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

This is a special week as our 2016 Kindergarten students come to school for their first Orientation session. I am sure this is an exciting time in their lives and we welcome the new families to our school community.

Over the last few weeks Wensday, our former School Crossing Supervisor, has been keeping herself busy covering the many new readers we have purchased. Students and staff truly appreciate her generosity.

I would also like to thank Mr Taylor our General Assistant, who has spent many hours painting new activities in the playground. It certainly has added some colour and extra games for the children to play.
We have noticed of late there are a number of students arriving early. Please remember that our teachers commence duty at 8.30am and if students need to arrive before that time they should be booking into Wildcare. We are so fortunate to have Carmel and her team, providing such a great service to our school. With the number of Stranger Danger Alerts and heavy traffic of late it is much safer to utilise her service if students must be left unsupervised prior to 8.30. Her fees are $10 for the morning and parents receive a rebate of $5. There are also further rebates available if you qualify. Our aim is to keep everybody safe- students and parents!

Parents are reminded that it is a staff car park so please keep this free for staff cars only.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dad’s and Grandfather’s for this Sunday, I do hope you enjoy your special day!

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
Principal

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING.......

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Friday 21st, three of our students travelled to Canberra to participate in the Regional Athletics Carnival. They did very well but the competition is tough at this level. Well done to Alyssa, Reilly and Flynn, you represented our school proudly, an outstanding effort!

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 (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. To date we have had 22 parents complete the survey, we would love a few more! If you haven’t it is not too late.

The link for our school is:


Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


THANK YOU TO THIRROUL MEN’S SHED

Last week, our school had delivered a ‘Buddy Chair’ that was made by the wonderful men of Thirroul Men’s Shed. This is a great local community group and we warmly welcome them as part of our school. They have had many hands make great work of the job of building our friendship chair and it appears it was a great maths challenge to make! Our grateful thanks go to Ray, David, Greg, Ian and Peter for supporting our school and donating their time, energy and expertise!!

The idea behind a Buddy Chair is to build friendships, communication and resilience in children. It is a safe place to encourage children to visit the chair if they would like a new friend to play with, that you would like to be included in a playground activity, or you would like to sit and talk to someone quietly.

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program this year, we will be teaching lessons to encourage these qualities in our children. After Mrs Stone has painted it, with help by Mr Stone, we will launch our chair into our playground for use and teachers will teach the children how to use it.

Thanks again to a wonderful and supportive community group!

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE

We had a great spell off in the school’s final for the Premier’s Spelling Bee! Primary classes held their own finals to find the best spellers in the school. Many thanks must go to Jen Pope, our wonderful pronouncer and judge, who did a great job on the day.

Our winners for each stage were: Stage 2 - Louis and Bianca  Stage 3 - Maya and Elke

These school representatives will attend the Regional Finals at Austinmer Public School on Monday 14th September. Good luck and happy spelling!
COMMUNITY OF SCHOOL DEBATING
Our seniors have been working hard at preparing for the COS Debating Competition and are now in the final at Waniora PS on Thursday 3rd September against Austinmer PS. They won every debate in the Northern Schools competition and should be congratulated on their collaborative effort. The topic is "Science has done more good than harm" and we will be arguing the negative argument. Congratulations to the team who have been supported by the class in coming up with their arguments and rebuttals. A real team effort! Thanks also to Mrs Pemberton who has helped the debaters to prepare and practice.

LATE NEWS...After a close debate we were declared the WINNERS!!!!

STAR GAZING!
This Tuesday night, we had 50 or so parents and students come to school in their ‘onesies’ for a star gazing night held by Mrs Stone. It was a beautiful and clear night, but very chilly! Our guru astronomers, Jeff and Peter from the Wollongong Amateur Astronomy Club, brought along two high resolution telescopes to share the evening stars with us. After a quick talk, we used the telescopes to look out to our place in space. We could clearly see the planet Saturn with its rings, a small and faraway white body with white rings around it. We also saw Alpha and Beta Centauri as two separate stars, which normally with the naked eye looks like one star. These are part of the pointer stars for the Cruc constellation, or the Southern Cross. They shared some photos that they had taken of the moon and outer space which were fascinating. It was wonderful to see the dads come out and join us with their telescopes too!

If you would like to join the club, they meet every first Thursday of the month and meetings are held at Unanderra Community Hall. It costs $25 for a yearly membership for adults and you can take your kids along. See their website for the latest news. http://waacers.createmybb3.com/

KITCHEN GARDEN DAY
Yesterday we had our second day for the term and had a successful day in both the kitchen and the garden. Mrs Stone and her class made 2 dozen banana muffins and 4 pans of banana bread! The bananas were from our garden. So we managed to feed nearly everyone in the playground a piece! Mr Galvin and his class made a yummy broccoli and bacon frittata slice, using eggs donated by the P&C. The broccoli, onions and herbs were grown in our garden, as was the cauliflower and spring onions and herbs used in the cauliflower soup that Miss Vernon and her class made. In the garden, Mrs Chilton worked with the children to build our Aboriginal garden. Plants were donated by the Botanical Gardens in Wollongong. We have also had the great support of Bohmers Treecare who donated mulch and unique logs for the garden. Dalmer’s Treecare also donated mulch for our garden.

KITCHEN BUILD
Plans are moving along with the kitchen build with Andy Findlay, the new P&C treasurer, using his expertise in the construction industry to organise a building plan. So if you are able to volunteer some expertise, trades or help out with materials or elbow grease let Mrs Stone know and we will get your details and how you can help us with this exciting venture! The committee meets Wednesday mornings from 8.15am each week to keep things on track.

INDIGENOUS GARDEN
On Wednesday 2nd September, during our garden class, students in years 3-6 helped create our new “Indigenous Bush Tucker Garden” on the mound near the frog ponds.

This wonderful education garden was built with the aid of a $400 Norman Catts Grant. This was obtained by Bulli High for all the Seacliff Community of Schools. Students prepared the area and then planted a variety of local bush tucker plants. They learnt about how the Aboriginal people used these plants and how we could use them in the future with our cooking.

In the future we are hoping to add wooden poles, which the children will decorate and make wooden information signs (like the ones in the living classroom) for the different plants, sharing information about the plants and what their uses are.

It would be great if we could get some parents to help with these signs and poles. Bulli High School will also be providing the school with a new sign for this area, to commemorate the creation of this garden and the grant.

If interested in helping please see Mrs Chilton or the office.
COMING EVENTS........

SEACLIFF COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION
Parents and students are reminded that entries for the Seacliff Community of Schools Art Competition should be delivered to our school office by Thursday 10th September for pickup by the organisers. Artworks submitted will be on display at the Scarborough Art Show on the weekend of 3rd and 4th October.

K-6 ASSEMBLY
Our next K-6 formal assembly will be held on Monday 14th September. The assembly will be presented by KG. We will hand out certificates for the ICAS Competitions if they have arrived. Our second 2016 Kinder Orientation will be held at the same time in the Kinder and Year 2 Room. Parents that have students in both activities are encouraged to attend the assembly.

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.

SRC
Ruby C S has suggested to the SRC that we raise items for the ‘Homeless Hub’ in Wollongong. On the last Friday of term (18 September) we will have a mufti day with a contribution of toiletries (soap, shampoo, and conditioner) as the entry fee. We would welcome any toiletries from hotels that people have not used.

Ms Gould and SRC

GENERAL NOTICES........

Awards

Bronze Award
4/5V Yasmin B

Silver Award
1P Ben D, Henry R
3/4G Audrey A
5/6S Jemma M, Matthew S, Janae T

Gold Award
KG Rueben A, Sienna B, Sofia J
1P Finn O’C
5/6S Maya B

LIBRARY NEWS........

Author Visit
Author and former teacher Antoinette Connelly visited our school last Thursday. She spoke about the writing process and her novels. The students in years 3 to 6 enjoyed her presentation and asked relevant questions. Students were given the opportunity to purchase Antoinette’s novels. I have already received orders from 4 students. Antoinette will be signing and delivering the books that the students have ordered next Thursday. She was impressed with the students’ behaviour throughout her visit. We thank her for visiting our school to share her novels and writing expertise. The school purchased a copy of each of her novels for the school library.
**Book Swap**
Our book swap was a huge success with many students participating. There are still a large number of books remaining, so please encourage your child to see me and they can choose a book to take home. This applies even if your child did not bring a book to swap, as I would like to give all students the chance to take a book home to keep. Thank you to the families that brought in quality books for the swap! Happy reading!

Mrs Munn

**CANTEEN NEWS.......**
THANK YOU TO THE CANTEEN VOLUNTEER parents of the last fortnight that have allowed our P & C canteen to operate: Peta Yew, Justy "Mr Smoothie" Clayden, Claire Godsell, Alison Fyfer & Lavender Lily. A huge thank you to Mel Van Anann & Ali Mercieca who have been tallying each week...our new online canteen system means they now have 3 spare hours each week to do other things!
Thank you to those who have transitioned over to ouronlinecanteen.com.au. This is helping reduce our volunteer time and stream line canteen operations. IF THIS ONLINE ORDERING/PAYMENT SYSTEM DOES NOT SUIT your family PLEASE contact me as an alternative can be arrange that suits your family needs....email below.

PRE PAY FOR UNEXPECTED MAGIC INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALLS! This will be available next week via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au under SPECIAL EVENTS category...come and check out the authentic and delicious Indian curries, Italian Woodfired pizza and Venezuelan Arepa (gluten free corn floured bread filled with delights) and SAVE a couple of dollars to the show night price.
IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK please contact me via text (ph: 0402 424 810)by canteen day/Thursday morning so we can keep your order for the following week.
FREEZE BOMBS are making a come back this week in limited flavours....still 50 cents!
NO MORE FROZEN PINEAPPLE RINGS..we are looking at fresh fruit frozen alternatives for Term 4.

Here's to SPRING time fresh food,
Ang Clough
Coledale PS P & C

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

**BANKING**
Thank you to Nicole Sheath for standing in with the school banking over the past couple of weeks while I was away on holidays.

Jenni Keers
Thank you to our Supporters…….

Parents & Friends of Coledale Public School

- Art work c/o Lizzie Buckmaster - Dove
- Maryana Mini Break c/o Chantal Kershaw and Dan Banyard
- Anderson’s Automotive c/o Ros Anderson
- Artwork c/o Naomi Ullmann
- Jims Bookkeeping c/o Andrew Sheath
- JDE Coffee & Tea c/o Alison Dahl
- Dancespace 383 Wollongong c/o Donna and Alan Shingler
- Moore St Hair c/o Cassandra Cahill
- Niche Hair & Beauty c/o Peta Yew
- My Very Own Eye Goggles handmade pottery c/o Margie Rahmann
- IBERICA on-line store c/o Jennie Pinheiro
- Austinmer Vets c/o Matt & Jen O’Donnell

Anna Blackman Photography Coledale RSL
Steel City Cycles – Thirroul Samuel’s Restaurant
Divine Skin and Beauty Ibah Thirroul
No Chintz Northern Stars Swim School
Ryan’s Pub Jamberoo Action Park
DP Surfboards Sky Dive the Beach
Mars Restaurant Towradgi Swim School
Big Star Café Neve Art of Hair
Thirroul Chiropractic Arawan Thai Restaurant
Thirroul Central Chemist Thirroul Dance Academy
Thirroul Newsagency Old Siam Restaurant
Austinmer Post Office/Newsagency Cucina Café
Fundamentals of Living Haveli
Navin’s Pharmacy I-Swim
Devine Beauty Byrne
NZ Nails and Footspa Top Video Coledale
Coledale Clippers Flemings Cakes
Finbox Seafoam Café
Poppy’s Florist of Thirroul McKegg Swim School
Shell’s Diner – Austinmer Gromz
The Shack Backyard Blooms
Nice Things North Purebred Meats
Coledale Newsagency Aussie Farmers
Sole Obsession Curves- Thirroul
House to Home Anja Jones Mediskin
KCC’s Chicken shop Touch of Thai
Nest Emporium Cocoon
Spicy Apple Hair Design Aussie Farmers
Early Start Discovery Space Postman’s Quarters
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.

BOHMERS
TREE CARE

Clive Woodnutt

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

IGA THIRROUL

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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

Save the date!

Four Tongs presents
The BIG BASH
Family cricket day
Coledale PS fundraiser

Sunday 8 November 2015 – 1pm
@ the CCG
Coledale Cricket Ground

BBQ & refreshments available.

New & old players welcome – register your interest NOW

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Twitter: @fourtongsswimschool

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School Holiday Swim Program:
28 Sept – 2 Oct
book now!
The Bombie Bar - Coalcliff SLSC presents “Hot Potato”

supported by Joel Leffler and Sarah Rowen Dahl

Sunday September 6th
2 to 5 pm. $20 door. Mexican Food by Kat Erskine
Kids under 16 free.

All profits from the bar donated to “Unite for Kurt”

HELENSBURGH FITNESS CENTRE
Open Day 12th September
Free jumping castle, face painting, entertainment, market stalls, food and great prizes. It’s the Burgh’s Big Day Out!
336 Cemetery Rd Helensburgh. 4294 1282

SCARBOROUGH ART SHOW
10 am - 4 pm 3-4 October
$5 Adults $3 Concession

SCARBOROUGHARTSHOW.COM