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 1 Week 8**
- Monday 14 Mar. District Netball / League trials
- Tuesday 15 Mar. P&C AGM Meeting 6.30pm
- Thursday 17 Mar. Bike Educ. Excursion Years ¾
- Friday 18 Mar. Clubs Tasting Years 2-6
- Friday 18 Mar. 8.20am Choir Practise

**Term 1 Week 9**
- Tell Them from Me student survey
- Thursday 24 Mar. Cross Country/ Harmony Day
- Thursday 24 Mar. 8.20am Choir Practise
- Friday 25 Mar. Good Friday

**Term 1 Week 10**
- Monday 28 Mar. Easter Monday
- Tuesday 29 Mar. Snapshot Reports issued.
- Wednesday 30 Mar. Interviews
- Friday 1 April Clubs Tasting Years 2-6
- Friday 1 April 8.20am Choir Practise

### Term 1 Week 11

- Tuesday 5 April Responsible Pet Program K-2
- Wednesday 6 April Year 6 Visit to BHS
- Thursday 7th April – SRC Mufti day.
- Friday 8 April Anzac day Ceremony 10.45am
- Friday 8 April 8.20am Choir Practise

### Future Dates:

- Monday 25 April Choir sings at Dawn Service at RSL
- Tuesday 26 April Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 27 April Students Return to school
- Wednesday 27 April Year 6 Talking Tactics program commences.
- Wednesday 4 May Year 6 Talking Tactics Parent night

### Things requiring your attention

- ICAS Test entries due Year 2-6
- Stage 2 Bike Excursion note returned
- Year 6 should return their High School enrolment forms.

### Principal’s Report

Over the next two weeks our teachers will be compiling a Snapshot Report of your children’s progress so far this year. This has come about following our survey on reports at the end of last year. These will contain information for English, Maths, Personal Development, class and playground behaviour. There will be no written comments but instead parents will be given an opportunity to sit down for 10 minutes with the teachers. Interviews can be two way or three way. Two way will be just the parent and teacher while three way will involve the student as well. We are trying to make learning more visible for the students and including them in the interview process does contribute to this. A note was handed out today for parents to begin booking a timeslot for interviews. Please return these promptly to assist teachers form their timetable. If you have spoken to your child’s teacher recently we understand you may not feel the need for another appointment.

Kind regards

*Tanya Potter*

*Principal*
**SRC - Mufti Day  Thursday 7th April**

This mufti day a gold coin donation will go towards fundraising for local girl Chloe Saxby of Helensburgh. Chloe attends Woonona Public school and has the rare VWM (Vanishing White matter Disease). This Disease has no funding and is so rare that only 7 children in Australia and 140 World Wide have the disease.


**Anzac Day – Dawn Service**

Once again the local Coledale RSL has asked if our students will participate in their Dawn Service. We are going to form a choir of interested students who are available to attend and sing. We will be practising at 8.20am on the following dates in the library: Friday 11 and 18 March, Thursday 24 March, Friday 1 and 8 April. All students are welcome to attend and participate, however, there is an expectation they will be able to be respectful for the entire service, which can be quite lengthy.

**Clubs Tasting**

Over the next four weeks our students in Years 2-6 will have an opportunity to have a taste of some different activities. They will spend 40 minutes in peer groups to experience a different club each Friday. The four activities are: Drama, Music Making, Photography and Language Learning.

**Donation**

Many thanks to the Tardent-Tong family who donated a Microwave for our Kitchen / Garden program.

**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 18 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
**Sporting News**
Louis Miller-Tamsitt represented our school at the District at the Zone Carnival on Monday March 7th. Well done Louis for doing your best and narrowly missing the Zone team.

On Monday we will have four boys trialing for Rugby League for the 11 years and Open team. Good luck to Fletcher, Jett, Kayden and Ryan.

**District Swimming** – Friday 26th February

_I had the pleasure of taking 31 students to the District Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool. Congratulations to all of the competitors who represented our school with fantastic behaviour and performance, with some beating their personal best times. It was great to see our school spirit with all the students cheering each other on during their races. I would also like to thank all of the parents who assisted with time keeping and marshalling._

_Rebecca Goulder_

**AFL Paul Kelly Cup**

On Wednesday 9th of March, Coledale Primary sent two teams to compete in the Paul Kelly Cup. The Senior Girls Team began the tournament strongly with a 24 point win over Waniora PS. The Senior Boys Team followed suit with a 10 point win over Thirroul PS. Unfortunately both teams faced stiff opposition in their round two clashes with both teams going down with narrow losses. The Senior Boys made amends in their last pool game with a narrow 2 point win over St Therese CPS while the Senior Girls were unlucky to come away with a win, when the St Pius X CPS forwards kicked a last second goal to draw level, finishing with a drawn result. With two wins and a loss the Senior Boys Team missed out on a semi-final berth by a count back on for and against points. I would like to thank the students, who conducted themselves magnificently throughout the day, all the parents who came down to support the teams and lastly I would like to congratulate both teams on a tremendous result considering this was the first time the majority of the students had played AFL.

_Mr Jones_
Cross-Country
Our school cross-country will be held on Thursday 24th March. It will be held from 9 until all races are completed. We will then have lunch with our visiting spectators. Following the Cross Country our students will complete Harmony Day activities in Peer Groups. Keep the date free in your diary so you can come along and cheer our students.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again this year. Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 automatically take part in the challenge as part of their in class reading program. Children who have completed the challenge may receive a PRC certificate and their name may appear on the PRC Gold and Platinum Honour Roll (after completing the challenge four times). Children in years 3 – 6 who wish to undertake the challenge do so independently. Children have been shown how to register for the challenge and how to enter books into their online personal reading log. All children are encouraged to undertake the challenge, however it is not compulsory. We are happy to offer any further assistance to those children undertaking the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Good luck and happy reading.

Athletics Australia Offer to our Students
With the Athletics Summer Domestic Season upon us, Athletics Australia will be running a ticket promotion for students that participate in our IAAF Nestlé Healthy Active Kids’ Athletics Program to celebrate the #SUMMERofATHS – Walk. Run. Jump. Throw. Enjoy. Together. Athletics.
2 for 1 Adult Ticket Offer is available at the following meets:
Sydney Track Classic (19th March) and Australian Athletics Championships (31st March-3rd April)Children under 16 get in for free but this promotion encourages students to take their parents to the event at a half price rate. This offer can be accessed when typing in the promotion code: KidsAths on the following website http://www.athletics.com.au/tickets

High School Applications
Applications for Year 7 High School placements went home this week and are to be returned by Wednesday 16 March when they will be processed and forwarded to the first choice schools. If your child is attending their local high school, as indicated on the form, please just sign the form and return it. For those seeking out-of area schools, you are invited to enter your choices in order of preference.

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.
OPAL CARDS
Please note all students still waiting on their Opal cards are required to pay for the bus as of Monday 14th March. Lost Student Opal Cards. Please go to the webpage below to report lost, stolen or damaged Opal cards.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus - Week 7 Coledale students can respect fellow students and teachers by:

- Using their manners when speaking to others
- Keeping their hands and feet to themselves
- Waiting their turn (in classroom activities and in games in the playground)
- Respecting the decisions of others

GENERAL NOTICES........

We would like to thank IGA Thirroul for their ongoing donations of food/drinks which are greatly appreciated.
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CIRCLE OF SECURITY
A relationship program designed to enhance attachment security between parents/caregivers and children. Secure children have empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships with parents, peers, enhanced school readiness and increased capacity to handle emotions more effectively.
6 Thursday evenings
6:20 - 8pm
28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May & 2 June
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $15 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.
3 Friday mornings
10am - 12:30pm
13, 20 & 27 May
OR
3 non-consecutive Wednesday evenings
6:30-8 pm
8, 15 & 29 June
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $15 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
Wollongong 4227 1122

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grab & impact on children.
5 Monday mornings
10am - 12:30pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May
OR
5 Thursday evenings
6:30 - 8pm
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 June
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $20 per session

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Do you want to learn how to assist people developing or experiencing mental health problems or crises? This 12-hour Standard Mental Health First Aid course teaches adults how to provide initial support to adults who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis. The course curriculum is based on the MHFA Guidelines.
Wednesday 1st June & Thursday 2nd June
9:30am - 4:30pm
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $198 incl Manual/lunch both days

MY KIDS & ME
A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths & resources & to develop relationships with their children.
7 Tuesday mornings
10am - 12:30pm
10, 17, 24, 31 May, 7, 14 & 21 June
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $15 per session

SEEING RED
Explores way for parents to deal with feelings of anger within themselves and their children. Participants will learn to recognize their own feelings and needs and those of others, communicate and listen to these feelings and needs, be assertive & express anger in a more constructive way.
3 Wednesday mornings
10am - 12:30pm
4, 11, 18 May
CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
Workshop Fee: $15 per person

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