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.

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**Principal’s Report**

Congratulations to all our students, staff and parents on a wonderful effort last week in raising funds for the Vanuatu Appeal. Our students raised $270 last week by donating their coins and placing them on the beautiful drawing of the islands. This was further increased on Saturday with a BBQ and stall held by the P&C at the elections. Thanks to the generosity shown by many families and community members in contributing to this worthwhile cause. I am sure the schools in Vanuatu will appreciate our combined donation of $1300.

This week further congratulations must be extended to Charlotte and Lilly. Both girls participated in the carnivals for their respective sports. I am very proud to inform you Charlotte will now represent as a member of the South Coast Soccer Team at the State Carnival in June.

Lilly will also compete at the Zone Netball Carnival. Congratulations and best of luck to both girls, we are all so proud of your achievements so far.

Term One has been a very rewarding term and I am pleased with the positive learning that is evident across the school. It is wonderful to see so many students enjoying their numeracy sessions. Our inquiry based learning is inspiring so many students. We had a number of parents attend our numeracy sessions this week and they also enjoyed and gained understanding of the learning process. Many have stated the knowledge they gained will help them communicate effectively with their children in their mathematics learning. Be sure to watch out for our literacy sessions next term.
Yesterday our students in Years 1-6 were given their PLAN reports to take home. These give lots of suggestions for parents to contribute to the learning process.

Our School Plan 2015-2017 has now been completed and endorsed by our Director and P&C. Parents will find this on our school website.

As Term One draws to a close, may I thank all the parents that have finalised payments for resources, Gymsport, Healthy Harold and voluntary contributions. We appreciate your contributions to enable our programs to continue.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing all our students return on Tuesday 21st April for the commencement of Term 2.

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING……..

Grandparent’s/Harmony Day and Cross Country
We had a fabulous day on Monday 23 March with lots of visitors to our school. Our students really supported each other to complete the Cross Country Course. We then completed our Harmony Day activities, with everybody actively involved. We always promote the message – ‘We All Belong’. Thank you to the many parents, friends and grandparents & great-grandparents that took the time to join us on this special day.

K-2 Responsible Pet Program
Last week our K-2 students had a visit from the Responsible Pet program and learnt all about keeping safe around dogs. They enjoyed the visit and were reminded how to approach dogs safely and be responsible pet owners.
Anaphylaxis Incident
Last week we had a student who had an anaphylactic reaction and we needed to call an ambulance to the school. Our student was transported to hospital but was released after a period of observation. A happy ending indeed! I must congratulate Mrs Stalker and Mrs Stone who took control of the emergency situation and handled it superbly in a calm and confident manner. The ambulance paramedics were full of praise and as a school we can be very proud. Our professional learning and procedures were well-tested and I must say we came through with flying colours.

Although we are unsure what triggered this reaction, as a school community we all need to be mindful of the food we send to school. We do have a number of students with allergies, especially to nuts. I would like to remind all parents to please take the time and consider what food you place in lunch boxes. We strive to be a nut free environment, as we need to consider the safety of all students.

Waste Audit
Here is today’s results:

- Paper and Card .2 kg
- Packaging .2kg
- Food scraps 1.2 kg

However, the only waste that was NOT fed to worms or put in the compost bin was packaging, processed food stuffs = packaging so not super healthy yet.
It weighs in light but has the Most Volume. A nearly full basket!
Also kids..... Eat your crusts! Most food waste is bread crusts.

Well done all!

Band
Today our school band, that was established at the beginning of the year, had their first performance. It was amazing to hear the difference from the first week to now. Congratulations to Mark and all the students involved. You should be very proud of your learning to this point. As a school community we are very proud, well done!

Unexpected Magic Development and Planning
Last week a number of parents came along to the meeting about our school show – Unexpected Magic. There were lots of suggestions and discussion. Early next term we will finalise this event and announce the date so everybody will be able to mark it in their diaries. I would like to thank the many parents that came along and supported Al in gathering ideas. We look forward to developing our show throughout Terms 2 and 3.

World’s Greatest Crazy Hair Day
Today our school community raised $124.00 with our Crazy Hair / Mufti Day for Cure for Cancer. A great SRC initiative to end the school term and assist with research funds.

COMING EVENTS..........

Mr Soccer
Unfortunately Mr Soccer has had to postpone our ‘free’ program that was due to commence next term. The company has had issues with the supply of the inflatable fields. They will inform us next term when they’re in a position to fulfil this booking. I know many students and staff were looking forward to this activity but unfortunately it is beyond our control.

Anzac Day Service
We will be singing at The ANZAC service at Coledale RSL in the ANZAC Dawn Service. We hope that many students will wear their school uniform and participate in this special service this year. Early next term we will be sending home an expression of interest form soon to ask students to commit to represent our school for this.
GENERAL NOTICES

Awards

Bronze Award
5/6S  Hadin O, Mathew S, Maya B

Stewart House Bags
Stewart House bags were sent home today. The holidays are a great time to clean out those cupboards. Please return your full bag to school no later than Wednesday the 6th May 2015.

Head Lice
Over the last couple of weeks we have had a few reported cases of head lice. The school holidays are a perfect time to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We would like to thank IGA Thirroul for their ongoing donations of food/drinks which are greatly appreciated.
**PAMZART**

Come along and enjoy creativity with fun!

School holiday art workshop, Wed. April 15, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, $20 pp, morning tea and art materials supplied.

Term 2 classes resume, Tues. April 21st, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm (7-12 yrs.); 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm (12 yrs. plus). Create imaginative art with watercolour pencils, acrylics, inks, etc.

Adult classes, Wed. mornings & evenings. Coledale Studio, 52 Squires Crescent, Coledale.

Enquiries: Pam 0418 201 587 or email pmckinlay25@gmail.com

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