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 for more events.

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### Future Dates for the Diary

- Swimming Scheme Year 2-6 9 – 20 November
- School Camp – Years 3-6 23- 25 November
- Year 6 High School Orientation 3 December
- Year 6 8 December Jamberoo Excursion
- K-2 Special Assembly Thursday 10 December 6pm
- Presentation Day Awards for Year 2-6 Friday 11 December
- Year 6 Farewell Tuesday 15 December
- Last day of school for 2015 Wednesday 16 December.

### Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 4, I do hope everybody had a chance to recharge their batteries and enjoy some down time during the Spring holiday.

The very warm weather highlights the need for students to have a water bottle on their desks each day. Many students are not bringing one to school and it is my concern they may be dehydrated, at times. Water bottles should be something they pack and take each day for a clean and refresh. Some students find it easier to have
two – one for the classroom and one for their lunchbox. On PSSA sport days this is very important as many times there is very limited, if any water access points. We insist all students sit for the first part of lunch and Fruito to eat and drink. It is alarming how many students don’t have any food at Fruito. Perhaps parents need to check that they are packing enough, I know I like to have a small snack at this time.

Just a reminder that classroom supplies such as pencils, pens, glue sticks may also need some attention. I would encourage all parents of the 3-6 students to support the children’s learning by ensuring they have all these tools ready. Although there is a lot happening in our school the key focus at all times remains the learning and we want the children ready and at their optimum each session.

Unexpected Magic, as you are aware, is on this Saturday. We are hoping the weather is kind and our show highlights the way our community works together to give our students amazing experiences. There are many dedicated and professional artists that have combined with the staff to develop the skills and nurture the talents of our students. Many community members have given many hours to this project and on behalf of the students I thank them immensely. I know the Unexpected Magic committee are still seeking volunteers to assist on the night. Please consider offering your services even if it is only for a small contribution as ‘many hands do make light work’. In our school the majority of our parents do work and I know it is another ask but please consider lending a small hand. The memories from being involved in this amazing experience I am sure will stay with the children for a long time. I have been amazed how much more confident many of the students have become.

Next Thursday afternoon from 5-7pm we will be hosting a WAVE FM Dance Party under our COLA. If the weather is not kind we will need to move this event to the surf club. We will have food for sale on the night and parents may wish to join us.

It was disappointing to see that some plants around our school have disappeared during the holidays. Unfortunately someone wanted a frangipani and some of the new plants from our Indigenous garden. So sad!

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING.......

The Partners in Learning surveys
Many thanks to the 23 families that responded to our survey at the end of last term. I will share the results at our next P&C meeting.

Adventure Program for Year 5
This program for Year 5 will commence shortly and the schedule has now been shared with the Year 5 students. Parents will need to ensure they make arrangements for their children to be transported to Bulli HS on the given day. The students are required to meet in the Bulli HS Front Office for 12:45pm on the day of their session. Each lesson will end at 2:30pm and pickup will be from the front office. We are fortunate to have a number of students attending each of the days so hopefully we can support each other. If there are any problems please speak to us well in advance so we can look at the situation. These are valuable experiences and we would not like to see any student miss this opportunity.

Professional Learning – How2Learn
On Monday while most people were down the beach, our teaching staff completed two modules of our How2Learn course - Module 1 Building a Sense of Urgency and Module 2 Exploring Mindsets. I thank Ms. Gould for leading our professional learning session.
HOW2Learn is a strategy that allows schools to focus on what matters most in schools: learning. HOW2Learn has been developed in response to schools’ desire to think differently and act bravely. It is not enough for teachers to simply know something different. We want teachers who can do things differently in their classrooms and students who can embrace their life confidently.

Throughout the ‘implementation of our focused’ professional learning, we hope to:

- Build a school culture that has learning at the centre of decision making and actions.
- Help teachers and students to understand the neuroscience of HOW we learn and approach challenges.
- Build a repertoire of habits that ensures that all learners have a rich treasure chest of strategies to utilise when learning throughout their life across multiple contexts.
- Create powerful teaching defaults whereby the central objectives are to empower students to be their own teachers, and to enable teachers to see themselves through the eyes of their students.

These major concepts align with the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, Australian Curriculum in NSW and the current policies and directions of the Department of Education.

Our goal is to implement many new strategies to assist your children to become — Successful learners — Confident and creative individuals — Active and informed citizens.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

PBL is an evidenced-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. Throughout this year the staff, under the guidance of Mrs Stone and Mrs Goulder, have been examining our practices and making plans to revamp our Student Welfare policy. This includes our positive rewards, consequences for poor behaviour and school rules. We intend to launch our PBL program early in 2016. At this stage we are looking for Parent Volunteers who would like to assist in the revising of our policy. Last time when we had a major review of our policy in 2012 the contributions and insights parents gave to our discussions were wonderful. We envisage this will take a good 3-4 hours for the initial meeting and then a few smaller meetings. If you are interested in being part of this committee can you please make contact with Mrs Potter by Wednesday, 14 October. Once we have our parent volunteers, we will then negotiate some times for the meetings. We would envisage the first meeting being during a school day and then the smaller meeting either before or after school. **Come on, be brave and volunteer and have a say in one of our key policies!**

ICAS Results

The certificates for Spelling, Writing, English and Maths will be given out at this coming Monday’s assembly.

**COMING EVENTS…………**

**PSSA** will be held this term on Friday 23/10, 30/10, 6/11 and 13/11. We will be playing Dragon tag at St James Park. We have entered six mixed teams and will rotate the children each week. Not all students will be able to attend each week. We will also have a school sport group operating. Students will be chosen on a roster basis. Behaviour and attitude will be monitored and may help determine your child’s selection or participation.

**Dance Party**

Wave FM will be hosting a Dance Party on Thursday 15th October under the COLA for all Coledale students and parents. The afternoon will commence at 5pm and finish at 7pm. There will be BBQ food and drinks for sale. More information to follow via email.

**School Swimming 9-20 November**

Swimming Scheme notes should be returned promptly by Year 2 to 4, because Year 5 and 6 will be given notes next week.

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program will take place at Corrimal Swimming Pool from Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November 2015. Students in Years 2 can all attend. Students in Years 3-6 who have not
reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. It is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students receive ten daily lessons of 45 minutes duration. The total cost of the scheme for students will be $55.00. This includes transport by bus to and from the pool. This is excellent value for 10 consecutive lessons of 45 minutes duration. Please mark these dates in your diary. There are limited places available and it will be first in with the money and permission note who will receive a place in the swimming program.

Awards

**Bronze Award**
3/4G  Bianca S
4/5V  Bella T

**Silver Award**
3/4G  Alysse W
5/6S  Leena M

**Gold Award**
KG

COMMUNITY NEWS........

Coledale Waves JFC
Presentation Day at St James Park
On Saturday 10th October.
11:30am sharp start.

**Coaches and managers, ensure all playing shirts are returned on this day.**
We would like to thank IGA Thirroul for their ongoing donations of food/drinks which are greatly appreciated.

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You’re invited to celebrate...

Dad’s & Granddad’s Day

Friday 20th November
4pm - 6pm

Come along to this free event and celebrations where children will have the opportunity to be with their family in a fun community setting.

Face Painting - Photo Booth - Children's Activities
Family Fun Times - Display Photos
Stories of Special Dads and Granddads
THE LORD MAYOR’S

Picnic in the park

FOR 2016 SCHOOL STARTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

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