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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**Week 11**

- Monday 14 Dec
- Tuesday 15 Dec Year 6 Farewell
- Wednesday 16 Dec Colour Run
- Thursday 17 Dec Staff Development Day
- Friday 18 Dec School closes.

**Principal’s Report**

As this will be the last newsletter for the year I would like to thank our school community for another fabulous year. I find it so enjoyable to come to school each day and work for such a supportive community. Our students are all fantastic, they're so interested and motivated in all our activities, it is a real pleasure to be Principal of our school.

To our leaving Year 6, all the very best at high school. What a wonderful adventure awaits you on the next leg of your educational journey! Work hard, have dreams, set goals and strive to achieve them! You have been a wonderful class and we look forward to you visiting often, to tell us about life after primary school. Good luck and all the very best for the future!
It is with much sadness that we also farewell a number of families who have been part of the Coledale Public School community for a number of years. We thank them for their friendship and support, they will be sadly missed but leave knowing they will always be welcome at CPS. All the best to the Abbott, Cahill, Cranney, Hincks, Metcalfe, Sellers, Thorndike and Van Anen families.

To all, have a safe, restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas. I look forward to seeing all our students return safely on Thursday 28th January 2016. Please remember if your family will be returning late to school following the holidays we would really appreciate this in writing, prior to the holidays.

Tanya Potter
Principal

Since our last newsletter so much has happened around our school, it is amazing what we can fit into a fortnight!

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING........

3-6 Camp - Milson Island
Years 3-6 students travelled to Milson Island for a fabulous three day camp. During their stay, the students participated in activities including the giant swing, canoeing, archery and team building sessions. The students were great ambassadors for Coledale Public School and many students displayed impressive independence, leadership skills and challenged their own abilities on several occasions. The reflective practice shown by the camp facilitators was most impressive and ensured the camp supported the development of all students.

A big thank you to Mr Galvin, Miss Vernon, Mrs Stone, Mr Birkett and Mr Yew for giving their own time to accompany the group, especially at this busy time of year. Read reports about camp further in the newsletter.

Combined Scripture and Final Ethics Class
Thank you very much to all the Religious Instructors who have visited our school each week this year. We appreciate your efforts and do hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you return in 2016.

School Security
Of late there have been a number of people entering and using our school grounds inappropriately after hours. I would urge all parents to report any security breech they notice to School Security on 1300 880 021.

Piano
Would you like a piano for your children? A number of years ago the school received a donation of a piano and unfortunately it is rarely used. It still works and is in good condition. We would like a family who would make greater use of it to remove it to their house. If you are interested please see Mrs Potter.

School Planning and Staff for 2016
We have been evaluating our progress on our school plan this year and making plans for 2016. Unfortunately at this point however we are not in a position to announce our classes and staff for 2016. There are a number of processes being conducted at the moment and I would like to wait until they are finalised to make announcements. I am hoping to have this all prepared before the end of school and will put out a flyer during the last week.

I would like to wish Mrs Stone all the best for 2016 and thank her for all her efforts at our school. I am sure she will enjoy her role as Relieving Principal at Otford PS in 2016, we look forward to seeing her at Seacliff Community of Schools events and activities.
French lessons
French lessons are available at our school after school and Denys is looking at starting a Beginners class in 2016. Please see her advertisement below.

Year 6 Seaside Market Fundraiser
On the 20th of November Years 5/6 held 'The Year 6 Seaside Markets' which was a fundraiser with stalls, food and fun. In preparation for the fundraiser we had heaps of fun gathering all our supplies and resources. Although on the day of the fundraiser it was BOILING!!!, so all the cool drink and food stalls were very busy. When it hit 11:30 am 5/6 were pumped and ready to party. All the stalls were between 50c and $2.50.

Some of the stalls we had were:

- Lolly guessing challenge
- Carnival Food
- Spiders
- Haunted Maze
- Hit the stump
- Face Painting and Temporary Tattoos
- Paper Plane Contest
- And more...

Overall we raised a whopping $900 and at the end of the day we all had a blast.

Charlotte P & Kylan V A

Library and Home Readers Stock Take
Our library is now closed for the annual stock take. It is very important that ALL school library books and are returned. Home Readers will also cease next week and we would appreciate the prompt return of all reading materials so we can sort and arrange boxes ready for 2016.

Smith's Hill HS Drama
The Year 9 and 10 Theatre Class from Smith's Hill HS visited our school last Friday to present a performance which explored the issue of Cyber Use. Our students were able to watch an entertaining and informative production. I thank the High School for providing this opportunity to show our students what they can aspire to in the future.

WHAT’S STILL COMING........

Final K-6 Assembly – Monday 7th December at 9am
Our final K-6 assembly for this year will be held next Monday. This assembly is being led by our school leaders. There will be a few awards as usual and we will also be presenting awards to students for the Premier Reading Challenge. 4/5V will also be presenting their creative Antarctica song. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Semester Reports
These will be issued next week on Thursday 10th December. If parents would like to discuss any aspect of their child's report will class teachers please be sure to contact the office to set up an appointment time.

Rise and Shine Awards
Wollongong City Council has invited our school to attend the Rise and Shine Awards Ceremony on Thursday 10th December 2015, at 6pm at The Salvation Army Function Centre, 13 Burelli Street Wollongong. This invitation usually means our school will be getting an award. They have requested I let them know how many will be in attendance. I am happy to make this an open invitation to our school community. All I ask is that you send an email or let our office know if you are attending. Looking forward to a good response.
**Gold Party**
This year we have had a record number of students achieve 'Gold' in the Coledale Awards program. All the wonderful home reading, fantastic behaviour and striving to achieve well in class has paid dividends for many. This party will be held on Thursday 10th.

**Presentation Day**
Our school Presentation Day will be held on Friday 11th December at 12.30pm at Coledale Surf Life Saving Club. The following awards will be presented: Kinder Books, Year 1 Celebration of Learning Certificates, Year 2-6 Class Awards, Premier Reading Awards, School Sport Awards and Major Awards for 2015. As well the School Leaders for 2016 will be announced. We hope parents are able to join us for this special afternoon. The P&C also invite you to join them at Coledale RSL club for a social gathering and dinner on this Friday evening.

**2016 Beginner French Class – 8.15am Morning**
Our wonderful French teacher Denys Fleury has agreed to introduce a beginners' class in 2016. So if your child would like to learn another language in a fun environment - now's your chance.

**When:** Mornings (Could be Monday or Friday TBC from 8.15am until school begins)
**Where:** Coledale School Library
**Cost:** Usually around $50-60 per term per kid. (Denys charges $50 per lesson and cost varies depending on how many kids we have. She will bill you for the term when she knows.)
**Places are limited to 10. And children MUST be able to read and write.**
If you are interested, please contact Denys direct on denysfleury@gmail.com or 0414 674 949 with your details and the details of your child (and any allergies etc).

**GENERAL NOTICES........**
**Coledale vs Coledale:**

A man in his late-prime trots in from the scoreboard end. He brushes past the umpire, reaches the wicket, oversteps the crease, and unleashes a wily delivery. Slow-medium it may be, but the delivery has just the right amount of swing and cut and venom to outfox the batsman who swings at the ball with daring do.

A lesser delivery, and the ball would have sailed over the boundary cones and into the wives' and girlfriends' marquee. But this masterful delivery sees the bowler win the timeless battle between leather and cheap Indian willow. The ball takes a leading edge and flies up, up, hanging several metres in the air above a fielder in his late-prime.
Cries of “catch it!” echo from the Coledale cliffs.
Perfectly positioned at deep silly mid-on, just seven or eight yards from the bat, the fielder takes a comfortable step forwards. The batsman (also in his late-prime) charges doggedly towards the non-striker’s end. The fielder takes another half-step forwards, and then another, and then lots more half-steps, never taking his eyes off the ball.

The ball descends now. It picks up speed. Faster and faster it falls—perhaps more so than usual—and it bursts through the fielder’s fingers!

The batsman cannot believe it. He’s been dropped! And he’s made a single!
But wait. What is this? Both batsmen are standing at the non-strikers’ end of the wicket. One looks confused. The other looks exasperated: he’d been run out on the previous delivery as well.

The situation dawns on the fielding side.

Cries of “run ’em out!” echo from the Coledale cliffs.
The ball is lobbed to the wicket keeper, the stumps are broken, and the fielding side gathers to ruffle heads and pat behinds.

“Hey? What? No, wait. It was a no-ball,” says the batsman who never left his crease, “You can’t run on a no-ball.”

Coledale vs Coledale: It doesn’t get any better than that.

It’s the biggest day on the Coledale Dads’ sporting calendar, and on 8 November 2015, the Farquhar Cup was as successful as ever. The crowd cheered, the kids cooked the snags, the old scoreboard looked a fine sight, the drinks were depleted, restocked, and depleted again—and the cash register ran up the fetching total of $954.75 for our Coledale Public School.

While the prize for man-of-the-match (and all three of the raffle prizes) were won by members of the organising committee, we were very pleased to award “best dressed” to Mike Dove, who received a warm round of applause.

The score? Coledale 161 defeated Coledale 106. Best day of the year. See you all again in 2016.

The Farquhar Cup Organising Committee.

Milson Island Camp!
15/11/2015

What a wonderful time for classes 3/6 as they have gone to Milson Island sport and recreation camp for three days for camp. Two Students from 3/4G who were present at Milson Island are recalling the times they had and activities they did.

There were seven activities for Coledale Public School and the other school present Auburn North We got to interact with the other school while doing night activities such the disco and the night games. On our first night there we had free time, which ment for half an hour we were able to do whatever we pleased.
The food was great and we all got good night’s sleep

We are going to recite the order of activities from 3/4 perspective:

- First we arrived at school at 6.40am and caught the bus to a ferry. Then we caught the ferry to go through Milson’s Passage.
- We found our cabins and unpacked.
- First we did Archery and played the Wheel of Fortune with the targets.
- Later we did Damper cook which was good with golden syrup.
- That night we did night activities in the recreation centre.
- The next day we went on the gigantic swing which was as high as a telegraph pole.
- After the Giant swing we made rafts which we raced in the swimming pool.
- Later that day we did orienteering which was finding checkpoints around the island with a map, spelling and word finding.
- That night we had a disco that lasted till around 9.00 PM.
Early in the morning we did canoeing which was fun and we got to work together to achieve our goal. Some of us capsized the canoe.

We packed and left our cabins.

We arrived back at School at 5.00pm

I`m sure all the classes enjoyed camp and are looking forward to going to camp next year! Thanks Mr G., teachers and parents.

Recounted by Toby and Ivy,

Garden report
On Tuesday 1st December we had our last kitchen / garden day for the year. Even though it was so hot the students still had a great day in the garden and kitchen. We did lots of pruning, watering and maintenance in the shade, while in the kitchen they cooked up a storm with pizzas, mulberry smoothies and muffins and salad wraps, using produce from our garden.

The students have done a wonderful job at caring for the garden throughout the term, but with school holidays approaching and we need your help.

We would like to set up a watering roster for the holidays so that our plants and worm farms will survive. If you are able to help please contact Joanne Chilton email: chilton@gotalk.net.au. Please let Joanne know what dates/ weeks you are available, so you can be added to the roster. Further details and instructions will be emailed out later to families who can help.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all the families and community members who have supported the garden/ kitchen program throughout the year. Whether it has been through watering in the holidays, helping on gardening/kitchen days, working on getting our new kitchen built or donating plants and seeds, we are so lucky to have families and community members supporting this program. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. I would especially like to thank Beth Patterson and the lovely couple at the Coledale Markets, who run the garden stall for their support in donating seedlings and seeds for the garden all year.

Before the end of term we will hopefully have another little garden produce sale with excess produce, so look out for an email with further details.

Joanne Chilton

Christmas Toy Drive
After speaking to the P&C we would like to support the Christmas Toy Drive run by Ryan Park, our local member who says:

I am extremely passionate about a fantastic opportunity to build a sense of community in your school.

Now in its third year, the Toy Drive is very rewarding and something that I enjoy and look forward to as your local member. The continual kindness shown through heartfelt donations reminds me of how strong the sense of community is here in the Illawarra.

Your school’s support will help to bring festive cheer and joy to some of the children who will spend this Christmas in a housing shelter or refuge. There are now more than 100 such children here in the Illawarra, and your generous donation plays an important role in bringing some smiles to their faces at Christmas. Supporting the event would provide an important opportunity to teach your students about the importance of giving, being thankful for what they have, and that not all children are lucky enough to have a toy at Christmas.

If you are able to help out, please bring a new and wrapped gift to the office with a label of girl/boy and age for gift.
Kitchen Garden Christmas Donations
Next week we will be putting together a Christmas Wish tree for the Kitchen Garden program.
On the tree you will find a label with a piece of equipment that we need that you can donate to our school. You take the tag and either purchase the goods or put in the envelope the cost of the item. See our colourful Christmas tree on the office day.

Awards

Bronze Award
1P  Kye K
3/4G  Billy B
4/5V  Marissa D, Taillis G, Aidan H, Michael T
5/6S  Max M T, Kylan V A

Silver Award
1P  Poppy A, Emma B, Sabine G, James R, Annika M, Alana W
2PG  Cameron P
      Sian K, Katelyn Y
      Phoebe H, Ella P, Lily S
5/6S  Max D, Czarina H, Lilly S

Gold Award
KG  Hayden C, Sylvan D, Ryan L
1P  Maggie B, Maya B, Bede F, Amelie M, Annika M, Henry R, Tom S
    Charley S, Persia S
2PG  Luca D, Jake E,
3/4G  Tom C, Ivy Mc, Olivia R, Bianca S, Scout T T, Billy B, Toby B, Ava M,
4/5V  Gus B, Isabella S
5/6SG  Leena M, Janae T

CANTEEN NEWS............
A huge thank you to our volunteers for the past term and the final weeks that have made canteen happen! Beth Paterson, Paula Mattock, Ali Fyfer, Claire Godsell, Angie Tory-Campbell & Peta Yew. OUR FINAL CANTEEN WAS TODAY!
It has been a great year for the P & C canteen with lots of fresh, whole food initiatives to compliment the school’s Kitchen Garden program, and the introduction of ‘ouronlinecanteen’ order system. This system has helped to streamline operations and thank you for embracing the change, with 84% of our school population logged in and using it most weeks.
Thank you for your support in canteen for 2015, and all those who have helped with their time, energy and ideas. I could not have done it without you ALL!!
Happy Festive times and we look forward to returning with canteen again in WEEK 2, TERM 1 of 2016, and are calling for VOLUNTEERS to help in Term 1- a separate email is being sent about this today. .and thank you in advance?!
Have a wonderful holiday break,
Ang Clough (Coledale P & C Canteen Coordinator)
We would like to thank IGA Thirroul for their ongoing donations of food/drinks which are greatly appreciated.
ART WORKSHOPS: Come along on Wednesdays, January 13th and 20th January, 2016 and enjoy creating your own artwork using acrylics, inks, pastels, etc. of our local beaches and skies. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. All materials and morning tea supplied. Ages 7 yrs. - 14 yrs. + $25 per student. Family concessions 2 or more, Max. 6 per workshop. Bookings ess. Enq. 0418201587 or email pmckinlay24@gmail.com.
Dear Coledale School Community,

Just over a week ago Tanya Stubbles, a celebrated local artist and former parent at our school had an accident that has left her immediate future uncertain. She has four children and her youngest, Taj, left Coledale P.S. last year and is currently in year 7 at Bulli High School.

The school would like to support her and her family by creating a food account at IGA. From Wednesday there will be people at the school gates each afternoon taking donations, which will culminate in a mufti day this Friday. The SRC will be collecting donations towards this very worthwhile cause. Any support is appreciated, both big and small.

Thank you on behalf of the school and the P&C.