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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<td>- Tuesday 15 Mar. P&amp;C AGM Meeting 6.30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Term 1 Week 6</strong></td>
<td>Future Dates:</td>
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<td>- Tuesday 1 Mar Athletics training</td>
<td>- Thursday 24 March – Cross Country / Harmony Day</td>
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<td>Friday 8 April – Anzac Day ceremony</td>
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<td><strong>Term 1 Week 7</strong></td>
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<td>- Monday 7 Mar. Zone Soccer trials</td>
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<td>- Tuesday 8 Mar. BHS Expo Night</td>
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<td>- Thursday 10 Mar. Selective HS test</td>
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<td>- ICAS Testing request form, due 1st April 2016</td>
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Principal’s Report

Many thanks to the many parents that are coming in each day to support the students learning. It is so lovely to see the corridor alive each morning with parents sitting down and listening to students read. It may not seem much but this support is so effective and motivating for many students.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning is now being implemented across the school. Students in all classrooms are using the same language – Show Respect, Engaged in Learning and Act Responsibly. Teachers are raising the bar in expectations from all students. Most students are responding positively and are striving to do their best. This will be ongoing as we encourage students to change their thinking and have a growth mindset. We want our students to embrace challenges and give their best effort. We want them to be inspired by others successes and believe their intelligence can change if they work hard.

Kind regards

Tanya Potter
Principal
School Photos – Wednesday 2 March
Firstly our apologies that the envelopes were not sent out earlier. Unfortunately the first package of envelopes were lost in transit and we had to wait for new ones to be printed. As a result all students received their envelopes on Monday of this week, only giving parent’s short notice. On the day of photos all students must have their envelopes back at school. These can be sent back prior to the day. However the company has agreed that they will give parents some grace in terms of the payment.
Please remember we will be wearing our blue school uniform. Plain black shoes are worn with this uniform not colourful joggers. Hair bands and ribbons should be blue.

SRC
Congratulations to the following students who were elected as our SRC this week and awarded their badges:
Kinders: Fletcher and Summer  Year 1: Sofia and Oliver  Year 2: Finn and Annika
Leaders: Matthew  Lily  Hadin  Cate

Parent Concern
I was taught some new knowledge this week by a parent. I really appreciated the way she expressed that I needed to reconsider my request of asking students to supply antibacterial hand-wash. As a school we just wanted students to provide some resources to help children keep their hands clean, especially as many classrooms don’t have sinks. But what I didn’t realise that there is real concern with some antibacterial products. They contain Triclosan, a toxic chemical that research has found disrupts hormones and may be linked to some cancers. Studies have also found that soap and water or a hand sanitiser (made from alcohol) is just as effective as killing bacteria as antibacterial products. So can I suggest that if you have not yet sent in a product for hand-washing can you please consider sending along hand sanitisers that are Triclosan free. If parents want more information try googling: Five Reasons Why You Should Probably Stop Using Antibacterial Soap

Sporting News
This week saw District Soccer Trials being held for both boys and girls. We had seven students trial for the team. Louis Miller-Tamsitt was successful and will now represent the District at the Zone Carnival on Monday March 7th. Well done to all the students who trialed, we are very proud of your efforts.

District Swimming – Friday 26th February
Good luck to our competitors for the carnival tomorrow. Do your best, as we are all proud of you!

Cross-Country
Our school cross-country will be held on Thursday 24th March. Over the next few weeks, we will be having practices to prepare for this event. Keep the date free in your diary so you can come along and cheer our students.

Garden
Our school garden is getting back to its productive state after the summer break. Many thanks to the students and teachers for finding a few opportunities to attend to this. Parents please feel free if you have some time to pull a few weeds as there is still a few overgrown areas.

Our wonderful P&C have again granted us some considerable funds to enable our Kitchen / Garden program to be implemented this year to our 3-6 classes. Students will have three sessions per term. Parents may like to take a look at the blog Sowwhatcoledale Edublog that has been updated after last week’s garden session. You will find it at https://sowwhatcoledale.edublogs.org/

Students participating in the program may like to bring along a pair of garden gloves from home to leave at school in their trays for gardening days.
ICAS Tests

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills – based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary school students. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students’ skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student’s school under exam conditions.

Parents may visit https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about to find out more information and even access sample tests to determine if they would like their child to participate. Participation is voluntary, there are costs involved with each test. If parents wish their child to complete ICAS Tests they will need to send along the request form below and fees. The money can be deposited in the school account but the request must be submitted. It must be noted that some tests may need to be administered early and students may be requested to be at school from 8.30am to complete the test, prior written notice will be given. The official closing date for participants at Coledale Public School is: Friday 1 April 2016.

Please return completed form below with payment before April 1st 2016

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Coledale School P&C Update

The P&C AGM for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7pm.

The AGM is generally a short meeting where committee positions are filled - this year all committee positions will become vacant so we need you.

We said goodbye to some members last year whose kids went off to high school, and this will happen again at the end of 2016. So we’re looking for some new faces and new ideas.

Perhaps it’s hard for you to make the Tuesday evening meeting time. No problem, we are absolutely open to changing it to a time/day to suit you PLUS also love to try an electronic P&C.

The Coledale School P&C proudly contributes thousands to the school each year to enhance the kids' education. It is a vital part of the school community and so we need your support.

More information is provided at the end of the newsletter or you can contact Outgoing Secretary (Jen Pope) on Coledale.pc.secretary@gmail.com or email the school if you are interested in helping out – we have position descriptions and time required for everything.

Your P&C Needs You

At Coledale, the P&C contributes thousands to help educate your kid. With several P&C members kids heading off to High School and more leaving at the end of 2016—we need to top up on membership! It’s time you joined to have a say in how we spend our Fundraising Money.

Can’t make the meetings? No worries.

We’re open to suggestions about timing and even an electronic P&C. Don’t come to monthly meetings—just let us know how you can help!

What’s coming in 2016?

Lots of Fundraising events — managed by each class All families rostered on to the Monthly Market BBQ — roster out soon Getting started on the Outdoor Kitchen / Multipurpose Room

All positions will become vacant at the AGM in March

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<td>Run monthly P&amp;C meeting</td>
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<td>Reconcile bank account once a month</td>
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<td>Act as P&amp;C Speakerperson as needed</td>
<td>Prepare and distribute agendas</td>
<td>Bank cheques and cash (via Thrivv)</td>
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<td>Attend P&amp;C meeting, and take notes</td>
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<td>Ensure the P&amp;C takes part in decision-making processes in the school</td>
<td>Write and distribute minutes</td>
<td>Receive and reconcile monthly BBQ takings and other Fundraising money</td>
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<td>Ensure fair participation of all members and support volunteers</td>
<td>Collect and table all correspondence</td>
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<td>Be main point of communication with the Principal</td>
<td>Maintain official P&amp;C records</td>
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No experience? No worries. Training and support provided.

More ways you can help

- BBQ TEAM — 1 or 2 people
- UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR
- FUNDRAISING SUPERVISOR
- GRANTS CO-ORDINATOR
- VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME FOR EVENTS

No P&C = No extra funding. Contact us: coledale.pc.secretary@gmail.com
Donation  
Many thanks to Coledale RSL who donated $1000 to our school last week. It is very much appreciated and will be put towards our Kitchen / Garden program.

Dogs and School  
Please remember that it is against the law to bring animals onto school grounds unless by prior arrangement for a class activity. You are also requested not to tie your dog to the fence whilst on school grounds especially near gates and pathways. This is particularly true for high traffic times of the day (drop-off and pick-up).

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 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.
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MUMS GO SURFING

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME ENJOY THE SUMMER FUN!

$35 - 1.5 SURF LESSON
Followed by a coffee - All included
AVAILABLE WEEK DAYS AND WEEKENDS

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: WWW.AUSSTRALSURFTOURS.COM.AU
OR CALL US ON: 1800 711 189

Northern Districts Tigers Junior
Australian Football Club
Hollywood Park Ave St Woonona

Boys and Girls
Play junior AFL
with the TIGERS
Aged 4 to 15

PLAYED
SUNDAYS

• All new players receive shorts, socks, bag and a ball as part of registration.

Register with the Tigers!
Saturday 27th February
2pm to 4 pm
At Woonona Bulli RSL

For further details call: Tony Ryan 0400186100
Visit the Tigers’ website www.juniortigers afl.com
Facebook Northern Districts Tigers Junior AFC

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