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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**Principal’s Report**

Firstly many thanks to the school community for all your sincere wishes, cards, text messages and beautiful flowers over the past few weeks. It was very much appreciated during this very emotional time. My Dad had a wonderful 90 years of life and I will always treasure being able to be with him until the end.

To Mrs Stone and my fantastic staff, thank you for your understanding and all the extra organisational and management duties. You truly are a sensational team!

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
Principal
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING……..
Last week our final Gymboree lesson was held. This program was very well received by the students and it was great to watch their skills progress in gymnastics over the course of ten lessons.

NAPLAN YEARS 3 and 5
Your children have taken this week in their stride and are fully aware that these assessments are but a snapshot in time. Our Programming Literacy and Numeracy (PLAN) data, that is used each term to provide you with a Feedback Report, is a more accurate representation of your child’s abilities in literacy and numeracy because it is based on ongoing assessment including observation. PLAN data underpins the differentiated and individualised learning your child engages in on a daily basis; we don’t wait for NAPLAN results. The school uses NAPLAN results to determine trends over time and specific areas to be celebrated or addressed. Thank you to the parents of our children in Years 3 and 5 for supporting your child and the school this week.

SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT
This term our school has successfully gained a grant for the Sporting Schools transition programme that will help us to complete sport-based activities at our school for Term 2. The funding allows us to employee sports coaches to work with smaller groups of students. This will allow the students to receive explicit instruction in a number of sports and help them to develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

COMING EVENTS............
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
A strong squad of runners from our school will contest the District Cross Country Carnival at Bulli tomorrow. Parents are encouraged to attend to cheer on our runners. Good luck to all members of our squad.

K-6 ASSEMBLY – LESSONS AFOAT
Excitement is building for Coledale’s big day out next Wednesday. Parents are requested to make sure notes and money are all finalised by Tuesday. On Wednesday we will require all the students to be at school by 7.45am as the buses will be leaving at 8am. Unfortunately no parents are required for the excursion as we do have strict ratios on the boats. With our staff and student teachers we fill this ratio. The students should bring with them their food and drink for the day. School uniform, jumper and hat should be worn. We are expecting to be late back to school as we don’t get off the boat until 2pm. We will let Mrs Stalker know when we are leaving the city and she will send out an email of our expected time of arrival.

Banking and lunch orders can be placed at the school on Tuesday morning for this week to lessen the things needing attention on Wednesday morning.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
High schools are beginning to send out their offers of placements for students entering Year 7 in 2016. If you accept an offer, please inform Mrs Stone or myself as soon as possible. It is imperative that our information is as up-to-date as possible so we can pass on the appropriate information to the correct school. If you accept an offer, but later change this due to other offers (eg selective high school), it is also extremely important to let us know.

K-6 ASSEMBLY
Next Monday at 9am will be our K-6 assembly. It will be held in the library. Parents are most welcome to join us. Our assembly is being presented by Year 2.

REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS
Staff are currently preparing end of semester reports for all students K-6. These will be sent home in Week 8 for 5/6 and Week 9 for all other classes. Parents will then be given an opportunity to meet with the teachers. Notes concerning interview requests will be sent out late next week. This will allow staff and parents to be organised. I would like to think every parent will take the opportunity to sit down and have a discussion. This sharing of information is very beneficial for everyone.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held at Beaton Park Athletics Centre on **Wednesday 3 June**. The Small Schools Athletics carnival involves Coledale, Scarborough and Otford Public Schools. The permission note will be sent home on Monday. The carnival needs many wonderful parent helpers for the day to run smoothly. If you can assist please see Ms. Gould and Mr Galvin.

SEACLIFF CoS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

All Coledale Public School students will be participating in class competitions over the coming weeks to select students to compete in the stage competitions at our school. Our 3 stage winners will then compete against other CoS stage winners at Waniora Public School on Thursday 11 June. Class teachers will let their students know when their class competition will be scheduled.

The competition involves both prepared and impromptu speeches; details were included in last week’s newsletter. It is important to practise impromptu speeches at home leading up to the competition. The internet has lists of suggested impromptu speech topics.

**How Parents can help**

- **Assist your child in choosing a sensible topic. One that is original and fresh. It should also be familiar to the child.**
- **Help them develop it rather than writing it for them. Learning is through doing not having it done for you.**
- **Direct them to the sources where they can find their information. This could include library, interviews, family discussions, Internet, etc. This will help them construct a speech which is personal, meaningful and conversational.**
- **Listen to your child’s speech (often) and assist with voice projections, sentence structure and timing. If possible, video children speaking and evaluate efforts towards improvement.**
- **Practice impromptu speeches at home, in the car or at any time available!**
- **Give plenty of encouragement and support.**

WORKING BEE

Sunday 31st May 10.00am

Kick off! Come and start the kitchen ball rolling. The school’s kitchen is ready for all the help you can give. The first goal is to clear the site, ready for construction - how exciting!

We aim to:

- relocate the frog ponds to a safe spot
- remove a few small shrubs
- relocate some paving
- relocate some grassy plants
- prune some trees
- mark out the area

What to bring:

- gardening gloves
- pruning saws
- spades & shovels
- wheelbarrows
- a hungry tummy

What will be your reward:

- a yummy BBQ afterwards
- a sense of achievement
- your school’s gratitude
- being the FIRST volunteers on site.

STAR GAZING Years 3-6

On the evening of Friday 29th May 6.30 – 8.30pm a group of hobby astronomers will be joining Mrs Stone for an astronomy night as part of our term’s unit of work. Mr Galvin and Mr Whitaker’s classes are also studying space. Everyone is invited and bring your own telescope and beanie. We will meet under the COLA. If the weather is inclement we will postpone before the end of the school day.
GENERAL NOTICES

Awards

Bronze Award
1PM Ben D, Andie G M, Sian H, Henry R
      Charli N, Flynn O’M, Mitchell P, Michael W
3/4G Wilkie D
5/6S Alyssa A, Cate C, Abeni G, Elke G, Leena M, Jemma M,
      Charlotte P, Janae T

Silver Award
KG Rueben A

STUDENT PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

Over the last few weeks we have had a few alarming times of an afternoon with students going missing. Happy to report that all ended up well, just some stressed parents and teachers. Many of these could have been prevented with some clearer communication. All of us staff, parents and students need to be very mindful of ‘Stranger Danger’. We also need to be mindful of our rights to ensure we communicate clearly about playdates and afternoon procedures. Some of our students tend to do many different things as part of their afternoon routines, but there is one rule that stands for all of them, that is they don’t leave the school if they should be collected until the adult arrives. Many students walk home and we have instructed them to do so as soon as the bell goes, while many people are moving around. If they are being collected they should wait inside until the adult is at the gate. Any child who has not been picked up should sit on the seat near the gate. The bus duty teacher will then ring and support them after the bus has gone. No child should attend playdates without the prior arrangements between parents.

So if you need to alter pickup arrangements please phone the school to let us know of the change in routine. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. This is for the safety of everybody, especially your children.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2016

We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have or know of anyone who has a child of school age (turning 5 before 31st July 2016) please call into the school office and pick up an enrolment form.

OC CLASS 2016

Information regarding the application process for students wishing to attend the Year 5 OC Class in 2016 at Wollongong Public School is available from the website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

This class is for academically gifted students and is open to current Year 4 students only.

Prospective students must sit an entrance test to be held on Wednesday 22 July.

Successful candidates will attend Wollongong Public School for Year 5 and Year 6. If you are interested in applying, please follow the directions from the website to complete the online form. All applications need to be finalised by Friday 15 May.
VISUAL ARTS CAMP 2015
A two day residential intensive art program for students in Years 5-8 who show talent and a keen interest in the Visual Arts is being held on 20 and 21 August 2015 (Thursday - Friday, Week 6, Term 3) at Greenhills Camp & Conference Centre, Cotter, ACT. Cost per student is $200.00. This is a unique opportunity for motivated students to extend their artistic skills. The activities will include expert tuition in technique, working in a range of media and opportunities to experiment and explore media and technique. There will be four experienced teachers tutoring. All art materials, meals and accommodation are included. Applications must be received by Bulli Public School by Friday 17 July to enable processing before the closing date. More information and the application form are available from our office. Places are limited.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

MASTERING SPELLLING

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 17-23 MAY

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au
Canteen News

Thank you to our trusty bank of volunteers who have helped canteen run over the past weeks since Term 2 began: Lana Bright, Lisa Hammersley, Kimberley O’Brien, Jane Fullerton-Smith, Beth Patterson, Alison Fifer, Claire Godsell, Donna Shingler, Nicole Sheath, Ali Mercieca & Karen Bohm.
Thank you to the Dad’s who have volunteered on the roster – you rock!
Our canteen initiative of reducing waste is working well – thank you to all the children who are ordering smoothies for providing your own lid sealed cups.
With the seasonal change we are running out of our supply of freeze bombs. Flavour selection is limited and freeze bombs will be unavailable in a couple of weeks.

We welcome suggestions for a seasonal alternative.
A soup special is coming your way soon!

Angela Clough
Canteen Co-ordinator

Community News

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

SATURDAY 23RD MAY // Thirroul Bowling Club
Doors open at 6.30pm Trivia starts 7.30pm
Cost $20pp presale or $25 at the door
Presale Tix: http://stks.be/trivia-for-nepal-northern-illawarra

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Stanwell Park Public School 2015 Fete

Pre-Paid Unlimited Rides Armband Offer

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 2015
10AM - 3PM
STANWELL PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cup and Saucer  *  Mini Ferris Wheel  *  Pirate Ship  *  Dragster Slide
Jurassic Park  *  Bungee Trampolines

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To pre-order an armband please:-
  • complete the form below and return it in an envelope to your own School/PreSchool Office with your payment by Thursday 11th June 2015.
  • clearly mark your child’s name and school.
  • make cheques payable to “Stanwell Park P&C Association”.

Your unlimited armbands will be available for collection from the “Amusement Ticket Office” (located on the bottom grass area) from 9.45am on fete day.
Any enquiries please call Lesa Paine 0411 821 026.

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Stanwell Park School Fete 2015 – Ride Ticket Order/Receipt

Name

______________________________

School

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Mobile

(we will sms to advise you of payment received)

Number of Unlimited Use Ride Tickets: _______ X $20 = Total enclosed $_______

Amount received/date: ________________________

(Office Use Only)

NB: In the event of wet weather, a decision will be by 6am on fete day to cancel the rides. If the rides are cancelled, armband money will be refunded to the purchaser in full.