

# COLEDALE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER EDITION



## *Principal's Report*

Welcome to term 4, we have another busy and exciting term ahead of us with many extra curricular activities including swimming, music concerts, Halloween disco, camp, a colour run, talent show, voting for new school leaders, Presentation day and the year 5 and 6 school camp. It will be a busy but exciting term and it feels great to be offering all of these opportunities to your children again.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge the amazing teachers that we have at Coledale Public School. Next week on 28 October 2022 it is World Teachers' Day and the theme is 'Hats off to Teachers'!

It is that time of the year when we start planning for 2023 classes and school organisation. To help us plan, if you know anyone who is moving into the area please encourage them to make contact with the school. Also, if you are moving out of the area please also let us know.

At this point in time we cannot give you any details about class organisation or possible class combinations for 2023. As a small school our classes can be very impacted by even 2 or 3 students leaving or arriving at the school. When planning for classes there are many factors that we take into account including gender, ability, siblings, friendships and Department guidelines on class sizes.

It is likely that there will be stage or cross stage classes, but the most important thing is that they have an excellent classroom teacher. Please talk to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions, or alternatively feel free to give me a call on 42671885.

Lastly, congratulations to Carinya Barkeley who has gained a permanent position at Balglownie and Windang Public schools as Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction beginning in 2023. Carinya has been working at Windang this year and did hold a substantive classroom teacher position at Coledale. I know that many of you have spoken fondly of her as a past classroom teacher and staff member at Coledale and we wish her well in her promotion.

Bernadette Stephens  
Principal



### *Kindergarten Transition 2023*

Our new Kindergarten students for 2023 had their first visit to the school, meeting their buddies and doing some activities in the classroom. Mr Kent met some very excited little people and the parents were invited for a coffee at Sketch.

This week the parents will be attending an Information session while the students take a tour of the school with their buddies.

If you have a child that is turning 5 in 2023 it is not too late to enrol your child for school. Give us a call or go to our school website and do an online enrolment.





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# Transition Kindergarten 2023



Here are the important dates and events we have planned to help make a smooth and happy transition to school.



## Important DATES:

Transition at 9.15am - 10.30am each week:

- **Thursday October 13** - Getting to know your new school. Parents and students will get to know each other in a playgroup style morning.
- **Thursday October 20** - Students will meet their year 6 buddies and complete some activities in the classroom. Parent Information session in the library.
- **Thursday October 27** - Students will spend the morning in Kindergarten completing activities
- **Thursday November 3** - Teddy Bears Picnic. Activities with current Kindergarten students and a picnic with parents at 10am.

enquiries: 4267 1885

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

LAST CHANCE! Please complete the parent survey to help us make plans for the school. The more people that complete the better we can understand what is important to you as members of the school community.

The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The survey is entirely voluntary and your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/z3sjb>

## NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS

You are invited to come along to a short presentation explaining Naplan, how to interpret your child's results and our overall school results at [3.15 in the Library on Thursday October 27 if you would like more information](#). There will be a zoom link provided closer to the date for those who cannot attend in person.

All students who participated in the NAPLAN tests received an individual report of their results.

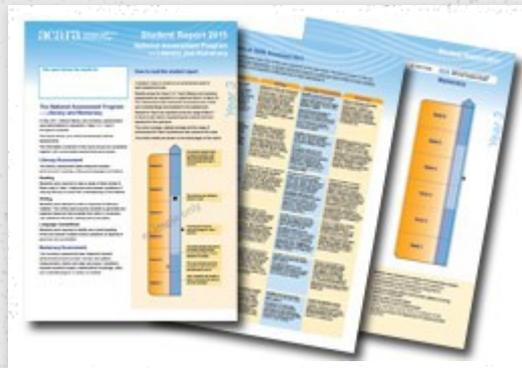
NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. The reports also provide information on how students have performed against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards.

A student's result in each area (reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy) is marked on the common assessment scales.

- Year 3 student reports show bands 1–6. The national minimum standard is band 2.
- Year 5 student reports show bands 3–8. The national minimum standard is band 4.
- Year 7 student reports show bands 4–9. The national minimum standard is band 5.
- Year 9 student reports show bands 5–10. The national minimum standard is band 6.

Diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60% of students, the national average result, and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories also show the school average.

The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of what students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.



## DOVES PROGRAM

Our years 5 and 6 students have participated in a survey for the DOVES program and on Wednesday October 26, I will be taking 5 students from Coledale Public School along to the Regional South Forums. The rest of Sage 3 will be participating via zoom at the school.

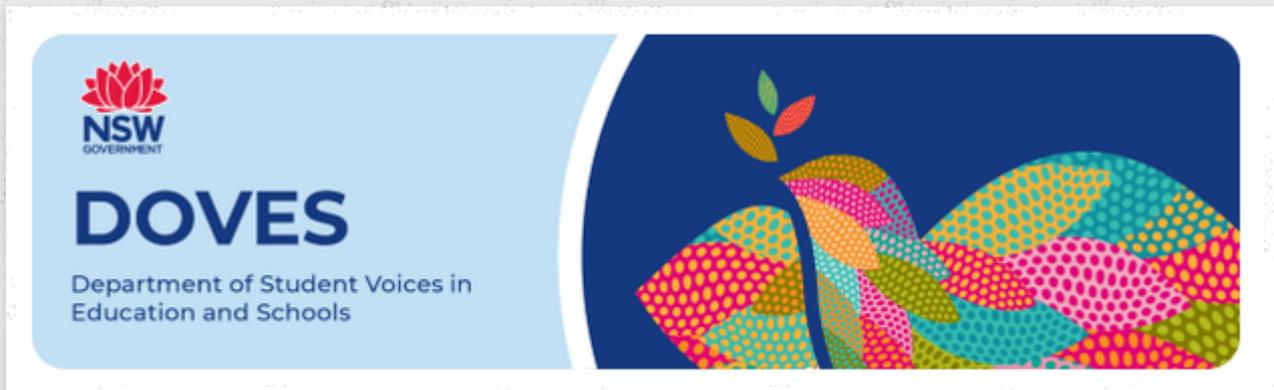
The Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools is the council of students tasked with representing and advocating for the voices of the students within the NSW Education system.

DOVES believe students need to have a strong sense of belonging, they need to feel connected, and their voices need to be heard in their school communities. Student voice sits at the heart of public education. Student voice and agency are intrinsically linked. Agency gives students the power and responsibility for their learning, creating independent and confident learners.

At the forum they will discuss how student voice will drive new ways of learning and connecting our young people in NSW.

Discussion Topics will include:

1. Better Facilities and more affordable school supplies including technological updates, subsidising laptops for students promoting BYOD Policy, sporting facilities, drinking fountains & water refill stations, sanitary supplies in school bathroom.
2. More Tailored Anti-Racism Courses towards Australia's ethnic makeup.
3. Secondary School Enrichment Programs.
4. What are our careers of the future - more elective subject courses such as Agriculture & Engineering
5. Phone Bans



## *DEADLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2022*

Deadly Achievement Awards 2022

Congratulations to both Dakota and Imogen who attended the NSW AECG Deadly Awards at Bulli High School last week. They have had a deadly and are making great progress at school!



## MUSIC CONCERT & LESSONS

In VERY exciting news Wollongong Conservatorium have been engaged to run in-class music lessons for 2023. As part of their program there will be opportunities to learn instruments and join a school band or ensemble! (Very Exciting)

This Friday 21st at 10am we are having a special assembly - an instrument showcase which **parents are welcome to attend.**

A survey will go out in the following weeks that will register your child's interest in instruments and ensemble.

Emily Bull

P&C Music committee

## PLAYGROUP

Our community playgroup is held in Garawa our kitchen garden each Monday morning from 9.15 to 10.45 am.

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity to meet other people, a chance to make new friends, learn from one another and develop a supportive local network for you and your family in the beautiful Coledale school grounds.

# ART ACTIVITIES



# GARDEN REPORT

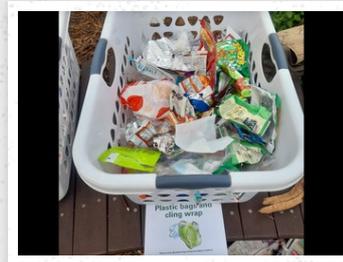
All students have had a great term exploring and learning in our wonderful outdoor classroom and playground. This term K-2 worked with their buddy classes during the first section of their garden class. Our overall focus this term was about sustainable practices and how we can care for the environment, while also reducing our eco footprint. Students had fun bird watching, learning about bush tucker, learning about the importance of trees, how to protect garden from pests and diseases and they learnt about ways to reduce our eco footprint, by reducing plastics and reducing the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill and how to save water.

In week 5, 4 orange students carried out a school waste audit. It was good to see that at our school we are doing a great job of reducing our waste to landfill. There was only 1 juice bottle in the rubbish, showing that most students are bring in a reusable bottle and reusable containers/ lunch boxes, which is great. There was not much food waste, showing our students are eating their food and what food scraps were going to our worm farms and compost. We were however surprised by the number of soft plastics, when we emptied the soft plastics bin. There was a reason for this. The soft plastic bin had not been emptied for over a term, but it did show the students how even small amounts of plastics over time can add up to a larger amount. This did get students talking and they decided that they should do something about this. Yr 5/6 students wrote an article for the newsletter about the importance of reducing plastic and they promoted the plastic free days amongst their classes and created posters for the bins, showing what can go into the different bins.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank again the lovely couple that have the plant stall at the Coledale Markets. They again donated a large collection of seedlings to our school for the students to grow. They have been supporting the school for years with donations of seedlings. If you are ever looking for seedlings and plants it would be great if we could think of them and support them as they support us.

All students as well as myself are very excited about the arrival of our chickens this term. Thank you to all families that assisted with the care of our garden over the holidays.

Mrs Chilton



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ciaran for his selection in the Illawarra Under 11's Representative Cricket squad.

Well done Ciaron!!

Congratulations to Noni and Issi for their selection into The Stingrays soccer, National Premier League.

Well done girls!!



## 1 YELLOW

In 1 Yellow we have been exploring adjectives to make our writing more interesting! We turned our classroom into an Adjective Cafe where students wrote about the different foods using adjectives. We have also been using words from our 'Helpful House of Words' to help extend our vocabulary.

In Maths, 1 Yellow LOVE multiplication and this has resulted in them achieving their goals of recalling their 2, 5 and 10 times tables!

We have been really enjoying the Amplify Music Education program, where we have explored: beat, dynamics, pitch, tuned and untuned instruments, what a chorus is and rhythm & rhyme. Students are continuing to work on their own composition where they are using musical concepts and movement.

Miss Farrelll



## 2 GREEN

2 Green have expressed their creativity in Term 3. After studying The story of Rosy Dock by Jeannie Baker we were inspired to create our own collages of a favourite environment. This involved working collaboratively with a partner.

Our paper mache skills were also fine tuned with the creation of these birds.

We were extremely fortunate to be able to see the Commonwealth Gold medal that Evelyn's uncle won for Hockey.

Everyone continues to love reading and sharing their writing.

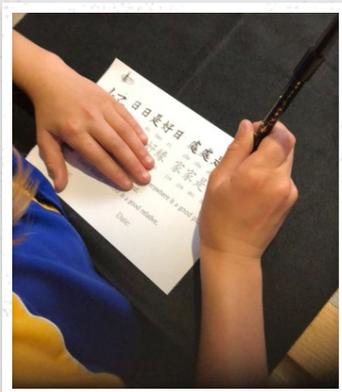
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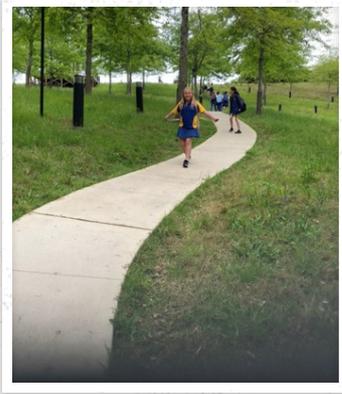
Anthea Bartlett



## 4 ORANGE

Year 4 are off to a great start in term 4. We thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to Nan Tien Temple this week with year 3. We enjoyed our guided tour through each of the temples and we learned about the significance of Buddha. Students were taught calligraphy and what some the Chinese letters mean. We also made an origami lotus flower which is especially significant for Buddhism. We enjoyed a hot lunch of fried rice and spring rolls. Our Coledale students were an absolute pleasure to take out and they all demonstrated high levels of interest and respect. It was a wonderful day!





## 5/6 BLUE

Students in 5/6 Blue have had a busy start of term! We have been writing new learning goals, learning about cubism, having fun at gymnastics, working on Year 6 yearbooks and eating wontons in kitchen/garden! No doubt this term will fly and I am planning for an extra special last term of primary school for our Year 6 students. The whole class is looking forward to the Year 6 farewell and our Berry camp at the end of term! Thank you all for the continued support.

A big congratulations to John who achieved a score in the Top 25% of individual student scores and was our team's highest scorer for Maths Olympiad. I would also like to mention Ada who came second - well done to you both!

Mrs Thane



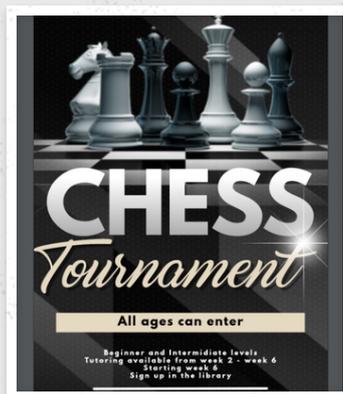


## LIBRARY NEWS

This term in the library at lunch time (Mon, Tue, Wed) students will have the opportunity to learn chess. We have a number of students who have put their hand up to teach anyone interested in learning the game. A tournament for beginners and intermediate will take place later in the term.

Interested students can sign up in the library.

Book Club catalogues were distributed last week. Orders can be completed online through the LOOP system (instructions below). All orders must be made by Thursday 28th October.



## P&C

The P&C are always happy to welcome any new faces to come along and be part of the community. If you are interested joining up, please feel free to make contact with any questions or ideas via email [coledale.pc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:coledale.pc.secretary@gmail.com) or the school office can pass on any enquiries.

Below is the link for gofundme playground

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/coledale-pc?qid=de67ac0900f21d68b056b83da0ede781>

## CALENDAR

Upcoming dates & events:

Year 5/6 Camp open for payment

P&C meeting Thursday 27 October, 6:15 pm in school library.

Halloween Disco Sunday 30 October, Wombarra Bowlo.

Musica Viva Monday 31 October

Swimming Scheme Monday 31 October to Friday November 11

Final Kindergarten 2023 Transition, Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Didjeribone performance Friday 11 November.

Jamberoo Year 6, Tuesday 6 December.

Year 6 Farewell Wednesday 7 December.

Presentation Day Friday 9 December.

Colour Run Tuesday 13 December.

Year 5/6 Camp Wednesday to Friday 14 15 16 December.

## COLEDALE NIPPERS

All students from Coledale are warmly invited to come down and join in - we run nippers with two things in mind - beach safety and fun!

We are keen to get as many local kids down on the beach every second Sunday from 10am-12pm, to build their confidence and safety in the water, have some fun, and develop a sense of community, pride and ownership in their local club so that they can grow with the Club and so that the Club continues on for many more generations as an integral part of Coledale.

You can find more information about the Nippers programme and everything that you need to do to get ready here:

<https://www.coledalebeach.com.au/coledale-nippers/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via [juniors@coledalebeach.com.au](mailto:juniors@coledalebeach.com.au).

If you are a parent and you would like to help out by becoming an age manager or assistant, or helping out with water safety, please also get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

For updates you can follow us on social media at:

<https://www.facebook.com/coledale.surflifeclub>

<https://www.instagram.com/coledalesurfclub/>

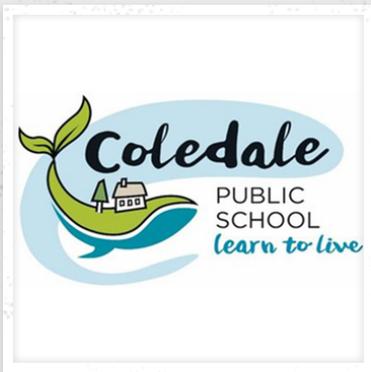
Hope to see you soon on the beach!

Kind regards

Peter Thomas

Junior Club President





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