behind the winning team, Helensburgh. One of the judges said it was the
best debate he judged. We all learned a lot and found out more about animal cruelty and are now more aware.
We think we did very well! We all really enjoyed it!!!
By Charlotte & Amelie 5/6S

Fund Raising RSPCA
Congratulations to a number of students who have undertaken a personal goal to raise funds for the RSPCA.
Daniel, Trent, Skye, Max and Louis raised $154.40 selling cupcakes at school for the RSPCA.
Thank you to everyone who purchased cakes to support such a great cause.
Daniel has also raised $157.50 separately at his online RSPCA cupcake site.

Life Savers Talks
Last Monday the students in Years 2, 4, 6 received a talk from the Wollongong Life guards about keeping
safe at the beach. This is an annual event and one that is enjoyed by the students and it’s aim is to reinforce
safe behaviour around water.
Staff Planning
On Monday the teaching staff enjoyed some professional planning and learning time together. With the Australian Curriculum and many changes to our core business we do need to be spending time learning. Our staff spends time every week after school but welcomed the whole day so they could continue the discussions at length. This was made possible with the Pre-service teachers being so supportive.
Thank you Mr Whitaker, Miss Vernon and Mr Russo.

Book Week Parade
Theme: Connect to Reading. Congratulations to all the students and staff who participated got involved in this event. There were some wonderful costumes and outfits paraded. Thank you to Mrs Porter who did a splendid job coordinating this event. At this point the Book Fair has raised $1344.55. The school was able to keep $134.45 worth of books. Thank you to the many families who purchased books to donate to the library.

PSSA
Netball
Last week in netball the senior Blue team won a game and lost a game but we all had lots of fun, cheered people along and used great teamwork.
Last week for the senior yellow team they lost both games but for the first time they got a goal. They thought they need to practice more, use more teamwork but they had a fun time.
The junior blue team won a game and lost a game. They had big smiles on their faces and they played really well.
Junior yellow team lost both games but although they lost both games they had fun. They need to move around a bit more and shout for the ball.
Everyone that played had a great time.

Soccer
At soccer on Friday last week at Thirroul the boys versed the Thirroul School twice. It was really fun although we got beaten both games we still had a great time.
Mr Galvin was our referee both games and he did a great job.

Living Classroom Update
The Garden Ambassadors had a fantastic day in the garden on Wednesday with Aaron and Mrs Chilton. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic learning area like this. In the morning our 2 long garden beds were rebuilt with non-dig gardens ready for planting on Aaron’s next visit, we madly watered everything and in the afternoon we worked together and planted some seed potatoes. The rest of the day the ambassadors worked in small groups.
Joey, Yasmin, Kylan, Lilly, Louis, Gus, Matthew, Kye & Elke all did a fantastic job of mulching our paths. This has been a whole school task; even the younger children have been helping at lunchtime. Great team work by everyone. Well done.
Bronti and Czarina worked hard at chop and drop in the food forest, clearing our paths of the broken banna grass and some banana trees. Holly, Lachlan, Charlie and Daniel worked together and started feeding our
fruit trees, while Will, Hadin and Toby planted some more lettuce and collected dead banna grass for the compost. Ella and Isabella did a great job of pruning all the daisies, while Ava had fun digging up some potatoes and watering.

Ali, Jemma and Janae had a busy morning weeding, pruning and watering and then in the afternoon they had the job of cutting up some lovely juicy oranges for our end of day treat. It was a great way to finish a hard days work in the garden.

Our garden is always in need of watering. If any parents are interested in helping in the garden please let Jane in the office know. We are always looking for helpers to help the students with watering and other maintenance in the garden.

**Coming Events**

**Regional Athletics Carnival**

Good luck to all our competitors who will travel down to Canberra on either Thursday or early Friday morning. There will now be eight children from Coledale competing – Dacey O, Lily A, Rielly O, Angus P and our Junior Girls relay team comprising of Alyssa A, Summer Cl, Abeni G and Lily S. We were lucky enough to get a bit of practice in last week for high jump but the rain has put a bit of a dampener on things this week. I’ve had the relay girls out in class time on the asphalt practicing their baton changing the last few days. Well done to those eight children for making the team in the first place and secondly, just do your best. We’re already very proud of you.

Mr Galvin

**Team 100 for the 100 Word Challenge in 5/6S**

A big thank you to Greg Tardent, Eli’s grandfather, who has offered to be part of 5/6S Team 100. He will be reading and commenting on blog posts from around the world in the 100 Word Challenge. The new challenges start in two weeks. Check out Mrs Stone’s whale watchers edublogs.org to see our latest posts on Book Week.

If there are any other people who would like to join, please come and see me. The new prompts start on the 31st August.

Mrs Stone

**Canberra Excursion /Camp**

Yes, I know this camp is a long way off but there are a few things that need to be taken care of now. There are 71 children in Years 3 – 6. I have booked a 70 seater bus and accommodation for 70. I somehow assumed that a few children might not be attending, as is usually the case. There will be 4 adults accompanying the children as well. We need to know exactly who is going so that these matters can be dealt with soon and not at the last minute. The only way that we can know if your child/children are going is if you return the notes. Some parents have only returned the consent form. An itinerary and medical form was also attached. Please make sure that the medical form is attached with the consent form. Organising a camp of this magnitude takes a lot of prior preparation. Your help in this matter makes the preparation a lot smoother. Please attend to this matter ASAP so that these arrangements can be finalized and the organization is clear for everyone. Once again, if there are any concerns regarding this camp, feel free to come up and discuss these matters with me.

Thank you

Mr Galvin

**Strictly Coledale**

This year we will be holding an alternative to Unexpected Magic which is now a Biannual Event, titled Strictly Coledale. Class teachers are working with their students to develop some entertaining creative arts activities. We will be performing/ sharing these on the evening of Friday 24th October in the Austinmer PS school hall. Parents, grandparents and friends will be most welcome to attend. This is advanced notice to keep the date free.
**Swimming Scheme**
Each year our school participates in the Special Swimming Scheme. This year the scheme will be held between 27 October – 7 November at Corrimal Pool. We have been allocated 60 places for students in Years 2-6. Students involved will travel by bus and receive a 45 minute lesson for the ten days. Last year this scheme was over booked so this year we are going to stagger the offers, 60 places is not very many!. We will start offering places very shortly once everything is finalised, beginning with the younger grades. If parents are slow to respond their children may just miss out on the opportunity. This advance notice will hopefully make everybody aware and to give them notice to look out for the notes coming home shortly.

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

**Staffing**
Mr Galvin will having some well deserved leave from Monday 25 until the end of term. Miss Organ will take his class in his absence.
Our classroom teaching position will be finalised shortly, this process was delayed with my absence. More on this in the next newsletter.
We also welcome Mrs Pemberton to our school as an above establishment placement for semester 2.

**Clovelly Public School Band**
The Clovelly Senior Band will be performing at our school on **Tuesday 9 September**. This band is touring the area and will perform at a number of schools in our COS. I am sure our students will enjoy their performance.

**Bulli High School BYOD (Buy your own Device) Policy**
At our recent Seacliff Community of Schools Principals meeting Mr Lou Tome Relieving Principal of Bulli High School has asked us to remind parents to consult their BYOD Policy available on the Bulli High School website if they are thinking of purchasing any devices. A quick read may help you to make the correct choice for the future use of the device at high school.

**Premier's Sporting Challenge**
For the past two terms our school has been logging our physical activity as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. It is now time for each class to update their activity logs. The Premier's Sporting Challenge closes on Friday 19 September. The last few years our school has been awarded Diamond Achievement, the highest level. I wonder if we will achieve it again this year!

**Premier's Reading Challenge** closes tomorrow if you haven't started – make sure you get everything up to date online before the closure! Student Reading Records must be entered online.

**Thank You**
I am overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of you all regarding the upcoming birth of ‘Baby Munn!’ I want to thank all of you for your advice, well-wishes and gifts. I will miss all of you very much, but I shall be back to visit with baby and later I will be back to teach at the wonderful Coledale Public School.

All of my love and gratitude
Mrs Munn.

**CANTEEN NEWS.......**
Many thanks to our **fabulous volunteers** over the past fortnight: Sarah Goss, Claire Godsell, Beth Pattersen and Annie McNama r.
We are currently looking at ways to **improve the quality** of the foods offered on the canteen menu, including replacing the nuggets with another brand which has more chicken content and less additives. We are also speaking with local bakeries about supplying fresh pies and sausage rolls. Will keep you posted.
HOUSEKEEPING: Please write out orders on a brown paper bag, preferably a large one when ordering a number of items, and please ensure sufficient money is enclosed, as several orders have been short lately.

WHAT IS FRESH TASTES? Our school implements the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, which means our canteen, has guidelines to follow when designing the menu. Fresh Tastes @ School uses a coloured spectrum to categorise food based on nutritional value and content of saturated fat, sugar, salt and kilojoules:

GREEN: these foods are nutritious and healthy - eating them is encouraged. They are from the five food groups and should be eaten every day. They should dominate the menu, so we are trying to fill the menu with these foods.

AMBER: these foods are usually processed but have some nutritional value, so these foods are selected carefully, kept to smaller portion sizes and don’t dominate the menu.

RED: have little to no nutritional value and are high in saturated fat, added sugar, salt and excess kilojoules. These foods should only be sold on two occasions per term.

Best regards
Vesna and Ang C

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

Learn to Live
At this morning’s assembly we had a visit from James, a Dragon’s Ambassador. We have been invited to take part in the Run Wollongong day sponsored by Illawarra Coal. It is held on Sunday October 19th. This year there is a School Incentive Program where we can win up to $1000 worth of sporting equipment from HART Sport. On the day there will be 16km and 12km run and a 6km family walk. 100 % of every registration goes straight to the Wollongong Children’s Ward and Illawarra Shoalhaven Children’s Assessment Unit.

Our Run Ambassador at school is Lily A. See Lily to register.
Who wants to come running!! Look at runaustralia.com.au

Mrs Stone

ASTHMA
The dreaded pollen season
Spring is just around the corner, which means warmer weather, longer days and increased pollen. For many people in Australia with asthma or hay fever, August to March (or the dry season in tropical areas) is a particularly difficult time. While hay fever and allergies are unpleasant enough for anyone, they can pose a serious threat to people with asthma.

Bollywood Fundraiser - a raging Success!
Last Friday night we held the Bollywood Bash - the P&C’s gala fundraiser (that gets bigger every year). Thanks for everyone’s support in coming along to the event (we sold 85 tickets in the end) and for supporting our silent auction and other fundraising opportunities. I’d like to thank the organisers for a brilliant event! Because the fundraising went better than we expected, at the P&C Meeting this week we discussed giving a direct donation to the Library to purchase new books for all the kids to enjoy! Stay tuned for more on that.

Thanks again to all involved. It was a fantastic night. Namaste.

Jen Pope
P & C Secretary
WOLLONGONG JUNIOR OZTAG SUMMER COMPETITION

STARTS: 7TH OCTOBER 2014 TO FEBRUARY 2015
REGISTRATION: MONDAYS 1st and 8TH SEPTEMBER
4-6.30 pm at JJ KELLY PARK, WOLLONGONG
TUESDAYS 26TH AUGUST and 9TH SEPTEMBER
4-6.30 pm at GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW
SATURDAY 13TH September
9 am - 12 mid at GUEST PARK, FAIRY MEADOW
FEES: $70 PER PLAYER FOR THE SEASON
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Bulli High School

Year 12 HSC Major Artworks Exhibition 2014

Bulli HS Art Rooms

Monday 25th August, 6:00 - 7:30pm
Southern Stars #webelieve2014

There is only one week until Southern Stars hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday 30 and there are still tickets available to all four shows, with Saturday night selling quickly.

The Saturday matinee is a great opportunity for families to attend and with a family ticket at $140 dollars (two adults and two children) it’s great value too. Friday night tickets are also still available.

If you don’t have a child involved in the show this year don’t let that stop you from getting a ticket to biggest arena style show to take place in Wollongong each year.

The show has something for all ages and musical tastes, and the little ones in particular will love seeing the segment on their childhood heroes – both the traditional ones and new ones like Elsa from Frozen. Let them go!

The show is a celebration of all that we believe in, from our earliest memories right through to adulthood. We believe that you will be amazed by the talents of our public school children and that you will really love the show.

Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who have taken on our challenge to find 100 Friends of Southern Stars in August. We have nine so far including Mortgage, Peoplecare, Dion’s Buses, Danz Gallery and individuals Rae Mitchell and Jeannette and Stan Warren, Lynn and Norman Saad, and Jacqui McGee. We are still looking for more to secure the show’s future so if you or your business would like to become a friend of the show contact Sharon Buikstra 0419 402 033 or email sharon.buikstra@det.nsw.edu.au

Please support Southern Stars by getting along to the show. Buy your tickets today through Ticketmaster.