From the Principal’s desk…… Celebrating another terrific week of learning!

A Special Welcome to New Students and Families
We are delighted to welcome our new children and their families to our school. I encourage the whole community to extend the hand of friendship and to make our new families welcome. I am proud of our special community. I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday. The children and Colo Vale School Team are eager to engage our children in learning and are excited about each child’s impending achievement. Congratulations on the high quality school uniform presentation. Our 10 classes are very settled and now confirmed.

Banksia Bites: Healthy Canteen Featuring Home Baked Cooking, Wednesdays and Fridays
I encourage our school community to support this new initiative in 2015. The new stove is in pride of place and is central to our new school initiative to promote fresh and healthy food! The aromas are delightful. Congratulations to the P&C and the Canteen Team. The new menu has already been sent home this week.

What’s new in 2015?
Mr Peter Pilgrim was successful at Merit Selection and is the Principal of Adelong PS. We wish him every success. We now welcome Ms Genevieve Smith (Term 1) and Relieving Assistant Principals Mrs Nicole Naranjo and Mrs Grace Provino. We also welcome Ms Brittany Garrity to our Colo Vale team.

Introducing our Classes and Staffing Team for 2015
The confirmed classes and staffing for 2015 are:
KZ: Mrs Jenny Zantis
1/KP: Mrs Grace Provino (Relieving AP)
1G: Ms Hannah Grady
1/2N: Mrs Nicole Naranjo (Relieving AP)
2S: Ms Genevieve Smith
3G: Ms Brittany Garrity
3/4A: Mrs Annette Boatwright (M,T,W)/ Mrs Ann Cush (TH,F)
4/5D: Mrs Anne Donaldson Assistant Principal (Stage 2)
5/6F: Mr James Freeman
5/6S: Mr Matthew Stanger- Assistant Principal (Stage 3)

Teacher Librarian: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Mrs Anne Wood
Reading/ Recovery (RR) and Release From Face to Face Teacher (RFF): Mr Mark Berry
Learning and Support Teacher (LAST): Mrs Michele Williams
Release From Face to Face Teacher (W): Mrs Ann Cush

Our Support and Administration Team include:
School Administrative Manager (SAM): Teri Swanbury
School Administrative Officer (SAO): Karen Brunton
School Administrative Officer (SAO) Library: Judy Schofield (Relieving)
School Learning Support Officers (SLSO’S): Merridy Marden, Jenna Garard, Melanie Coffey and Natasha Peacock
General Assistant (GA): Grant Little
School Chaplain: 'Nettie' Annette Dubokovich
Peripatetic Music Tutors (Parent cost)
Alexandra Zachary: Violin/Cello
Riley Gillen: Trumpet/Trombone
Zoe Andrews: Flute
Melissa Reyder: Clarinet/Saxophone

Kindergarten Have Arrived!
Friday was very exciting as our new kinders arrived with their families. The kindergarten teachers were very busy as they engaged the children.

URGENT: NO NUTS: ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS
This is a reminder that we request that there are no nuts brought to school: including peanut butter in lunches, recess, cakes, muesli bars and food additives. We have a number of people (students and staff) who suffer from Anaphylaxis which is a life threatening condition. Students/adults with ANAPHYLAXIS must have a MEDICAL ACTION PLAN developed and signed by each person's treating doctor. All ANAPHYLACTIC PATIENTS must have an EpiPen which is an auto injector device that delivers adrenaline directly into the bloodstream. The school has additional EpiPens, and will use them if a child has an undiagnosed Anaphylactic reaction. Our staff are trained in Anaphylaxis Response, CPR and Emergency Response.

What is Anaphylaxis? (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION THAT CAN RESULT IN DEATH)
This severe allergic reaction may include
・ Difficult/noisy breathing and swelling of the tongue;
・ Swelling and tightness in throat
・ Difficulty talking and hoarse voice; wheeze or persistent cough; persistent dizziness or collapse, pale and floppy (young children)

Reminder: Monday 9th February School Swimming Carnival
It is imperative that all notes including the GREEN MEDICAL NOTE are returned as soon as possible. No child will be allowed to participate without this medical and swimming detail information. NOTE: The District Swimming Carnival is Monday, 23rd February

Monday 9th February: 1st Parents and Citizens (P&C) Meeting of 2015, 7:30pm.
All welcome!
I encourage all of our new and interested parents to come along and become part of a warm and welcoming team of people. This is an opportunity to be part of decision making body and help to make a difference for our children. 2 March: Colo Vale Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be followed by a normal meeting. Please pay the $1 before the AGM to enjoy voting rights at these important meetings.

Returning Permission Notes and Money:
It is important that notes and money are returned by the closing date written on the form. If parents require support or extra time to finalise payments, please complete the permission note and contact the school to discuss ways our school can help our families. Parents are most welcome to make their school payments on line through our school website.

Mobile Phone Policy
There are no mobile phones permitted at school unless prior permission has been given by the school principal. If permission is granted, then mobile phones have to be handed in at the office in the morning and collected each afternoon. Please see the Mobile Phone Policy on the website.

Playing at Jurd Park and Local Walking Excursions
Please return the ‘update notes’ which include current family information, medical notes and permission slips signed so that Years 1-6 may play at Jurd Park. It is important to note that all children require a Colo Vale School hat to play at Jurd.
Welcome to 2015 another great reading year at Colo Vale school library

February is Love to read month, so all students are encouraged to read a new book each fortnight. The Library timetable has now been finalised this year, so the class Library days are listed below.

Tuesday.  Wednesday.  Thursday
4/5D.  2S.  3/4A
1G.  3G.  1/KP
1/2N.  5/6S.  5/6F
KZ

Could you please ensure your child has a cloth Library bag to bring each week to store their borrowed books in. Plastic bags don’t protect the books as well. The bag does not need to be special, a cloth supermarket or shop bag are fine.

I was lucky to have several helpers last year in the Library. If you can help this year on a Thursday morning 9-10am or Thursday afternoon 2-3pm please come and see me in the library. Tasks include shelving books, tidying shelving, labelling books etc.

Anne Wood
The Secret Ingredient to Student’s Success in School - Positive Parent Participation!
(adapted excerpt from Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose)

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Taking part in school activities is one valuable way of participating in your children’s learning. But, participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child.

These include: talking with your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- Find out what the school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets Colo Vale School apart from others.
- Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.
- Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.
- Become an advocate for the school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- Consult with your child’s teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Netty Dubokovich...Chaplain...Speak Life

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**Banksia Bites—Canteen**

Every family should have received a copy of the Banksia Bites menu for 2015, if not there are copies available at the office. Listed below is a list of items that can be donated to the canteen to help keep our prices down, these can be taken to the canteen or left at the office.

**DONATIONS**

Any donations of the following items would help keep our canteen expenditures low, and more profit is returned to the P&C to be disturbed into the school as needed.

- Penne Pasta
- Milo
- S/R & Plain flour
- Tomato Puree
- Brown Sugar
- Oats
- Rice
- Tin Tomatoes
- Choco Chips
- eggs
- Tin Pineapple
- Cinnamon
- Breadcrumbs
- Sao’s
- Vegemite
- Foil
- Dried Basil/oregano
- Jam
- baking paper
- butter

Thank you for helping to make our school canteen a healthy food provider for our students.
**Girl Guides meet in your area at**

Mittagong Girl Guide Hall

10 Albert St Mittagong (on the library block)

- Junior Guides 6-10 yrs meet Monday 4-6 pm
- Guides 10-14 yrs meet Friday 6-8 pm
- Senior Guides meet Monday fortnightly 6:30-8:30 pm

Girl Guides offers a wide, modern and international program of self-development though fun activities including outdoors, team building, world guiding, leadership and community service.

Contact the Mittagong District Manager on 0457432116 for information and come along to try Guiding.

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**Club GYMNASTICS OPEN DAY**

WHERE: Mittagong Recreation Centre  
TIME: 11am—1pm  
COST: We would really appreciate a gold coin donation.  

All ages welcome. Come and play, watch small performances from our Level 6 Gymnasts Preparing for State Trials. Light Refreshments will be available to purchase with funds going towards fundraising.

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**Student Banking Day for 2015 is Tuesday!**

We will start Tuesday 10th February

Come to the office if you need more information

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**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
July 14 Staff

Uniform Shop Hours
Don’t forget the Uniform Shop is open Monday 8:30—9:00 for the first three and last three Mondays of each term, also Tuesday 2:15—3:00 and Friday 8:30—9:00 each week. Order forms can be collected from the office and the order will be filled when the Uniform Shop is opened next.
If you would like to volunteer to help out on any of the above days, please leave your details with the office.

Thanks Cindy

Notes and Money due

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Banksia Bites Canteen
February
4th Renae Capps, Grace Romeo
6th Grace Romeo, Kylie Wyeth
11th Grace, Renae

Uniform Shop
February
6th Nicole Sellick
10th Cindy Gualtieri
13th Cheryl Sharp