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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**Things requiring action…….**

- Swimming Scheme is now open for Year 2 - 4. Enrol now to secure a position.

**IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL SEE ARTICLES ABOUT:**

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- COS Chess Workshop

**Principal’s Report**

This week is SASS recognition Week. Our fabulous SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) do a truly magnificent job in our school from efficiently running the school office and finances, to working in the library, preparing resources, assisting students and keeping our grounds looking great. If you are around the school be sure to give them a smile or say thank you to our SASS staff – Mrs Stalker, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Chilton, Mrs Oldfield and Mr Lateo.

I would like to wish all our fathers a very special day this coming Sunday.

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
What's Been Happening........

Regional Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to our competitors who journeyed down to a cold and frosty Canberra and did a great job competing. They all tell me they enjoyed their experience and should be very proud of their efforts.
Lily Ashburner who came 3rd in the 12 years 100m dash is now in full training and getting ready for the PSSA State early next term. We all are all very proud of you Lily.
The other results were:
Dacey O 12 years Boys 9th - 200m and 11th - 100m
Rielly O - 11 years Boys 800m - 11th
Angus P - Junior High jump - narrowly missed his 2nd round jump.
Junior Girls relay team - Alyssa, Summer, Abeni and Lily S. came 4th in the heat and unfortunately narrowly missed moving to the next round.
These are all wonderful results when you consider how many students there are in the age groups throughout the region. Congratulations to all our competitors and thank you to all their families who support them in their endeavors.

ICAS Tests
Students from our school performed extremely well when they competed in the International Competition and Assessments for Schools Writing and Spelling Competition held recently. Each ICAS test is designed to assess students' academic ability in specific subjects.
Students from Coledale were awarded:
5 Certificates of Distinction Writing - Will F, Hadin, Samson, Maya. Spelling - Will F
7 Certificates of Credit Writing- Toby, Elke, Daniel, Charlotte. Spelling - Toby, Ella, Elke,
3 Certificates of Merit Spelling - Hadin, Angus and Maya
8 Certificates of Participation

COS Debating
In the last debate for the COS at Helensburgh, four of our Year 5 students competed against Otford Public. Lilly was our first speaker, Ally our second and Janae our last speaker. Luke was their support person helping to write rebuttals. Unfortunately, we did not win and make the finals. Congratulations to all our debaters on their efforts over the series. Our aim was to give many students the experience of debating and this was achieved. Perhaps for the future we will need to look at our strategy if we wish to be competitive as debating is a skill that does need to be practiced.
On Tuesday the primary classes will watch the final of the COS debating series which will be held at Bulli HS. Our students will watch the debate via video conference in our library.

Premier Spelling Finals
Our school finals were hotly contested by our Stage 2 and 3 students. Congratulations to Angus, Ella, Samson and Luke who will represent our school at the Regional Final at Farmborough PS on Wednesday 17th September. Good luck to all of you.

Excursions
Kindergarten had a wonderful excursion to the Science Centre where they enjoyed exploring the many exhibits. Unfortunately the weather prevented us from completing the walk around Puckey’s Reserve. Year 1 and 2 also had a very informative and enjoyable day at Nan Tien Temple. They also enjoyed their lunch with many of them lining up for seconds and even thirds. Be sure to take a look at the Gallery on our website to see some of the many photos that were taken on the day.
Unfortunately Stage 3's excursion to the Environmental Day was cancelled due to the inclement weather. Mrs Stone is currently looking into alternatives that link with the curriculum for the students in Stage 3. Our Living Classroom program was also disrupted with the weather and an additional day will be planned for early next term.

P&C Gift
Thank you to the P&C for the lovely soup and fresh fruit and vegies they presented me after my stay in hospital. It was very much appreciated.

Congratulations
To Mrs Munn and her husband Trent on the arrival of their healthy baby boy - Arthur Trent Munn on Friday 29th August.

NAPLAN Results
The results from the 2014 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test which were held on 13th to 15th May, were distributed via students on Wednesday this week. As per usual we had a range of results and parents must remember that these tests are one assessment at a point of time. Any parents who have questions about the reports should get in touch with your child's classroom teacher. 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 or COS. I am sure our students will enjoy their performance.

Book Week Donations
We would like to thank the following students/families for their kind donations:

- Kye P - 5/6S
- Joey N - 3/4M
- Ava R - 3/4M
- Molly C S - 1/2B
- Ruby C S - K/1G
- Audrey A - 3/4M
- Samuel P - K/1G
- The Mercieca Family

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

Literacy Book Swap
Thank you to the many families that are sending along used books that are no longer needed by their families. We have collected some fantastic books for our 'Book Swap' day. Please keep bringing your old books in - we will still collect all of week 9. All books can be brought and left in Ms Gould’s class please. On Monday the 15th September we will hold the book sale at lunchtime. Each book will cost $1.00 please bring along money for this day. All money raised goes to the Indigenous Literacy Initiative.

Ms Gould & SRC committee

Canberra Excursion /Camp
We know this event is still a way off at the moment, as it is not until the last week in November but we must submit the medical notes and pay further deposits to the venues that will be hosting our visit by the end of term. At this stage we are still waiting for notes from 13 students. We would appreciate if this can be addressed as soon as possible so we can finalise this major event for our school. We cannot jeopardise the arrangements for all the other students so please respond by Friday 12th September.

COS Chess Workshops November 7 2014 - The Seacliff Community of Schools has arranged for students in Years 2 - 6 who already have skills in playing chess to attend one or two workshops presented by the Sydney Academy of Chess. Held at Thirroul Public School, the intermediate workshop (1.00 -1.45) will build on a child’s basic skills while the master class (2.00 - 2.45) will develop tactics and strategies. These workshops are not for beginners. Each workshop costs $10 although students may attend both at a cost of $20. We are limited to 5 students from Coledale PS per workshop so if you are interested in attending please see Mrs Potter as soon as possible.
**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**
This year we are offering the Swimming Scheme to our students on a staggered basis as we are limited to 60 students. Notes were sent home to students in Years 2-4 yesterday. The scheme is aimed at teaching children to be safe in water. To secure a spot the note needs to be returned promptly to the office. Next week the remaining places will be offered to the students in Years 5/6.

**Clovelly PS Band**
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**P&C Meeting**
Just a reminder that the next P&C Meeting is on the 16th September in the school Library at 7.00pm

**Environmental meeting**
A reminder P & C Environmental subcommittee meeting is on 11th September - 5.30-6.30 at 15 Cokeworks Road. All parents are most welcome.

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

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**Awards**

**Bronze Award**
1/2B  William C, Matthew B, Tyler D  
4/5G  Daniel C  
5/6S  Amelie A, Kye P, Eli T, Lily A,  

**Silver Award**
KP  Maggie B, Ben D, Hazel K, Leila S, Charley S, Persia S, Alana W  
    Bede F, Riley N, Sian H  
K/1G  Henry R, Tom S  
3/4M  Gus B  
5/6S  Maya B, Alex K

**Staffing**
Our sixth classroom teaching position was finalised on Friday 22nd August and I am pleased to announce that Ms. Gould will be appointed as a permanent staff member of Coledale PS at the end of the appeal period. I am sure the school community will join me in congratulating her on this very deserving achievement.
**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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Make and bake your own cookie creations. If you have cookie cutters bring them along. Bring a packed lunch  
Cost $15 | **Movies Greater Union**  
Wollongong Planes 2 Ticket, popcorn and a drink. Bring a packed lunch  
Cost $15 | **Australian Museum**  
Aztec exhibition, Try cactus bowling?? Make a Quetzal glider and an Oje de Dio’s Bring a packed lunch.  
Cost $25 | **Botanic gardens**  
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  
Cost $10 | **Basket Ball**  
Play Basket Ball With your mates. Before having lunch at Sharkies Beach. Bring a packed lunch |

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| **Backyard science**  
We will be doing science experiments with thing you would normally find at home. Make sure to wear old clothes because it will get messy!! Bring a packed lunch | **Nona Bels Pizza Wollongong.**  
Lunch date Bring your hair brush, a face washer and your best manners because we are going out for lunch.  
Cost $15 | **Putt Putt Golf Helensburgh**  
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 | **Sutherland Pools**  
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 | **It’s the Big day!!!**  
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 |

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2015 - 2017 School Planning
The School Planning team will soon develop our School Plan for 2015-17. This team comprises of executive staff, staff members and parent and community representatives. If you would like to be a parent representative on this committee, please contact me at school. This process involves extensive consultation for strategic decision making, ensuring that the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of students, staff and parents. In the coming weeks we will be offering opportunities for parents to attend meetings to discuss the new model of school planning and invite valuable contributions into the establishment of a shared school vision and the development of the school's strategic directions.
A special survey will be launched very shortly to assist in compiling the next School Plan. We have randomly targeted and selected 40 families to complete the survey; however it will also be available on the website for all families to complete. It is important we get a good return, so please take the time to complete the short survey and help us to plan for the future of our students.

Canteen News.......
As always, many thanks to our trusty and capable volunteers over the past fortnight: Alison Mercieca, Sam Docherty, Roberta Sabatini and Donna Shingler.
Last week we attended our local Primary School Canteen Network meeting held at St Columbiille’s at Corrimal. It was a great chance to meet other canteen operators and exchange ideas. Thank you to Rosi Johnston from the Illawarra Health Promotion Service for coordinating the event, and for some very useful resources.
Fruit & Veg Month is an initiative by the Healthy Kids Association, run annually to encourage more fruit and veg consumption. To embrace this year’s theme Eat a Rainbow of Fruit & Veg Every Day, the canteen will host a special healthy food day incorporating seasonal and fresh school garden produce. Our Pizza and Smoothie Day will be held on Tuesday 16th September - a note and order form will be sent home with the children this week, and is also attached to this newsletter.
Nutrition info: offering a wide range of colour in a child’s diet, i.e. red, purple/blue, orange, green and white/brown, ensures they receive a great variety of nutrients. Each colour carries its own set of specific vitamins, minerals and powerful antioxidants, to boost immunity and prevent disease.
Best regards,
Vesna and Ang C

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

Arcadian "Wonder in Aliceland"
The Arcadians Children’s Theatre presents "Wonder in Aliceland”. Come and disappear down the rabbit hole with this fun show at the Miner’s Lamp Theatre. 19-21 September - Fri/Sat 7pm, Sat/Sun 2pm. Tickets available at www.arcadian.org.au - $15/$10 - Don’t miss out.
Helensburgh Hawks Amateur Swimming Club
We invite you to be part of this exciting sport at the Helensburgh solar heated 25m pool. Our swimming club this year will commence on Thursday 9th October 2014 and be held every Thursday night at 7pm, running through to March 2015.

The Thursday night swim is based on an individual point score allocation whereby swimmers compete against their previous times. The main aim of point score is to encourage swimmers of all ages and standards, from younger swimmers (15m races with assistance of senior swimmers is available), through to adults/parents competing in a fun, friendly atmosphere whilst improving their times.

Registrations are available now online at [http://nsw.swimming.org.au/](http://nsw.swimming.org.au/) and fees for the 2014/15 season are $95 per swimmer. For further information or assistance registering, please contact Rachel on 0422 405 327.
Scarborough Wombarra Nippers
Registration is on Sunday 21st September 2014, from 2-4pm at Scarborough Wombarra Surf Club, Monash Street Wombarra. Email enquiries can be sent to info@scarboroughwombarra.slscl.org or phone 0417 434 718

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS
3 DAYS (10 HOURS)
BOYS & GIRLS (8-11 YRS)
BOOK NOW! Limit: 24 Participants
Tuesday 23rd September - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 24th September 9.30am - 1.00pm
Thursday 25th September - 9.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: Gibson Park Thirroul
or Hollymount Park Woonona (TBA)
Head Coach: Laurie Heil (ACB Level 2)
BOOKING REGISTRATIONS CLOSE:
9pm Thursday 18th September 2014
(unless filled prior)
All enquiries: Laurie Heil 0418 199 718
Pro Action Cricket conducts Sunsafes Clinics
Clinic Program Overview included with confirmation of application

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 under7’s 1.5 hours per day over 3 days - $60
Location - Wollongong & Shellharbour
Ph: 0459 532 223
nswsocn@coerver.com.au

NEW KIDS PARTY VENUE
VISIT US ON FACEBOOK
OR EMAIL REDLEMONADE@TPG.COM.AU

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www.coledale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
SUMMER 7S FOOTBALL FOR JUNIORS AT GIBSON PARK MONDAY EVENINGS STARTING 15TH SEPTEMBER

U9 & U11 YEAR OLDS PLAY AT 5.00PM
U13 Y.O. AT 6.00PM
U15 Y.O. AT 7.00PM

COMPETITION RUNS UNTIL 22ND DECEMBER
10 GAMES GUARANTEED/13 COMPETITION EVENINGS
TEAM T SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED
NO GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
REFEREES PROVIDED
MIXED TEAMS
2 X 25MINUTE HALVES
7 PLAYERS ON A MODIFIED PITCH WITH UNLIMITED INTERCHANGE
INDIVIDUALS WELCOME TO REGISTER

- 10 PLAYERS MINIMUM PER TEAM @ $100/PLAYER
  (CHEAPER THAN INDOOR SOCCER)

EACH PLAYER SHOULD REGISTER AT www.myfootball.com.au
THEN THE TEAM MANAGER SHOULD FILL OUT THE TEAM NOMINATION
FORM AVAILABLE AT www.thirroulfootball.com.au. MAKE A
PAYMENT & EMAIL THE INFORMATION TO
secretary@thirroulfootball.com.au
Payment can be made to: Thirroul Junior Soccer Club
  BSB: #062-607
  Account: # 10008331
  Reference: Team or Manager name

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THIRROUL BOWLING CLUB
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH 5.00PM TO 7.00PM.

ENQUIRIES
(After business hours)
JOHN DARK 0419253946
JOHN PAEGLE 0407671323
johnpaegle@exemail.com.au

NO TRAINING

NO COACHING

JUST TURN UP & PLAY
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

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