From the Principal’s desk……

Athletics Carnival Invitation: Friday 6 June, 9:30

Parents are welcome to attend our Athletics Carnival this Friday at Jurd Park. Children are requested to wear sports uniform and house colours: Rosellas-RED, Kookaburras-BLUE, Magpies-BLACK. K-2 will complete a tabloid circuit in the interior of Jurd Park; and will return to school after lunch. Students will be divided into age groups and participate and compete in various events. Thank you to Mr Berry for organising this event, and many thanks to the Student Sport Committee, Mr Little and teachers for assisting! Students need to bring

* Sun hat and sunscreen  
* Warm clothes  
* Running shoes  
* Recess and lunch (or orders)  
* A towel to sit on

Our wonderful P&C will be providing lunch and canteen facilities.

Safety Alert! Important Parking Information and School Road Safety

This is a gentle reminder that the two staff car parks are reserved for staff, contractors and school deliveries. The small front car park has very limited space. This is imperative to maintain access at all times for emergency services. I have given one member of the community permission to park in the front car park due to exceptional circumstances. Please take due care when dropping off children in the bus bay. Be as quick as you can to avoid unnecessary delays.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) News

Wow! Once again we enjoyed a productive and interactive meeting. We enjoyed good company as well as achieving our corporate business. Key features included:

* Welcoming new members! 
* An ipad and library presentation from Mrs Anne Wood, Librarian; 
* Reports from the Principal, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Treasurers, Eco Garden (delicious cooking) and Fund Raising Committees; 
* Reviewing our financial goals and progress; 
* Acknowledging donations to our school including competitive award winning ribbons for our students; 
* Making decisions regarding expenditure including allocating $2000 to the School Library, Athletics Carnival organisation; and 
* Discussing school issues including parking safety, staff parking and reviewing RTA traffic signs.

Colo Vale Wins the NRL Regional Noble Cup

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 team who represented our school at Campbelltown Stadium last Thursday. Our boys played a hotly contested game against Thirlmere PS. Success! We won with a score of 6-4 and have brought back the trophy. Our parents and I were glued to our seats with anticipation. Our team then went on to contest the next match against Narellan Vale and were defeated. However, we still won the small schools division and will go on to contest the next level at Penrith on the 28 July. Congratulations to the students, parents and in particular, parent, John Hansen who has continued to support the team training.

Colo Vale Junior NRL Team Wins Jurd Park Tournament

In a rare opportunity, at the inaugural NRL 7 aside Gala Day and Competition at Jurd Park, our students outperformed the vigorous competition. The team played with one man short and still managed to outplay the competition! Well done! This team will also compete at Campbelltown Stadium on 19 June 2014.
Invitation to Term 2 Celebration of Achievement Assembly: Friday 27 June, 10:00am

Parents and their guests are cordially invited to attend our end of term assembly on the last day of term 2. The assembly will be conducted by 5/6S. This is a presentation assembly that acknowledges student achievements and school progress. It is also the opportunity to share the talents of our school musical ensembles. I hope you can join us!

Semester One Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home towards the end of this term. We look forward to sharing each child’s progress and achievements! I encourage parents to contact their class teacher and make an appointment at any time of the year to share or discuss your child’s needs. We would also like to remind parents about absences. The reports will indicate days absent, both whole and partial. If a student has missed more than 10 days (2 school weeks) in a semester then it is noteworthy. Any school day that is missed is a day of lost learning.

Living our 21st Century Education every day!

Jenny Quist
PRINCIPAL
Colo Vale Public School

Colo Vale entered 3 senior and 2 junior tackle teams and 2 League Tag teams in the inaugural Legends 7 a side Gala Day at Jurd Park on Monday, run by Country Rugby League. The students seemed to enjoy the day, and the weather was kind after looking like rain early. Many thanks to the parents who came along and helped manage a team, your help was most appreciated. Thanks also to Mr Little our G.A. for setting up and dismantling 3 shelters, and building an impromptu wooden bridge over the drainage ditch at the edge of Jurd Park, which was full of water.

Our Junior team in Pool B managed to make it through to the 2014 Legends of League Finals Day, which is played on Thursday 19th June 2014 at Campbelltown Stadium, despite playing with only 6 players and no subs. This team was Luke Kearney, Floyd Linsley, Conner Miller, Kyle Murphy, Josiah Smiltnieks and Blake Tickner. Notes for this day will come out shortly.

Congratulations to Sebastian Hernandez for his efforts in playing for the South Coast Region at the State Soccer Titles last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Campbelltown. Well done Sebastian.

Well done also to our 3 runners at the South Coast Regional Cross Country Championships at Cambewarra. Joshua Thorne, Jachin Brown and Brydee Martin put in a terrific effort to finish well ahead of lots of other runners. In fact Brydee did so well she came 4th, which means she qualifies to be in the South Coast Cross Country Team at the State carnival, which is at Eastern Creek Race Way Friday 18 July 2014. GO BRYDEE!

A special mention goes to the students who are running various lunch time sporting activities, such as soccer and skipping, entirely at their own initiative, without any teacher input. We definitely have some future leaders coming through the ranks at Colo Vale.

The Premiers Sporting Challenge starts this week at Colo Vale, and goes for the next 10 weeks. The whole school is encouraged to meet the recommended national target for physical activity of 60 minutes per day. Each student is given a logbook with which to record their physical activity, both at school and outside of school. So going to soccer training, or even playing a game of chasings with your brother or sister at home, counts towards your target. Every student will get a certificate at the end. Their are 5 certificates - encouragement, bronze, silver, gold and diamond. To get gold you need to do 60 minutes of physical activity per day, and to get diamond you need to do 80 minutes per day. So everyone, on your marks, get set, get active!!!

The School Athletics Carnival and Hot Dog day are on this Friday at Jurd Park, weather permitting. Fingers crossed!

Finally, Miss Grady and I are looking forward to taking a school team of runners to the Southern Highlands Challenge trail run at Wingello on Sunday 31st August. If you are interested in running, please check the website www.southernhighlandschallenge.com for further information. As a special bonus, one of the main organisers of the event, a specialist running coach by the name of Sean Williams, has agreed to come to Colo Vale on June 17 to give interested students some running training, free of charge. If you are a student who is thinking of entering the Southern Highlands Challenge trail run, can you please let Mr Berry know, and I will include you in this training session. Just tell me on the playground or write your name and “Southern Highlands Challenge” on a piece of paper and put it in the banksia box.

Mr Berry
STUDENT INITIATIVES.

Mentors!
"A man stood near a construction site where several bricklayers were working hard in the hot sun. He asked one guy, 'What are you doing?' The guy looked at him and said 'Duh! I'm laying bricks.' The man moved on to a second bricklayer, asking him the same question, 'What are you doing?' The second guy straightened up with a satisfied smile and said 'I'm building a wall, and doing a pretty darn good job of it, if I say so myself!' The man continued walking around the site, stopping by a third bricklayer to ask again, 'What are you doing?' The bricklayer looked up from his job first at, and then beyond the man, as though he saw something in the distant future the man was not yet aware of. "I'm building a magnificent cathedral" he said simply, turning back with trowel in hand to lay another brick in the wall.

I share this, not about the building but the vision & the attitude of the 3rd man. All 3 men, were stating the facts, but only the last one had the character & foresight of the blueprint to see and state the final outcome of his work.

Sometimes, it's not what we're doing, but how we think about what we are doing. Parenting & teaching are works of mentors. What we do, how we think and what we portray are evidenced in the children we are responsible for. We are given but a brief moment, small windows of opportunity to make or sometimes break these little people. What we say has a big impact on what they say. What they hear is very likely what they will say, whether you're around or not. This applies to all the good we encourage and develop in children, as well as unacceptable language, poor self esteem, name calling and put downs.

What do we want our children to be saying? We must be aware of our output, being their input, which becomes - yes...their output!!! Similarly... what we do. Whether we have a "less than" approach to life or the attitude of an overcomer. They pick up on what they are a product of. It is important that we encourage ourselves & our children. Positive self talk, building our own self esteem & theirs is crucial to children believing they are equal to any of their peers. Knowing they have a lot to offer and are up for the challenges that life may send their way. Whether we feel we are at the tail, we can still have the mindset of being at the head. Everything begins in the mind. Every idea, invention, lyric or book, has it's origin in the heart and mind of someone. If we want to change the way we see things, we have to change how we think & feel about them and ourselves.

We are given one shot to make the best of ourselves and our children, though it is an ongoing process to "keep moving forward", past any wrong doing, being, saying, thinking or feeling. Every day is a new page, ready for the writing in our lives and that of our children. It is important that we understand the concept of the book of our lives that we are writing through our choices and views”. When it seems like one day is the same as the next, we can never be too sure what any day will entail, how events will pan out and the conscious choices we make which may change each day as it unfolds.

The adage, good input=good output is so true of ourselves and what we portray to the lives entrusted to us. Continue on the path of personal development, with the attitude of it’s never too late and we are sure to cultivate good qualities in ourselves and in the children around us.

Netty Dubokovich - Student Welfare Worker. ......“SpeakLife”

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Girl Guides meet in Your area

Girl Guides provides a broad Australian and International program for all girls, developing skills for life.

Girl Guides meet at
Mittagong Guide Hall, 10 Albert St, Mittagong

Vacancies in all age groups. Why not give it a try?

Bring a friend/ older sister/Mum/Aunty.... too.

- Junior Guides 6.5-10 yrs  Monday 4-6 pm
- Guides 9.5-14 years     Friday 6-8 pm
- Senior Guides 14-18yrs  fortnightly Monday 6:30-8:30 pm
- Adults can join too as Leaders and Support group.
All students at Colo Vale School are attempting the Premier’s Reading Challenge in 2014 as part of their literacy strand in English. Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students will have the books read to them in class and their Library lesson time. Year 3 to 6 students need to read 20 books between March 1st and August 31st to complete the challenge, some books will be read in their library lesson time but the majority of reading needs to be independent.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

Bianca Wyeth
Lydia McConaughey
Joshua Easter
Ashleigh Shaw
Kyle Murphy
Jachin Brown
Brydée Martin
Tiko Ameria
Jasmine Shakeshaft
Jack Hatcher

Maya Bos-Woods
Connor Miller
Mackenzie Ward
Chloe Chalker
Grace Edworthy
Kazuki Norimura
Mitch Alexander
Megan Johnson
Bayley Cash
Steven Cao

Please encourage your child to keep on reading, the challenge doesn’t finish until 22nd August.

Anne Wood
Teacher/Librarian

Work Opportunities for Women

Are you looking to re-enter the workforce and need computing skills?
Are you looking for new employment and training opportunities?

Course 10697 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training for Women is proposed to be delivered at TAFE NSW - Illawarra Institute, Moss Vale Campus in Semester 2, 2014.

Some of the subjects included in the course are Computer Skills, The Changing Role of Women, Personal Effectiveness, Interpersonal & Communication Skills, Job Seeking Skills

The course will run on Thursdays and Fridays during school hours for one semester and will commence on Thursday 17 July 2014.

This course is exempt from the TAFE NSW Fee

Enrol in course 10697 online now at www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or your local campus

For further information please contact Fran Beck, Outreach Coordinator on 4823 1913 or The Customer Service Centre 4868 111

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ YOUR LIBRARY

BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 16TH JUNE 2014

Bestselling children’s author and entertainer presents a hilarious literary and musical show about jokes and humour, using his guitar, drums and other props.

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT VISIT
On line payments
If you choose to make a payment on line it is most important that you return all the paperwork for the activity including permission slips, date of transaction and receipt number.

School phone numbers
Did you know our school has two phone numbers you can use to contact us? 4889 4250 is our main number, but 4889 4081 will also get you through.

Cough etiquette
- When coughing or sneezing, use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth
- Dispose of the tissue afterwards
- If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, wash your hands with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand cleansers if you do not have access to soap and water

Remember hand washing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS—2014
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you have a child that will be turning 5 by June 2015, please complete the form below and return it to the school office. Early next term we will forward an “Expression of Interest” form to parents. Details of our Orientation Sessions will be advertised early next term.

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Child’s Name_________________________________
D.O.B______________________________________
Parent’s Name/s _____________________________
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Address:
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FOX BAITING
We have been informed by a local resident that there will be fox baiting at ‘Parraweena’ 4 Bignonia Street, Colo Vale from 1/6/14 until 14/6/14. Keep your pets away too.
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