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.

### Coming Events

**Term 3 Week 4**
- Friday 21/8 South Coast Athletics
- Saturday 22 August P&C Trivia Night at Coledale SLSC.

**Term 3 Week 7 Book Week**
- Monday 24/8 Years 3-6 AFL Sporting Schools
- Tuesday 25/8 K-2 AFL Sporting Schools
- Wednesday 26/8 Years 3-6 Kitchen/Garden
- Thursday 27/8 3-6 Band
- Thursday 27/8 Author visit
- Friday 28/8 Southern Stars excursion.

**Term 3 Week 8**
- Monday 31/8 Years 3-6 AFL Sporting Schools
- Tuesday 1/9 K-2 AFL Sporting Schools
- Wednesday 2/9 Cyber Bullying Meeting for parents
- Thursday 3/8 Band
- Friday 4/8 PSSA – Boys only playing away.
- Friday 4/8 Kinder 2016 Orientation Session 1 9-10am

### Things requiring attention:

- Purchase tickets for Trivia Night
- Southern Stars– payments
- 3-6 Students camp payments instalments.
- Voluntary Contributions - $40 per child or $70 per family.

### Future Dates for the Diary

- Unexpected Magic – Saturday 10 October
- Unexpected Magic Back Up date – Saturday 17 October
- Swimming Scheme Year 2-6 9 - 20 November
- School Camp – Years 3-6 23 - 25 November
- Year 6 High School Orientation – 3 December

### Principal’s Report

Our school is one happening place, as we go about our core business of teaching and learning. The students are constantly being given opportunities to have engaging and real experiences that ensure we educate our students in all areas and not just the core subjects. On Tuesday the students had a wonderful Science Day with the theme of light. The students completed some unusual activities as a result of Mrs Stone arranging extra resources from Bulli HS and the University of Wollongong. I am guessing lots of the parents heard all about the Alien Underpants or how the UV light changed rocks into colourful crystals. The bonus of working in mixed age groups contributes enormously to each child’s social development. The turn taking, cooperation skills, communication and respecting others are some of the added bonuses of our themed sessions. These days do, however, take a lot of energy and commitment from the staff and I want to thank our amazing teachers for constantly making the effort to ensure the students of Coledale PS have engaging and meaningful experiences.

Kind regards

Tanya Potter

Principal
**WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING.......**

**DISTRICT ALTHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last week the District Athletics Carnival was held over two exciting days at Beaton Park. Fortunately the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed glorious weather both days. On the track, our children performed admirably against a tough field with many children making the finals in their respective races.

As I’ve told parents on many occasions, “This is a very strong district, possibly the best consistently on the South Coast. Flynn & Rielly O’M were our only placegetters on the track while the Senior Girls finished Third in the relay final. A big congratulations to Livvy H, Jett P, Lily S & Summer C who made the final of their 100 metre event. The junior & senior boys and the senior girls also made it into the relay finals.

In the field events, we performed exceptionally well, particularly in the high jump with many children in contention for places in often closely fought competition. Both Rielly O’M & Lilly S finished fourth in their divisions. In Long Jump, Alyssa A came second and Milla G M came third in their respective divisions. Lily S was third in Shot Put.

All in all, it was another outstanding performance from the Coledale children. I was extremely impressed with their performance, behaviour and sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to be involved with such a lovely group of children.

To the parents who were cheering their children on, a big thank you for your continual support and encouragement. Well done to all the children who represented the school. Remember, you are OUR best! You were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of your efforts.

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

The results for Years 3 and 5 who sat the NAPLAN Assessment were sent home with students yesterday. As a school our results generally were very pleasing and our professional learning for staff obviously is improving the outcomes for all students. Remember these assessments are only a snap shot of each students’ development at a point in time. If you require any further information regarding your child’s results in these assessments, please contact your child’s teacher.

**PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE**

On Thursday morning we held our school spelling challenge. Stage two and three each had eight eager contestants ready to battle out the final. Stage two contestants; Louis M-T, Aidan H, Gus B, Wilkie D, Toby B, Audrey A, Bianca S and Ivy M had a gruelling four rounds. Congratulations to our stage two winner Louis. Bianca, who after a spell off with Ivy will be joining Louis at the regional final. Stage three contestants, Holly H, Maya B, Marissa D, Jemma M, Elke, G, Matt S, Michael T and Tallis G had a tough second round which saw only Maya and Elke making it to round three. Congratulations to Maya, our stage three champion. Well done to all students who competed in the state wide competition. We wish Maya, Elke, Louis and Bianca all the best up against our COS buddies at the regional final, Monday September 14th.

**UNEXPECTED MAGIC**

Excitement is building as the students are learning, creating and developing their items with the assistance of many parents. Many thanks to Al, Donna, Allan, Kelvin, Mark, Priscella, Lizzie and Jane who are regularly in the classrooms supporting the students in their preparations. Early next week we will send home a commitment letter from parents so we know how many students will be in attendance for this amazing show on Saturday 10th October.

**THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING - parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The surveys typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. The link for our school is:


COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS - DEBATING
Our school debating team have been on fire. For the third week in a row, our debating team comprising of 9 members have worked especially hard to research and construct their speeches and rebuttals. Our team have successfully won each week’s debate to be the winners of the Northern Seaciff COS schools. We now have the opportunity to compete against the winners of the Southern Seaciff COS schools in the final in Week 8. Many thanks to our hard working team members: Clara, Maya, Lilly, Lachlan, Luke, Janae, Charlotte, Leena and Czarina.

COMING EVENTS...........
REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Friday 21st
Good luck to our three competitors – Alyssa, Reilly and Flynn! We are extremely proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing about your experiences at this elite level of competition.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Don’t forget the Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on 21 August. All children in Kindergarten to Year 2 have completed the challenge at school. Children in years 3 – 6 complete the challenge in their own time. Any children who have completed the challenge must have completed their on line Personal Reading Log by 21 August.

COLEDALE P&C TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday 22 August at Surf Club
Have you got your ticket yet? Don’t miss the fun as this event is on in two days time. Over 90 tickets have already sold so be quick. Members of the P&C will be selling the final tickets at the gate at 2.45 today and tomorrow. You could send along the money and request to the office and we will send them home with your child.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Variation
Our staff have decided they would prefer to complete a Staff Development day on Monday 5th October rather than the last day of the school year. This should not be an issue to the community as it falls on a Public Holiday. This variation will allow the teachers’ to put their learning into action throughout Term 4. On Friday 18th December which is our gazetted Pupil Free Day, our school will remain open for inquiries with Mrs Potter and Mrs Anderson in attendance.

SEACLIFF COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION
As part of the Seaciff Community of Schools, Scarborough Public is again hosting their ArtSpark competition this year. They are seeking the young talented students attending public schools in the Northern Illawarra, extending from Helensburgh to Waniora Public to submit an entry. Once again the competition is being supported by Beach Art artist supplies in Bulli. Students can enter new works in one of 3 exhibition categories which will be on display at the Scarborough Art Show on the weekend of 3rd & 4th October 2015. Entry forms are available from the office or online from our website.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Our school is again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program allows us to earn new educational resources for the school by simply collecting stickers from Woolworths each time we shop. So please ask your family, friends and neighbours to start collecting stickers today. Please return all stickers and/or completed sheets of stickers to the school’s office, and place in the collection box before the beginning of September.

BULLI HIGH ORIENTATION DAY FOR YEAR 7 2016 – Thursday 3 December
This year Bulli High will be doing something different. Parents will be invited to attend with their child. A letter with the new arrangements will go out with enrolment information directly from the high school later this term. There will be no buses provided as in previous years. Students and parents find their own way.

STRANGER DANGER
With the recent very disturbing reports of approaches to students in our local area, we have implemented strategies at school to remind students of procedures which they could use if approached. This is a standard part of our welfare curriculum and is revised regularly in class. Local schools are always notified directly by the Principal receiving the report. Please ensure you discuss actions with your child to ensure their safety in the event of any issue of safety.

GENERAL NOTICES........
THANK YOU
I would like to express my sincere thanks to the parents and students for the lovely afternoon tea last week. Coledale P.S. has been a been a rewarding and enjoyable place to work and I count myself as being blessed for the having had the opportunity to teach wonderful children in a school with such a supportive and caring parent community. Thank-you again and hope to come and visit you in the future.
Awards

Bronze Award
3/4V  Tom C
4/5V  Bronte P, Isabella S

Silver Award
2PG  Molly C S, Mitchell P
5/6S  Cate C

CANTEEN NEWS...........
CANTEEN ORDERS ONLINE
Thank you to those families who have registered for OurOnlineCanteen – thank you for your positive feedback on the launch of this online ordering platform. This is making life easier for our volunteers. P&C are hoping everybody can start ordering this way by the start of next term. It is a simple process go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. You then select the school, add in the student and deposit some money in the account. You then place your order. The canteen still requires you to write out the order on a paper bag and deposit it in the black box. This enables the volunteers to place the actual product ready for your child to collect. If you have any difficulties with the online process please ring Jane in our office and she is only too happy to assist.

This system will lessen the organisational time canteen takes but we still need volunteers. Without them, the actual lunches do not get made. If you have never offered, but can spare some time to help, Angie would love to hear from you. Many thanks to parents that do give of their time, the students and staff really appreciate your efforts.

Thank you to the trusty band of canteen volunteers for the past fortnight - - Ali Merciec & Mel Van Anan on tallying, Karen & Anthony Bohm holding the fort for last Thursday and Sam Docherty, Beth Patterson & Alex Fuller on this week... your help, support and enthusiasm is AWESOME!

ONLINE
Here are some interesting facts the report generated for canteen today:
We have 25 registered families, 2 registered staff, 38 registered children all generating $157 ...
that means we didn’t need to process 40 orders this week, which is around half of the orders we usually process. A HUGE time saver on our volunteer tally time.

Due to the positive feedback for the school community and further discussions at the P & C meeting this week, it has been decided that the LAST DATE for the current “cash in a bag system” is THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2015.

I welcome and encourage any suggestions, concerns or limitations OurOnlineCanteen may have for your family- please contact me via email. Additionally, if there is any confusion about the naming of the menu items etc, please let me know as I can easily edit these to make it clearer.

Please note the information in the attached fliers for any further information regarding OurOnlineCanteen and ph 1300 11 66 37 (7:30am-9pm MON-FRI) for further assistance with account support- they are very helpful.

These fliers will also be given to the children shortly with the updated pricing for the current menu.

I hope you enjoy the convenience of being able to order canteen online.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WRITE OUT YOUR BAG AND PLACE IN THE CANTEEN BOX by WEDNESDAY MORNING so we can pack your child’s order...include all the same details (name/class/order), just no cash within.

PLEASE CONTINUE to provide your own KEEP CUPS if ordering a fresh fruit smoothie (REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME & CLASS on the cup).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...DESPERATE!!
We welcome Mums, Dads and carers who are able to spare approximately 2 hrs (9am-11-ish am) on a Thursday... we also
have a "short shift" available each Thursday (10-11-ish am) to accommodate those who would like to help, but may have a little one in tow.
We welcome the Mum and Dad teams. It is easy and fun and your children LOVE having you there! There is a run sheet and you are placed with a parent or carer who is familiar with the process.
The following dates require volunteers for our canteen to operate:

Wk 7: 27th August
Wk 8: 3rd Sept
Wk 9: 10th Sept
Wk 10: 17th Sept

Unfortunately canteen will be cancelled for dates we are unable to get the required help.
Please email (below) or text 0402 424 810 if you are able to help with any dates above.

Many thanks
Angela Clough
angelaruthclough@yahoo.com
Coledale PS P&C Canteen Coordinator

P & C NEWS........

GARAGE SALE
The P&C are considering holding a Garage Sale for the Biggest Garage Sale Trail on ???. If you have things you could donate to the cause please contact Al Mercieca on 0414 417 543 or email her at almercieca@gmail.com. The P&C are happy to also sell things on your behalf for a negotiable %. This event will only go ahead if there is enough interest shown. So look around your homes and act if you want to de-clutter and help the school at the same time.

COMMUNITY NEWS.........
ONLINE REGISTRATIONS:
FROM 10TH AUGUST, 2015.
(ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ONLY THIS YEAR MANUAL NO LONGER ACCEPTED)
Visit our website www.helensburgh-lac.com
and follow the instructions
Start Date: Friday 18th September 2015
From: 5.45pm
Where: Rex Jackson Oval, Helensburgh
Rego Fees: (U6-U17) $115 per Athlete
Contact Email: hblac@live.com.au
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