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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**Other dates for Term 4**

- Swimming Scheme -27/10 to 7/11
- Music Count Us In 30/10
- K-6 Assemblies 6/11 - K/1G item and 11/12 - 5/6S item
- NRMA Road Safety Day Wed. 12 Nov.
- Canberra Excursion 26/11 - 28/11
- Living Classroom 15/10, 29/10 and 3/12.
- P&C Disco 5th December
- K-6 Presentation Day 12th December
- Year 6 Dates:
  - 13/10 - Uniform fittings for Bulli HS 3.00-5.30pm,
  - 3/12 - High School Orientation,
  - 9/12 - Jamberoo
  - 16/12 - Farewell

**Things requiring action……**

- All spots have been filled for our Swimming Scheme, we are just requiring payment from those who haven't already done so.
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**Principal’s Report**

Once again, this has been an extremely busy term with many exciting events including the Choral Festival, Education Week, District and Regional athletics carnivals, excursions, COS Debating, and the Book Week performance to name a few. It is a little alarming that a number of students have been riding to school without their helmets of late. Can I remind all students that helmets must be worn when riding anything with wheels and you must walk from the school gate to the racks. I hope all families enjoy the two week break and have an opportunity to relax and spend time together. Please keep safe and remember your safe practices. The staff looks forward to seeing all students again on Tuesday, 7th October for the beginning of Term 4.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter

What’s Been Happening........

**Strictly Coledale**

All the classes have been busy preparing their items to be presented to the school community on Friday 24th October at Austinmer PS hall. Our performance evening titled ‘Strictly Coledale’ will commence at 6.30pm and promises to be a fun evening. There are a variety of items involving singing, dancing, drama, science and visual art. We look forward to all our parents and grandparents being in attendance.

**Literacy Book Swap**

Many thanks to the many students and families that donated and/or purchased books over the past few weeks to assist the Indigenous communities of NSW. We raised $148.80 to send to help the cause. Well done to Ms Gould and the SRC.

**Pizza and Smoothie Day**

The students very much enjoyed the special canteen day on Tuesday. It was a great way to help celebrate Fruit and Veg. month. The added bonus of receiving a ring was a highlight for many of the children as well. Thanks to Vesna and Angie and their large crew of helpers for making it all possible.

**Swimming Scheme**

Our swimming scheme is now all booked in preparation for next term. Please remember to make payments for this event by Friday 10/10/14.
**Clovelly PS Band**
The students enjoyed the visit and performance by Clovelly PS. They in turn also enjoyed their visit and especially enjoyed scanning the water for whales from our platform.

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**ICAS Results**
Students from our School performed well when they competed in the Science, Computer and English International Competition and Assessments for Schools Competition held recently.
Students from Coledale Public School were awarded:
7 Certificates of Distinction - Ivy x2, Elke x2, Will F, Dacey, Toby,
11 Certificates of Credit - Will F x2, Angus, Maya x3, Angus, Samson x2, Daniel
3 Certificates of Merit - Dacey, Milla, Elke
8 Certificates of Participation - Milla, Dacey, Alyssa, Toby, Charlotte

**Premier Spelling Final**
Congratulations to our Stage 2/3 representatives who performed so well yesterday at the District Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Farmborough Road Public School. In this form of competition, each student is asked to spell a word in turn. The words are selected from lists which get progressively harder and one mistake means elimination from the competition. Luke and Samson represented in the Stage 3 division and Ella and Angus in Stage 2. All students performed well with some very difficult words. Congratulations
Many thanks to our wonderful parents who transported the representatives to the event.

**Parents contacting books** -
Many thanks to Beth, Tanya, Wensday and our SASS staff Jane and Ros for covering the many hundreds of new books with contact. It is certainly benefitting our students who read the readers in class lessons and then taking the book home to share with parents. It is proving so valuable and we are seeing great positive results. However, please remember to keep the books away from food and drinks. We are hoping that with the contact and care our books will last for many years.

**Coming Events**

**NRMA Road Safety Day**
Our school was successful in gaining a NRMA Road Safety Day. This will mean that on Wednesday 12th November the students will be involved in a Road Safety Day. This will be conducted in Stage groups. As part of the day the children will be invited to bring along their helmets. They will have them checked for safety and for correct fitting. They will also watch the Road Safety Show and complete activities in their classrooms. There will be no charge for this event as the costs are covered by the grant. Parents are most welcome to attend the first show of the day at 9.10am.
Crossing Installation
It is very pleasing from a safety point of view that we recently learnt that the RTA will be installing traffic lights and crossings on the Rawson Street and Lawrence Hargrave Drive intersection. They are currently designing the scope of works. They have consulted with the school and Wednesday our crossing supervisor. They expect the work to commence early in the new year. Please continue to take care and remind the children of safe practices.

Professional Learning
Early next term, the staff will be having a curriculum planning day in preparation for the development of our school plan. Mrs Stone and Mrs Chilton will also be attending a two day Kitchen Garden training day. Ms Gould and Mrs Potter will continue their L3 training and Mrs Anderson and Mrs Porter will attend a library training day. There is so many new and interesting ways to engage our students. We are all life long learners!

COS Chess Workshop
We still have three places available for the COS Chess workshops on Friday November 7th. Please see Mrs Potter if you are interested.

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

Staffing
Mrs Stalker will be having 4 days leave at the beginning of Term 4. We welcome Mrs Oldfield back for this period. Mr Cooper will also not be returning until week 2 and we welcome Ms. McNamara for week 1.

2015 – 2017 School Planning
We are still seeking parents to be part of our planning team. We have had a few volunteers but would like a couple more. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Potter. It will involve around 5 meetings. The School Planning team will be issuing the school evaluation surveys early next term.

Surf Sense
The weather has been inconsistent, with some hot days, some cold days, but it looks like we’re in for a hot summer. This makes the beach a fantastic place to be but we must instil in our children the need to be careful when visiting the beach. The surf safety message is extremely important for students who live so close to the surf.
Please remember:
- ALWAYS swim between the flags
- ALWAYS be supervised by parents or responsible adult while playing on the beach
- ALWAYS listen to the surf lifeguards and follow their instructions
- ALWAYS look for signs which give information about the safety in the surf

Local surf clubs are commencing their Nippers season soon, a fantastic way to be involved, learn about surf safety and practice surf skills. I recommend joining your local surf club as a family. I would like to mention that the local Coledale Club is always so supportive of our school. This year they donated $1000 towards our outdoor kitchen program and also have granted us permission to use their clubhouse for many P&C and school events.

Environmental Committee
Volunteers are needed these School Holidays to help water and care for our school gardens and worm farms. If you are able to help please contact Joanne Chilton by phone 4268 0415 or email: chilton@gotalk.net.au and let her know when you are able to help. Any help would be greatly appreciated. A roster will be made up and you will be notified with further instructions and information ASAP.
Thank you for your support.
Wollongong University January Holiday Program.
Little Learning Labs (LLL) and Early Learning Labs (ELL) is an enrichment program for gifted and talented students who are currently in Year 1 to 6. There will be many diverse and innovative workshops presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. This program will suit those students who are working within the top 10% in any subject area. The workshop content is both rigorous and challenging, and is designed to stimulate the interest and curiosity of the academically gifted.

LEARNING LABS program for high achieving students is now targeting students from Year 1 to Year 6. The primary program is split into two streams:

- **LITTLE LEARNING LABS** for students in Year 1 and Year 2
  - 12th and 13th of January, 2015. $110

- **EARLY LEARNING LABS** for students in Year 3 to Year 6
  - 15th and 16th of January, 2015. $135

Garden Project
We’ve been out in the garden again today with our ambassadors, Aaron & Vesna (our canteen manager) digging, planting and preparing our summer crops.
We would like to ask three things of our community:
1) Can anyone donate spring and summer seeds that you have collected?
2) We are after some lengths of bamboo to use for stakes.
3) Names of volunteers to water the garden in the school holidays.
Thanks go to the chefs who used our produce grown to cook vegetable slices that were sold.
Thanks everyone!

Awards

**Bronze Award**
4/5G Ella P
5/6S Lachlan Y, Taj M-S, Max S

**Silver Award**
KP Poppy A, Emma B
K/1G Euan F, Yve F, Charli N
3/4M Abeni G, Alysse W, Cate C,
5/6S Leura H, Mikaela S
CAIEN NEWS....... 

A big thank you to everyone who has helped bring canteen to our children during these last two weeks of term; Pam Douglass, Mel Van Anen, Jen Pope, Peta Yew, Alison Mercieca, Lisa Heggie and Jane Fullerton-Smith.

We are delighted that our application for a Greening Up the Menu Grant has been successful. The canteen will receive $500 from the ISLHD Grants Program to put towards equipment that will enable us to provide healthier food options. Thank you Pip Budgen for your assistance with this, and for making our first purchase of two blenders, which were put to excellent use at our healthy food day on Tuesday.

There was excitement in the air and smiles all round as the children enjoyed their gourmet pizzas and super fruity smoothies. They also received some fun fruit character rings to celebrate Fruit & Veg Month. It was all made possible thanks to our hard working helpers; Paul Tong, Judy Turner, Nicole Sheath and Mike Leckie. We would love to hear some feedback from the children, as well as any ideas for future healthy food days - just drop a note into the box outside the kitchen.

Have a lovely break everyone, see you next term.

Vesna and Ang C

P&C Bollywood Night – Final Fundraising Tally

Thanks to all those who attended and helped out with the Bollywood night. We can report after the P&C meeting on Tuesday that the night raised $3,860.25. The P&C have already passed on $1,000 to the school for Mrs Porter to purchase new books for the school library.

Well done to everyone involved. And happy reading kids!!
Wildcare Bookings
Carmel has put together a wonderful program for our students that need care during the holidays. Please be sure to book ahead so she can secure the correct amount of positions at the various venues.

September School holidays  - Carmel  0419 693 863

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<td><strong>Australian Museum</strong> Aztec exhibition, Try cactus bowling?? Make a Quetzal glider and an Oje de Dio’s Bring a packed lunch. Cost $25</td>
<td><strong>Botanic gardens</strong> Botanosaurs Rex Do you think he-saw-us hunt Dino crafts No more Dodos garden show Pack a picnic or buy a Lions Club sausage sizzle. Small handmade craft store will</td>
<td><strong>Basket Ball</strong> Play Basket Ball With your mates. Before having lunch at Sharkies Beach. Bring a packed lunch.</td>
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<td><strong>Nona Bels Pizza Wollongong</strong> Lunch date Bring your hair brush, a face washer and your best manners because we are going out for lunch. Cost $15</td>
<td><strong>Putt Putt Golf Helensburgh</strong> Come along and join us for a game of Putt Putt. There will be prizes and games. Wear closed in shoes Bring a packed lunch Cost $15</td>
<td><strong>Sutherland Pools</strong> Yes it is time to SWIM!!! We will get to try out the brand new giant inflatable. Bring a towel, swimmers and a packed lunch Cost $10</td>
<td><strong>It’s the Big day!!!</strong> We will have Xbox and Play station today And break it up with lunch in the sun at Coledale beach for some sand sculpting and shell searching. (not swimming) Bring a packed lunch</td>
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September school holiday soccer skills development
23rd, 24th, 25th September
- Improve soccer skills
- Regular program 3 hours per day over 3 days - $100
- Mighty mites program for under 7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days - $60
Location - Wollongong & Shellharbour
Ph. 0459 532 223
nswscah@coerver.com.au
Spring Fever at the Lions Country Fair, 25 October in Charles Harper Park

Spend the day in the Burgh at the Lions annual Country Fair and shop among the markets stalls, check out the variety of community and council information stalls, enjoy some fair fare and a day full of entertainment. Wander into Walker Street and browse and buy from more eclectic, local stalls and your own local businesses. Come in to the community centre for the Lions pop-up bookshop, a children’s reading circle and the Meaning of Life forum in the Youth Centre. It will be a day with something for everyone! Please don’t forget to drop your second-hand books to Movie HQ, or contact Gina at nhork@yahoo.com or on 4294 1371 if you would like a stall at the Fair or would like your school, sports or community group to participate in this year’s Spring Fever Grand Parade.

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Designed by
Lisa Minnicocci

Come and be part of Lola’s story and lend a voice to the singing!

Former Illawarra resident Lola Wright was a teacher, actress, performer, writer, mother, lover and much more. Whether teaching nursery rhymes to primary students, establishing the South Coast’s first bush band, playing piano at local dances, singing The Red Flag at miners’ strikes, or leading a sing-along of The Internationale at one of her infamous Oak Flats Keg Nights, Lola’s passion for music and social justice left its mark on all who knew her.

9 - 11 October
TIME: THU, FRI, SAT 7.30PM SAT 2PM
TICKETS: $20
RUNNING TIME: Approx 1 hr 40 mins (inc interval)
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Dear Parent or Guardian and staff,

A child from the Coledale Public School in year 2 has been diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is pertussis?
Pertussis is an infection of the respiratory tract that can cause bouts of coughing, sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people who are sick with pertussis do?

If your child or a family member develops symptoms, contact your family doctor as soon as possible and take this letter with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in your household.

Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend child care, school or work until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?
Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against pertussis. If in doubt, please ask your doctor to check.

Need more information?
For more information, please see the Pertussis Factsheet, or call the Public Health Unit on 02 4221 6700 or visit the NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely,
Asha Shrestha Dawadi
Infectious Diseases Surveillance

Curtis Gregory
Director
Wollongong PHU, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD
03/09/2014