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

Class of the Week 1/KP
Mrs Provino has been working very hard with 1/KP. This beautiful class has been working diligently in their reading and maths groups. They are working hard with their Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program every day. 1/KP enjoy working in small groups, learning with their ipads, interactive whiteboards, practising with their home readers, participating in sport and class activities.

Term 1 Parent Interviews and Teacher Communication
Parents and teachers are planning their interviews for the end of term. I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that you are most welcome to contact your class teacher and organise to chat at any time of the year. This term, we are particularly keen to engage parents in setting goals for and with their children. As a school we are keen to be aspirational to optimise our learning for our students.

Hindmarsh and Noble NRL Cup: Thursday 19th March
Our teams are training at lunctimes to participate in this year’s knockout competition. We wish them every success and thank Mr Berry for his wonderful training talents!

Invitation to Easter Hat Parade: Thursday 2 April, 10:15am in the COLA
We like to provide ample notice for our special community events! We are looking forward to sharing our Annual Easter Parade with parents, nanas, pops and little brothers and sisters! Lock the date into the calendar and we will celebrate the end of term together!

Invitation to Celebration of Achievement: Wednesday 1 April, 10:00 am in the Hall: All Welcome!
Parents and their guests are invited to our End of Term Assembly. This will also be our first opportunity to share some of our musical program performances and share our student success.

National Anti-Bullying Day Assembly: Friday 20 March 10:15am
This Friday, we will focus on promoting our peaceful environment and 'getting along' as part of the National Anti-bullying Day. There will be a special assembly in the morning instead of the 12:30pm school assembly. We ask students to wear their school uniform.

Fluro Walk-a-thon: Friday 20 March
At 1:30pm we will enjoy the Fluro Walk-a-thon Fun Activities. Children will be invited to change or bring their fluro accessories. We’ll leave this up to your imagination! The lovely Amanda Henderson and Amy Green were sporting some examples this week for parents and students. I liked the tutu and the fab shorts! Don't forget a hat! The P&C Fundraising Committee have lots of fun surprises in stall for everyone! Don't forget that there are prizes to be won!
Mrs Wood: Library
The lovely Mrs Anne Wood will be on leave and will be replaced by Mrs Pudsey for the remainder of the term. The library continues to be a source of inspiration for our students.

Stranger Danger: From Mrs Kim Paviour
Recently in Bowral there was an incident locally where a young girl was approached by a man in a car asking if she wanted a lift. The girl reported this to the police.

The police subsequently contacted the school with the following suggestions:

- Discuss with your children the ‘Safe People, Safe Places” messages including:
  - Make sure your parents or another adult you know, knows where you are at all times
  - Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets or use paths where there are lots of other people
  - Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
  - Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
  - Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.* If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
  - If someone tries to grab you, yell out ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

We can work together to keep our children and students safe.

Our Rural Fires Services
We are incredibly fortunate to enjoy the dedication of our local volunteer fire fighters. This week and in the weeks to come you may see some fire trucks and drills operating at out school in the evening. It is the very least that we can do, but offer our resources to support our community services, who in turn support us. Many thanks to all of our Volunteer Rural Fire Fighters for their generosity of time and community spirit!

Colo Vale Public School Emergency and Evacuation Drills
Each semester or sometimes more frequently, we rehearse our emergency drills. For your information, this is on our school website at http://www.colovale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/occupational-health-and-safety.

We have already rehearsed our Jurd Park Evacuation and will now complete our Bushfire and Lockdown Drills. The Emergency Evacuation Procedures are updated annually or when there is a significant change in the school. These are displayed throughout the school.

Emergency Drills occur every 6 months.
There are three evacuation points and drills. Synopsis is below.

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<td>Bushfire Evacuation</td>
<td>Fire truck siren</td>
<td>2. Admin Block: to allocated classrooms, staffroom and wet areas. In Catastrophic Fire Danger Period, the school will close.</td>
<td>Catastrophic Fire Danger NB. Parents will be notified by website and local radio. Students will not attend school but will be directed to another school that is not fire affected if possible. Staff will go to their nearest non fire affected school and report for duty.</td>
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<td>Lockdown</td>
<td>Bip Bip Bip Bip</td>
<td>3. Follow instructions. Return to class, lock door externally.</td>
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Learning together in the 21st Century
Jenny Quist

PRINCIPAL
Colo Vale Public School

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2015 Writing Competition

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2015 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Sunday 29th March 2015.

The Book
Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2015 Write4fun anthology! Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Just go to [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) and find out more.
STUDENT WELFARE

This Friday (March 20) is National Bullying No Way Day!! Each child will receive a Bullying No-Way armband & there will be special attention paid to the Prevention of Bullying at Friday’s assembly. **Parents Please Note:** There is a You Tube clip, a free app & learning plan for “The Allen Adventure” which is on the “Take a Stand Together” website. 
www.takeastandtogether.gov.au

From: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.. **Bullying** is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misleading their power over one or more persons.

Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Online bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. **In short, bullying is an ongoing misuse of power involving a pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour.** Not all aggressive or harmful behaviour between people is bullying. While conflicts and aggressive behaviour need to be addressed, it is important to be clear when these behaviours are not actually bullying.

The definition of bullying has three critical aspects – 1. a repeated pattern 2. the misuse of power within relationships 3. behaviour which causes harm. All three aspects need to be present in order for behaviour to be called bullying.

In a situation where there is a power imbalance, one person or group has a significant advantage over another, and if this power is misused, this enables them to coerce or mistreat another for their own ends. In a bullying situation this power imbalance may arise from the context (e.g. having others to back you up), from assets (e.g. access to a weapon) or from personal characteristics (e.g. being stronger, more articulate or more able to socially manipulate others).

A clear, comprehensive and shared definition is essential to enable schools to identify bullying, and distinguish it from other types of conflicts or violence, so that appropriate strategies and interventions can be used.

The critical feature that distinguishes violence, harassment and discrimination from bullying is that bullying happens within social relationships, featuring repeated and harmful behaviours that stem from a misuse of power. Violence, harassment and discrimination can occur as part of bullying, but also can occur in one-off conflicts or between strangers. It is important to know the difference as the effect on the individual or group may be different and the responses to each may need to be different. Intervening in less serious bullying early can often prevent harassment, discrimination and more serious negative behaviours from becoming part of the bullying pattern.

**TUESDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP 9-10am…..** We have had 6 families attending so far. Please let the office know if you won’t be staying, which helps me with numbers for setting up. We have been doing some painting & collages for the children to take home samples of their work. It’s great for children & parents to familiarize themselves with the school & with other families- getting a head start on the social aspect of what school is all about with fair play eg. sharing, taking turns & learning to mix well with others.

Netty Dubokovich...Pastoral Care Worker…**SPEAKLIFE….**
Congratulations Connor Miller, who made the district hockey team and attended the zone hockey trials yesterday (Tuesday). We hope they went well and you had a great experience.

The School Cross Country went ahead last Friday. Students turning 5, 6 or 7 this year ran around an obstacle course in the middle of Jurd Park, whilst students turning 9-13 this year ran around the outside of Jurd Park, and in and out of the pony club. 8, 9 and 10 year old students ran 2km, and 11, 12 and 13 year old students ran 3 km. Students finishing in the top 5 in each age division are in the school cross country team to compete in the District Cross Country Carnival at Robertson on Thursday 7th May. So you've got plenty of time to practise! Congratulations to the top 5 finishers in each age division:

**8/9yr Boys**
- Riley Simpson
- Michal Krueger
- Riley Tickner
- Bayley Cash
- Tom Williamson

**8/9yr Girls**
- Bella Martin
- Jessalyn Smiltnieks
- Kiyoka Norimura
- Grace Shakeshaft
- Kaitlyn Cameron

**10yr Boys**
- Joshua Thorne
- Angus Liddiard
- Harley Rebeck
- Luke Stanger
- Joseph Eccleston

**10yr Girls**
- Brydee Martin
- Aurora Wulff
- Hannah Reyder
- Olivia Romano

**11yr Boys**
- Connor Miller
- Josiah Smiltnieks
- Blake Tickner
- Tiko Ameria
- Samuel Huer

**11yr Girls**
- Jasmine Shakeshaft
- Brianna Sawtell
- Maya Bos-Woods
- Indiana Hernandez
- Sarah Legg

**12/13yr Boys**
- Sebastian Hernandez
- Jachin Brown
- Nathan Hansen
- Boyd Roberts
- Saxon Carruthers

**12/13yr Girls**
- Claire Wiltshire
- Elise Balla
- Jade Alexander
- Jaimee Thomas
- Tegan Morison

District trials coming up include: Netball on 30.3.15 and Touch on 1.4.15. See Mr Berry for a note if you are a competent player in these sports from Years 5 or 6 and want to try out.

Zone Rugby League trials are in Goulburn on 30.3.15, for 11 years and opens. I don't have a note yet for this but will let you know as soon as I do.

The Hindmarsh Cup and Noble Challenge are on tomorrow (Thursday 19th) out at Robertson. Good Luck to our teams.

The zone football trials are on in Goulburn this Friday 20th. Good luck to Sebastian Hernandez, Indiana Hernandez and Jachin Brown, who will be competing.

Mr Berry

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**Uniform Shop**

March
- 20th Cindy G
- 24th Kylie H

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**Banksia Bites Canteen**

March
- 20th Grace R, Janel B
- 25th Renee C, Grace R
The P&C support the school Library each year, providing funds for the purchase of new resources for our collection. The fun run on Friday 20th March will enable the P&C to continue this in 2015. I encourage all students and families to join in on this important fund raiser.

Mrs Pudsey will be in the Library for the next 2 weeks, Library times and lessons will continue as normal. I know all students will make her feel very welcome.

Anne Wood
Teacher/Librarian

NATIONAL SMILE DAY
April 1st, 2015
INAUGURAL LUNCHEON
Featuring Fashions by Mic Mac Boutique
Venue: Esco Pazzo Restaurant,
84 Main Street,
Mittagong 2575
Time: 12.00 for 12.30

Tickets can be purchased at Jan-Dee Swim School, Mic-Mac in Bowral or Esco Pazza Restaurant Mittagong
Walk A Thon:

GET READY!!! Walk a thon This Friday 20th March!!!

Checklist:

* HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR DONATION FORM? Name, class, total amount collected, select your prize in your amount bracket!

* In a secure envelope put your filled in DONATION FORM and money. Make sure you have WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE:-
  - YOUR NAME
  - YOUR CLASS

* Bring your filled in DONATION FORM and money you have collected & on THURSDAY or FRIDAY and place in banksia box.!!!!

* Bring your Fluro accessories!! Invite your family to join in too!!!

Any parent helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated!!

WHO WILL BE THE HIGHEST EARNING STUDENT????

WHICH CLASS IS THE HIGHEST EARNING CLASS????

ECO Garden: a combined School & P&C program.

· We were successful in securing the School Enviro Assist Grant of $660 to extend the watering system and finish off the new garden bed.

· Ms Smith’s class harvested zucchinis, cucumbers and tomatoes and cooked zucchini fritters

· Miss Grady’s class also harvested and cooked zucchini fritters.

· The environment committee have been coming up to the garden and helping out each week at gardening club.

· Today K/1P came up to their first gardening class and have chosen a garden bed to prepare for planting.

· 5/6F are gardening each week and we are almost ready to extend the watering system to the new garden. They will maintain that new garden bed and plan to provide some lettuces etc to the canteen.

· Thankyou to Miriam Bos & her team, teachers & students that help make this program successful.
MOSS VALE SHOW 2015

We had great success this year with 16 students entering artworks and handwriting samples! I hope you were able to visit the show last weekend with your free show entry tickets.

As far as I know, from 19 pieces of work our Colo Vale students received 14 prizes!!!

Congratulations go to:
Olivia Romano- one 1st prize, 2 x 2nds, one 3rd and one Highly Commended!!
Joshua Easter- 2nd prize
Sidney Reynolds- 2nd prize
Riley Simpson- 3rd prize
Yvette Kruegar- Highly Commended
Sarah Brown- Highly Commended
Lucas Hosan- Highly Commended
Madison Johnson Koski- Highly Commended
Ava Hatton- Highly Commended

Also some lovely work was displayed by:
Lucah Hill
Paige Alexander
Connor Henderson
Bella Martin
Eva Edworthy

NEXT YEAR.....?
Lets make some toy animals with flowers and vegetables OR maybe a scarecrow to add to our great display!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!
Regards, Mrs. Williams.
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