From The Principal's Desk……..

FAREWELL TO 2013
On behalf of the staff of Colo Vale I would like to thank the students, parents and wider community for another successful year focused on learning and preparing our students for the 21st century. Our teachers, support and administrative staff have worked tirelessly with our students. Together we create a synergy, a success that is made better through our teamwork. This is our final newsletter for the year. I would like to wish you all a fabulous Christmas, and a safe, bright and beautiful New Year.

INVITATION TO OUR TERM PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY OF ACHIEVEMENT
9:30am-11:00am Friday 13th December 2013
Parents and guests are invited to our final Assembly of Achievement at Colo Vale for 2013. Students will receive class awards, annual shields and we will farewell Yr 6. We encourage parents to attend as we showcase our student achievements and performances.

WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT OUR K-6 DANCE PERFORMANCE
Congratulations to Mrs Annabel Lomax who instructed our students, organised the script and worked with teachers. Congratulations also to our industrious P&C who cooked, cut, sliced and diced and prepared the barbeque, hot dogs and delights for our community. Our students and teachers enjoyed the dance program, and the growth of student skills and rhythm over time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 WHO ENJOYED A FABULOUS EVENING
Many thanks to the organising committee and the SRC for fundraising to support this event. The paper cranes and decorations were fantastic! The students were very well dressed, enjoyed their evening and their fond farewell. Thank you to Mr Brendan Warby for being our friendly DJ once again.

FINAL LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES: KEEP ON SWIMMING
Swim Scheme finished last Thursday. Congratulations to all of the children who participated to improve their skills in this valuable life skill. I would like to extend my appreciation to all staff who supported the great success of Swim School. I encourage parents to provide opportunities for our children to continue to practise their skills; consider ongoing lessons and perhaps joining a swimming club. It takes time and practice to build proficiency.

BOWRAL'S GOT TALENT
Last Friday evening, two of our senior students, Amy Ryan and Angela Hoffman, represented our school at the Bowral's Got Talent Performance at Bowral High. Amy presented a dance recital and Angela performed with her saxophone. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding contribution to our school and to the district performance.

STRINGS AND BAND TUITION 2014
Mrs Donaldson sent out a note yesterday regarding another music initiative. If we have sufficient numbers, Colo Vale is keen to establish string instrument tuition at school. I encourage interested families to respond promptly so that we can make this happen for our school!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLD BADGE WINNERS FOR 2013
Wow! Kelsea Carruthers, Toshiki Norimura and Elise Balla were our Gold badge awardees in 2013. These students received tickets to the Empire Cinema at Bowral in recognition of their outstanding behaviour. These students epitomise our school values and commitment to learning.
SILVER BADGE AFTERNOON TEA: FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER
Our final special Silver Badge Afternoon Tea with the Principal will be this Friday. I am delighted to be able to reward and acknowledge outstanding student behaviour. The final Silver Badges were distributed at assembly last week, Friday 6th December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED DISTINCTIONS IN ICAS TEST
Ryan Easter, demonstrated his particular talents with technology and received a distinction in the Computer Test. Layla Ross demonstrated excellence in the English Test, also receiving a distinction.

UPDATE ON MILES MINION
I have spoken to Ian Day, manager of Berrima Buslines where Tim works, regarding Miles' progress. Miles opened his eyes on Friday. However, he cannot speak because his jaw is wired. The doctors have discovered additional broken bones. His father, Tim Minion, has passed his deepest thanks to our community. The family were touched by the support, financial assistance and care of the Colo Vale Community. Thank you everyone!! It really does help to feel like you are not alone, when faced with such a long term recovery ahead.

ON THE MOVE?
If so, we need to know! Please advise the school office on 4889 4250 as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2014.

EXTENDED HOLIDAY IN 2014?
If you are planning to take an extended holiday and not return on the first day back next year (Wednesday 29th January), please notify Mrs Quist ahead of time. This is important as we form classes based on actual attendance and enrolments unless we have a note.

ORGANISATION FOR 2014
* Kindergarten parents will receive an individual letter that will detail individual assessment times for Kindergarten and their individual starting time on Monday
* Years 1-6 will resume school on WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY.
* All students will assemble in the school hall at 9:00am.

1st P&C MEETING FOR 2014: MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2014
This will be our first planning meeting. We looking forward to many new parents and catching up with our friendly team. All welcome!

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL: MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2014
A note will be sent home on the first day of 2014. It will be anticipated that the cost maybe around $7. This is yet to be confirmed.

Enjoy a fabulous holiday with family and friends. We look forward to another terrific year of focused learning, opportunity and success in 2014. Merry Christmas one and all!
Student Initiatives

Clear Direction - Excerpt from Word for Today
You will accomplish more through others than you will ever accomplish alone. But you'll only do it if you're able to give clear direction. The story's told of a coach who always communicated his goal to his runners before the race. Just before the starter's gun sounded he would say, 'Stay to your left, and get back here as soon as you can.' It doesn't get any clearer than that! Ed Rowell says, 'A dream is a better future in need of an architect who will show others how to make it a reality.' So you must be an architect. You must identify the dream and be able to draw it, not only for your benefit but also for the benefit of others. If you create a fuzzy picture, people will follow you in a fuzzy way. Lack of clarity hinders initiative, inhibits persistence, and undermines follow-through. People don't give their best to something they don't understand. They don't stay on course for something they cannot see. Nobody becomes motivated by something they kinda, sorta, believe in.

Netty Dubokovich
Speak Life!
Student Welfare Worker.

NEW STAFF FOR 20113/14
Our school will welcome new staff members in 2014. We will welcome Peter Pilgrim (Assistant Principal), Hannah Grady (Classroom Teacher), Anne Wood (Teacher Librarian), Karen Brunton (School Administration Officer). I would also like to acknowledge our team of people who have continued to relieve in various positions. Mrs Judi Schofield, will finish her role at Colo Vale, this Friday 13 December. Thank you Judi for your fabulous support in the front office.

STUDENT BANKING
Last school banking YESTERDAY…………….Well done to all those diligent students who continued with their regular banking!

COLO VALE WEBSITE
www.colovale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
For regular information on “WHAT’S ON” at Colo Vale Public School you can visit our website. The website is a valuable place to stay in touch with Colo Vale Public School & it’s up coming events, or reviews on past events.

Diary Dates . . .

TERM 4

December
Wed 11 BHS Presentation Night
Fri 13 Colo Vale End of Year Assembly
Final Silver Badge afternoon tea

Canteen Roster
If you can help out please let the school office know your details.

TERM 4

CANTEEN CLOSED

Uniform Shop Roster
A reminder that the Uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 2.15pm - 2.50pm and Fridays 8.30am - 9.00am
TERM 4

December
Fri 13 Lucy Liddiard
Mon 16 Cindy Gualtieri
Tue 17 Kylie Hill

NORTHERN VILLAGES 
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS INC
JURD PARK AMENITIES BLOCK
COLO VALE  PHONE: 4889 4974
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE 6.30 TO 8.30AM
AFTER SCHOOL CARE 3 TO 6PM
VACATION CARE 8AM TO 6PM
ACCREDITED CHILD CARE SERVICE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN