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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**Term 1 Week 3**

- Monday 8 Feb 9.00am Assembly
- Tuesday 9 Feb 5pm – 5.30 pm 3-6 Parent Meet the Teacher
- Wednesday 10 Feb 5pm – 5.30 pm K-2 Parent Meet the Teacher
- Friday 12 Feb Back up Swimming Carnival date.

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**Things requiring your attention**

- Resource Fee payments
- Swimming Carnival note – 8 years and above

**Principal’s Report**

Welcome back to what promises to be a wonderful year for our school. It was delightful to see all our students and staff return to school looking refreshed. We have maintained our enrolments and currently have 141 students enrolled. We extend a very warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school community. We do hope you enjoy our school and get actively involved with the events of the school. We also welcome Mr Scott Jones our Year 6 teacher. We have six classes this year – K, 1, 2, 3/4, 4/5 and 6.

Mrs Stalker is working part-time during 2016 and so we have a few office staff changes. Mrs Stalker is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She will be replaced by Mrs Anderson as our School Administration Manager on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Lauren Aitken is our School Administration Officer on Thursday and Friday.

**Kind regards**

Tanya Potter
Principal
Road Safety
Just a reminder to please take extra caution each day when crossing the roads around our school. Students should cross Lawrence Hargrave Drive at the crossing and be taught to look for themselves before walking rather than just rely on the lights. Students who are riding to school must do so under the supervision of their parents and should always wear a helmet. All bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked from the school gate and stored at the racks which are located at the back of the library.

Parent Orientation Meetings
This year we have decided to hold Parent Orientation Sessions in two groups – K-2 and 3-6. We hope all parents will be able to attend these important information sessions. The sessions will be held in the individual classrooms. The 3-6 classes will be on Tuesday 9 February from 5-5.30pm and K-2 classes will be on Wednesday 10 February from 5 – 5.30 pm. These sessions will give parents the opportunity to touch base with the class teachers. We realise some families will have problems attending and teachers will provide a handout for parents.

Swimming Carnival – this will be on Friday 5th February at Helensburgh Pool. Years 3-6 students all attend and any 8 year old (2016) can also attend. It will possibly be cool at Helensburgh and it may be best for the students to ensure they have a warm jacket to put on between races. They should also bring underwear to change into at the end of the day. Please remember to label all belongings. Students with long hair should have it tied back or wear a swimming cap. Those who like to swim with googles should bring these as well. Parents who wish their children to travel home with anybody else will need to place this in writing. We look forward to parents joining us at our carnival and helping in some capacity. Please remember to return permission notes and money for this event. Buses will be leaving school promptly at 9am so students should be at school by 8.45am

School Band
A number of students in Years 3-6 enjoyed being members of the school band last year. They would train before school on a Thursday with Mark. It was a user pay system and as a gauge it was approximately $80 per term. Of course the costs depend on the number of participating students. We would like to know how many students are interested in doing band in 2016. Could you please email the school if your child is interested in participating in 2016.

Food Safety
Our school strives to be a Nut and Nut Product Free environment. We have a number of students who are anaphylactic and many others that have food allergies. Our students are not permitted to share food, they must eat only the food provided in their lunch boxes. Unfortunately though this is not enough precautions for our anaphylactic students who could have a life threatening situation if they were to come in contact with nuts or nut products. For this reason I urge all school community members to be conscious of this and avoid sending peanut butter, nutella, nuts and other nut products in lunch boxes. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

If you would like to know more about anaphylaxis and how to deal with this life threatening situation there is a wonderful course online. ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training for first aid (community) has been designed to be undertaken by the broader community such as parents, friends, carers, patients, workplace or student colleagues and club members. The course is available free of charge at http://anaphylaxis.ascia.org.au.

Garden Helpers
Thank you to the many families that cared for our garden and worm farms throughout the holidays. It was very much appreciated with all the hot and dry days.

P&C
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the Year 2 classroom. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. This group of dedicated parents assist our school enormously but they need assistance. In today’s society it is very difficult as most parents work, often in demanding positions. But as a school we do require some parental support. I would urge all parents to consider contributing a little time and effort. Please come along to the next meeting to find out all about the great things the P&C do to help our school.
Sports Trials
Each year we send students in Years 5/6 to trial at the different district sports trials. To be eligible the students must play the sports on a weekend. Interest levels at these trails is usually quite competitive and the standard is very high. Over the coming weeks there will be trials held for the majority of the key school sports. If you believe that your child should attend because they have the necessary experience and skill then you need to inform Mr Jones or Mr Galvin within the next week. As a school we are only able to send a few students to each sport, so it may mean we need to hold our own trials here at school to determine who can be sent to the District trials.

Permission Notes / Emergency Contacts
Next week we will be sending home a collection of permission notes and an update emergency contact sheet. As a school we must seek your permission annually. Can I ask that you complete these forms promptly and return them to our office. The prompt return of notes means we can finalise things quickly in our office.

Scripture / Ethics
These programs will commence in Week 5 on Tuesday 23rd February. You will be able to select your preference in next week’s bundle of notes.

Sporting Schools
Our school once again has been lucky enough to secure a grant to help us with our programs. Later this term we will have a representative from Athletics Australia coming to school in school time to support the students develop their skills, ready for our carnival to be held early in Term 2.

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Northern Suburbs Bulldogs Junior Rugby League Club

To be held at Jim Allen Oval for all new & returning players on the following dates:

Saturday 30th Jan 2016 9am – 12pm
Saturday 6th Feb 2016 9am – 12pm
Saturday 27th Feb 2016 9am – 12pm

Registration & Insurance COST – $50 1st child, $40 per child thereafter*

The club has teams in all age groups from under 6's up. We have a great family orientated club and the kids have a great fun.

COLEDALE WAVES JUNIOR SOCCER

2016 REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday Jan 30 and Feb 6.

10am-2pm (doors shut at 2), Austinmer PS school hall.

Cost: $145 comp, $115 small sided games..

Cash, cheque and credit card (visa, MC, Amex only) accepted this year.

Season starts April 1-3.
1st Austinmer Cubs and Scouts

We currently have vacancies to accept new Cubs and Scouts!!!!!!

Join in the fun and come along to the oldest and best Scout group in the Illawarra.

Have amazing fun with friends!
Learn new skills!
Activities include:
Canoeing; abseiling; camping; hiking

Cubs (7 ½ – 10 ½ years) 6:30-8:00pm Wednesday Evenings
Scouts (10 ½ - 14 ½ years) 7:00-9:00pm Monday Evenings
Bring a parent, bring a friend, join and make new friends!
Come along to our Hall at 20 Moore Street Austinmer.
What have you got to lose?
For more info contact Steve on 4268.2004 or 0409 695 575
Look forward to seeing you there!

Planning a kid’s birthday party?
1st Austinmer Scout Hall is available for hire.
Cost: $60 per half day
Contact Ron on 0409399752