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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The year is moving along very quickly and as a school we are happy with our progress in regards to our school plan. Staff, students and parents are contributing towards the three strategic directions and at this stage of the year we are on track improving many aspects. Our first strategic direction of ‘Challenge – successful learners’ is being achieved through our students completing many engaging and authentic learning experiences. It is so rewarding walking around the school seeing the students actively creating or doing tasks. Our second direction of ‘Create – confident and creative individuals’ is observed through the students’ positive behaviour for learning. Currently the staff is evaluating our positive reward system.
and the way we manage negative behaviour. We are identifying ways we can improve so there is a more consistent language and recording system across the school.

Our third strategic direction ‘Connect – active and informed decisions’ is being evidenced through our active involvement with the garden and examining our school communication. Last week, Mrs Stone and Mrs Chilton attended two days of professional learning for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. This has given them lots of ideas and ways we can further improve our already award winning program. Mrs Anderson and myself have attended courses to improve the newsletter and website.

This weekend there is an opportunity for our school community to work together to improve some areas of the school grounds. A working bee has been organised for Sunday 31st May from 10-12pm and we are encouraging families to come along and help give some much attention to our school. Please bring along some tools and gloves and help out. The P&C have requested you reply if you are attending so they can buy food resources to feed the hungry workers.

Kind regards
Tanya Potter
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING........

Public Speaking
Throughout the term, our students have been working on their speaking skills. Each class in Years 1-6 are finalising their class finalists for the Public Speaking competition. Next Monday, the finalists for Years 1 and 2 will have a speak-off at 9.15am in the library. Parents are most welcome to join us. The Stage 2 and 3 classes will hold theirs next Friday at 9.00am.

On Thursday 11 June one student from Stage 1, 2 and 3 will represent our school at the Seacliff Community of Schools Public Speaking Finals to be held at Waniara PS. Good luck to all the finalists who will need to present their prepared persuasive speech as well as prepare and present an impromptu speech on the nominated topic.

Band News
Have you heard the sounds of music drifting from the library each Thursday morning? Our band is really starting to improve under the watchful eye of Mark. In fact a few band members have spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in camp at Stanwell Tops with lots of other children from the Seacliff Community of Schools at a band camp. It is lovely to see the children actively interested and enjoying creating music.

The Primary classes will have their final CHIMES lesson this week. The K-2 students will then have their final 4 lessons over the next four weeks of this term. It was a very generous donation from P&C to arrange the lessons for the students. I think from the many smiles and laughter the students have enjoyed creating and exploring music. Mark has made it so engaging and one can never be too sure what instrument he will pull from his car each Thursday. There have been drums made from a variety of materials, as well as xylophones made from bed slats to name a few. The children have been so fortunate to have such a patient and talented teacher.

Of course the band will continue next term even though our CHIME program will come to an end.

Sports Report – Cross Country District Ally, Lily, Charlotte
At the District Cross Country carnival, our team of 41 runners had a very successful day. Although it was cold and windy the students from Coledale showed a lot of persistence to complete the challenging course. As a result, our school won the Percentage Trophy. The winner is determined by applying a mathematical formula so all schools regardless of size have the opportunity to have success. Congratulations to all our fabulous runners as your combined efforts ensured we were presented this shield. Thank you to the parents who supported staff and the team on the day. A special thank you to Steve Budgen who stayed behind, helping to pack everything away.

This Friday we will have three runners attending the South Coast Cross Country Championships at Nowra. All the best to Leena, Reilly and Wilkie who will do us proud representing our school and district!

This term we have had a number of our senior students attend trials for various sports. There have been three girls that have been stand outs and have progressed to District or South Coast level. To show our students versatility they have each represented in different sports. Congratulations girls on your success and we look forward to hearing about your experience
at the next level. Our amazing sports girls are: Lilly S – South Coast Netball, Ally A – District Touch Football and Charlotte – South Coast Soccer.

Excursion
Last Wednesday, we had a wonderful day out in Sydney and completed our lessons on board a boat – Lessons Afloat. The day was just perfect weather-wise and this made it even more enjoyable for everybody. Once we got to Darling Harbour, we boarded our two ferries and travelled around the harbour for the next three hours. The educators on board the boats catered for each groups learning needs. The K-2 students’ focus was Places We Know, Workers in Our Community and Transport. While the 3-6 students focus was Early Colonisation and City Scapes. At lunch, we spent time exploring the fun equipment at Clifton Gardens. It was a terrific day for students and teachers. Our students were very cooperative and engaged in the tasks making it a fabulous day. Thank you to all the parents that ensured their children were at school early and made arrangements for the late pick up.

P&C General Meeting
At the last P&C meeting we had a good turnout of parents. I would like to thank the parents that took the time out of their busy life to be in attendance. A new committee was elected for the next 12 months. I congratulate all the new 2015 office bearers and look forward to working closely with them.

The committee is:
- President – Lynn Tamsitt
- Deputy President – Annie McNamara
- Secretary – Jen Pope
- Treasurer- Andie Findlay
- Special Project Coordinator – Margie Rahmann
- Grants – Alison Mercieca
- School Banking – Jenni Keers
- Canteen Coordinator – Angie Leckie
- Fund raising Coordinator – Chantel Kershaw
- Uniforms – Michelle Morrison

National Simultaneous Storytime
Our school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime yesterday. All the students enjoyed listening to the story – ‘The Brothers Quibble’ and completing some of the activities.

COMING EVENTS............
Athletics Carnival
Next Wednesday 3 June will be our Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park Stadium. Students will need to have notes and money in by Tuesday. Lunch orders and bank books can also be placed on Tuesday to avoid the rush on Wednesday morning. Parents are most welcome to join us for the day. Mr Galvin would love to hear from anybody who can volunteer to assist with some of the events prior to the day. He is happy to help parents understand what will be required. Buses will be leaving our school at 8.30am. All students need to be at school by 8.10 to ensure our buses leave on time. The carnival is scheduled to commence at 9.00am. Our students should ensure they wear their sports uniform, bring a hat and jumper. They should also bring plenty of water, food and healthy snacks. The canteen will not be available for the students.
We look forward to a great day of competition but more importantly, active involvement by all our students. The aim is to have all students active and having a go. Over the past few weeks they have received explicit instruction in many of the events and I look forward to watching every student having fun and participating.

In case of inclement weather, please consult our website. We don’t have a backup date due to the high demand on the resources at Beaton Park. The track is an all-weather track and we do expect to proceed if at all possible.

GENERAL NOTICES........

School Uniform

Generally our students wear their uniform proudly. Of late however there are a number of different coloured jumpers and hats starting to appear regularly. If your child has mislaid some of their uniform then perhaps it may be in the Lost Property bin. This is overflowing again! There are also a number of lunch boxes and containers hanging around. Perhaps it is time for everybody to re-label to ensure that when things are lost, they can be returned.

If you need more uniform pieces remember you can order them through the office or come to school on Thursday afternoon 2.30-3.00pm. Girl’s winter uniforms are now available from Crystal Bears Corrimal (located in Corrimal Plaza near Coles).

Parent Teacher Interview

Notes have been sent home today for parents to book an interview time with teachers. By returning this note quickly it will allow everybody to be organised and ready for these important meetings.

Staff Changes

There will be a few changes to staff for this term and next term. Mrs Stone is going on leave from 12/6 and will return on 20/7. Mrs Pemberton will be teaching 5/6S for this time and will also be relieving Assistant Principal. Mr Lateo has accepted a transfer to Otford PS and will commence his position at the end of term. Mr Taylor has been appointed to our school as our General Assistant. Mrs Munn will return from maternity leave next term. She will be working two days per week – Wednesday and Thursday. She will be teaching Library and RFF with Mrs Bartlett, who will be working Tuesdays.

Staff Car Park
The school car park is reserved for staff, which generally arrives before the students. Of late there have been a number of times when other cars are trying to come into the car park. This is dangerous for everyone. For everyone’s safety, I would ask all parents to use the local roads or the car park to the north of the school for parking when visiting the school.

National Consistent of Data

The National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au. General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website.

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability. The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential. Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school. The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection.
Garden Thank You
We greatly appreciate the support from the garden store at Coledale Markets. Thanks you Maurine & Edd for donating plants for our garden.

Awards

Bronze Award
KG
Hayden C
1PM
Maya B, Samuel P, Charley S
2PG
Kyle H, Livvy H, Noah W
3/4G
Audrey A, Olivia R, Alysse W
5/6S
Holly H, Czarina H, Lachlan Y

Silver Award
KG
Sofia J

CANTEEN NEWS...........
A huge thank you to those Mums and Dads who have volunteered their time to help canteen run over the past weeks:

- The tallying Wednesday crew of Mel Van Anen and Ali Mercieca
- The Thursday Operations crew of Raylee Golding, Bec Greeves, Karen Bohm, Korrine O'Mara, Alex Fuller. Especially to Lana and Mark Bright, who have happily been on standby (no pun intended!) and willingly helped on several shifts when folk have been unable to help due to sickness
- Karen Bohm who happily held the fort last week and worked when I was away
- Pip Budgen who is a wonderful advisor and provides us with great health resources, and the "My Mum/Dad/Grandparent helped in Canteen today" stickers...the children get such a buzz having the chance to wear one!

Thank you to those families remembering their keep cup with sealed lids for smoothies and depositing them into canteen by Thursday morning. We are saving canteen on average $32/term on biocups but more importantly significantly reducing waste.

Thank you for continuing to remember to write your NAME and CLASS on your cup- easily done with a permanent marker on tape if required.

Next week we will have a WARM SEASONAL PUMPKIN SOUP SPECIAL- details coming!
Please bring your own container with sealed lid or thermos with NAME and CLASS clearly stated on it as above and these can be deposited into the canteen cup box by Thursday morning. Remember to pack a spoon in your lunch box if needed.

THANK YOU FOR GETTING YOUR ORDERS IN BY WEDNESDAY MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS- this helps us enormously and avoids much confusion. Remember to get your orders in BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS on Wednesday for the Athletics Carnival next week!

If your child is sick on Thursday morning, please contact/text my mob: 0402 424 810, and we can usually keep the order for the following week.

The sushi order is usually submitted to Aoba Sushi by Wednesday afternoon and delivered by 10:30am on Thursday morning. If you have ordered sushi unfortunately we are unable to honour a refund if the order has been submitted, and will keep your child’s sushi in the canteen fridge for you or a sibling to collect and enjoy at home.

We welcome any suggestions.
Happy Wholefood Eating,
Ang Clough
Coledale P & C Canteen Co ordinator
angelaruthclough@yahoo.com
LIBRARY NEWS………..
On Wednesday 26th we participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Classes enjoyed reading ‘The Brothers Quibble’ by Australian author Aaron Blabey. Year 1 responded by painting portraits of the brothers Spalding & Bunny.

COMMUNITY NEWS………..

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