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

Thank you students, teachers and parents for a wonderful Term 3. As we come to the end of a very busy term, we reflect on the many activities held to engage our students. 100 Days of School celebrations, ICAS Tests, our COS Indigenous Games Day, Debating, PSSA, Science Day, AFL sessions, Child Protection lessons and K-2 Visual Art groups to name a few. I think everyone – students, parents and teachers deserve a well-earned break from routine and a chance to recover from the many illnesses.
Remember though to always think and stay alert when crossing the road. At the lights, don’t just walk on the green, but **stop, look and listen**! We were saddened to hear one of our siblings had a very close call last weekend. No more please – keep safe, wear your safety protection and obey the rules.

In Term 4, teachers will return to school on Monday 5th October for a Professional Learning Day, yes that’s right they will be here working on a Public Holiday! On Tuesday 6th October all students return to school.

I warmly encourage all parents and carers to come along to Unexpected Magic, our unique school community show, on Saturday 10th October at 5pm, here in our beautiful grounds of Coledale School. This school/community performing arts project is a valuable experience for your children and we encourage them to make the most of this opportunity!

In *Unexpected Magic*, students in this school have the opportunity to work with professional artist parents and to share the stage with their teachers and fellow students in wonderful big group dance numbers, beautiful multi-media pieces (created by the students themselves) and fabulous circus acts.

So don’t miss this terrific event and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Have a safe, happy and relaxing Spring holiday!

Kind regards

Tanya Potter  
Principal

**WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING.......**

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. To date we have had 23 parents complete the survey, we would love a few more! The survey will be closed at the end of the holidays. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

The link for our school is: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17848&j_password=Col1587](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17848&j_password=Col1587)

**Literacy and Numeracy Feedback to Parents - PLAN Reports**

All students received their Feedback to Parents for Literacy and Numeracy reports yesterday. This report is issued twice a year and is based on the continuums of learning for Literacy and Numeracy. There are many suggested activities and we suggest parents select one or two activities to work on at home.

For further information and to access the continuums, follow the link to School A to Z then search literacy continuum and numeracy continuum. [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au).

As a school we use your child’s place on the Literacy and Numeracy continuums to provide them with differentiated learning activities and also to provide additional learning support to those students who are significantly behind the expected level.

**Food and Water**

We have noticed of late that a number of children are not eating or drinking at Fruito. We encourage them to have something as it is a long period from lunch at 11am until the end of the school day to be going without food/water. Even if they have a drink it would be something. Teachers are encouraging everybody to sit for 5 minutes at Fruito to have a snack and a drink. With the warmer weather, this is very important.

*Why is water important?* Not drinking enough fluid can quickly cause dehydration which can lead to headaches and irritability, particularly in children. Thirst is not a good indicator – by the time children feel thirsty, they are already dehydrated. Children rarely drink enough water and often forget to drink unless reminded. So make sure you encourage your child to drink plain tap water at school by sending a bottle in their school bag. Children often enjoy cold water, so why not freeze a bottle to send in the lunch box?

**School Website Service Survey now open**

If you would like to contribute to a survey being conducted by the School website service please click on the link below. The survey will be opening from now until midnight Thursday the 24th of September.

Survey link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG)
Spelling Bee
On Monday, we had four students represent our school at the Premier Spelling Bee Regional Finals at Austinmer School. There were over fifty students for each stage coming from all over Wollongong. In Stage 2, Louis and Bianca competed while in Stage 3 it was Maya and Elke. Bianca being a Year 3 student competed against some older children and did very well, achieving equal fourth place. She lasted eight out of ten rounds, spelling her way through words such as stalactite, reprisal, nocturnal and sycamore. All four students represented our school well and we are so proud of them all. The competition certainly created a lot of interest in spelling!

Parent Thank You's
Recently, many parents have been working very hard to support the school and the students in a range of events. Thank you to those parents who assisted with our Kitchen/Garden program. A special thankyou to Aimee P. who assisted all day yesterday, helping the kitchen groups. The teachers all really appreciated your support, as it is tricky cooking with lots of students in a small space.

Our Kitchen build team of Margie, Lynn and Andie who have been busy gathering ideas, quotes and costing.

Thank you to the many parents that have been busy assisting the children prepare for our community show – Unexpected Magic and also to those who are working in the background with the organisation.

Working with our students have been Al Battestini, Jane Fullerton-Smith, Lizzie Buckmaster, Priscilla Nielsen, Jane, Mark Holder – Keeping, Donna and Allan Shingler. In the background have been Jen Pope, Chantel Kershaw, Angela Clough, Al Mercieca, Lisa Miller, Pip Budgen, Margie and Justin Clayden.

Various parents who have been attending events and supporting our students as they have been competing and representing our school.

There have been many parents giving support in the canteen and this has been much appreciated.

Various parents and community members have also been supporting our literacy and numeracy sessions by giving classroom support.

Without your support we would struggle to give the students the many and varied educational experiences. So thank you for your ongoing assistance.

COMING EVENTS...........
School Swimming 9-20 November
The School Swimming and Water Safety Program will take place at Corrimal Swimming Pool from Monday 9th November to Friday 20th November 2015. Students in Years 2 can all attend. Students in Years 3–6, who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. It is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students receive ten daily lessons of 45 minutes duration. The total cost of the scheme for students will be $55.00. This includes transport by bus to and from the pool. This is excellent value for 10 consecutive lessons of 45 minutes duration. Please mark these dates in your diary. There are limited places available and it will be first in with the money and permission note who will receive a place in the swimming program. Permission notes will be sent home with every Year 2 – 6 student after the holidays.

Safety
The weather has been inconsistent, with some hot days, some cold days, but it looks like we’re in for a hot summer. This makes the beach a fantastic place to be but we must instil in our children the need to be careful when visiting the beach. The surf safety message is extremely important for students who live so close to the surf.

Please remember:

- ALWAYS swim between the flags.
- ALWAYS be supervised by parents or a responsible adult while playing on the beach.
- ALWAYS listen to the surf lifeguards and follow their instructions.
- ALWAYS look for signs which give information about the safety in the surf.

Local surf clubs are commencing their Nippers season soon, a fantastic way to be involved, learn about surf safety and practice surf skills. I recommend joining your local surf club as a family.
GENERAL NOTICES........

Bee for Bianca
Eight year old Bianca S from Year 3 represented Coledale School today at the Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals at Austinmer School. Competing against a total of 50 Stage 2 students from schools all over Wollongong, Bianca succeeded in achieving equal fourth place. She lasted eight out of ten rounds, spelling her way through words such as stalactite, reprisal, nocturnal and sycamore. Not too bad considering many of the others are nine and ten years old. Well done Bianca!

Awards

Bronze Award
1P Poppy A, Andie G M, Rowan J, Persia S
2P Nadia D
3/4G Matthew B
4/V Ava R
5/6S Ayva P

Silver Award
KG Hunter B, Hayden C, James D, Callan D, Max E, Oscar E, Archie F, Oliver H,
Ruby H-N, Ryan L, Millie S, Aston S,
1P Maggie B, Bede F, Andie G M, Hazel K, Samuel P, Leila S, Persia S
2P Luke D
3/4G Olivia R

Gold Award
KG Archie F, Callan D, Max E, Oliver H, Millie S, Aston S
5/6S Hadin O’D

COMMUNITY NEWS........
Yoga at the Surf Club!
Release the winter cobwebs AND gain strength and peace of mind. One hour yoga sessions are available on your doorstep at the Coledale Surf Club. $15 per session or $30 for the week which includes all Body Balance fitness classes.
  Monday - 6-7 pm (Kelly)
  Tuesday - 6-7pm (Sarah)
  Wednesday - 6-7pm (Sarah)
(Every 4th Wednesday of the month they are held at Austinmer Surf Club.)

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

BOHMER'S TREE CARE

Clive Woodnutt
0432 789 530
info@bohmerstreecare.com.au bohmerstreecare.com.au

TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP

Qualified teacher; Experienced tutor

Could your child do with some extra help in Maths or English?
There’s nothing quite like one-on-one tutoring to boost confidence and improve results.
Available after school in Thirroul library, or at your home (close-by suburbs).
Call Jane on 0422 961 355
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP:** Coledale Studio (Pamzart), 52 Squires Crescent. Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 10.00am - 12noon. 7-14 yrs. $20 pp. Enjoy creating an artwork using mixed media. All materials, plus morning tea supplied. Enquiries: Pam 0418201587 or email pmckinlay25@gmail.com. (Website: pamzart.simplesite.com)

Scarborough Wombarra Nippers registration is on Saturday 19th September 2015, from 2-4pm at Scarborough Wombarra Surf Club, Monash Street Wombarra. Email enquiries can be sent to info@scarboroughwombarra.slsc.or or phone 0417 434 718.
Essential – Learn to surf
Tuesday afternoons at Coledale beach, commencing 6th October.
We are fully licenced and accredited with Wollongong council.
For more information phone 0407 283 117

Spring time! Time to get in the water and an even better time to learn to surf with essential surf school. All gear provided, group and private lessons available for all levels.
Wild Care - September Holidays

**What you will need:**
A packed lunch, water bottle, hat, closed in shoes for excursions, permission slip and money on the day for excursions.

Thanks to all the kids who put in their suggestions for activities these holidays.

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**Week 1**
- **Monday 21/9** - Kiama for Ice cream $10
- **Tuesday 22/9** - Greater Union Movies $15
- **Wednesday 23/9** - Sutherland Pools $10
- **Thursday 24/9** - Bikes and Scooters
- **Friday 25/9** - Coledale Waterslide

**Week 2**
- **Monday 28/9** - Wood Work
- **Tuesday 29/9** - Stuart Park picnic lunch $5.00
- **Wednesday 30/9** - Hang Time $15.00
- **Thursday 1/10** - Roller Skating $15.00
- **Friday 2/10** - Cooking and Gardening

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**CIRCUS KIDS WORKSHOP**
**Wed 30th Sept, 10am-3pm**

Spend the day hanging from the ceiling, flipping through the air or hooping here and juggling there. Let Charlie J and other well known circus trainers take you away to the circus for a day. Everything from Tissue, Trapeze, Juggling, Hula-Hoops, Acrobatics, Adagio, Mini Tramp, Slapstick and more.

$59 - Pre-payment or $69 - Pay on the day
Extra $5 lunch is included (drink, fruit and sandwich)

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**WATER SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU**

2015-16 SWIM SEASON HAS ARRIVED
From Saturday 19 September enjoy Wollongong’s 17 patrolled beaches and 8 supervised local swimming pools.
- Always watch your kids around water at beaches and pools.
- Remember, no flags, no swim at beaches.
- Learn how to resuscitate.

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**DAPTO POOL FUN DAY**
Celebrating Dapto Pool's 50 Anniversary
Saturday 24 October 10am - 3pm
Free entry and use of pool inflatable, BBQ and coaching clinics with Olympians
For further information contact Dapto Pool on 4261 1963
Bargamino Ave, Dapto

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