

Banksia Bits

Colo Vale Public School

Term 4 Week 5
15 November 2018



Excellence, innovation & success in a caring community

The term is certainly in full swing with a host of activities and events occurring over the last two weeks with more on the horizon. Recently Kindergarten enjoyed a visit to Calmsley Hill Farm, all classes attended Life Education Sessions, Year 6 attended Wollongong University, Stage 2 enjoyed a Cricket Gala Day and on Tuesday afternoon Colo Vale PS hosted teachers from a number of schools for the final Fair Education Group – Twilight Professional Learning Session. Importantly, students also participated in the school's Remembrance Day Service on Monday. Coming events include the Stage 3 Fair this Friday and next week we have Parent Helper's Morning Tea on Tuesday, Kinder Orientation on Wednesday and Mrs Quist's Farewell Assembly on Thursday.

Remembrance Day Services

Colo Vale PS held a Remembrance Day Service last Monday, commemorating 100 years since the Armistice was signed to end World War 1. Led by Stage 3, our students did an outstanding job, conducting the service with the appropriate level of respect and dignity. Thank you to Imogen, Grace and Mrs Easter for representing Colo Vale PS at the Colo Vale Community Remembrance Day Service on Sunday. You did your school proud!



Jenny Quist Farewell Assembly

A farewell assembly for Mrs Quist will be held next Thursday 22 November in the school hall. The assembly will commence at 2:00pm with refreshments served from 1:30pm. The assembly will provide a wonderful opportunity for the School Community to farewell Mrs Quist and to say thanks for her outstanding contribution as Principal of Colo Vale PS over a seventeen year period. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Fair Education Project

As you would be aware we have been working alongside four local schools on the third strategic direction of our School Plan - 'Aspirational Communities'. Early in the year we asked a group of parents from each school what they believed was working well in our schools and what they would like to see improved. As a result of those initial meetings we have embarked on investigating the following areas;

- a new reporting format that has been trialled at Thirlmere PS this year and used by all schools in 2019,
 - staff training on leadership, engagement, high expectations, coaching and a growth mindset,
 - training on STEM and the 4C's skills that children will require to be successful learners in the future
- sharing expert practice across our five schools in a Twilight learning session.



The Twilight Session occurred at school on Tuesday afternoon. Each school delivered two presentations on practices in their school community that are encouraging engagement, high expectations, aspirational, resilience and a growth mindset. Colo Vale shared presentations on our participation in the In2Uni program (engagement and aspirations) and on the 'War on Waste' initiative (engagement). Both presentations were very well received.



In 2019, we will be investigating making short films of expert practice around the areas of growth mindset, high expectations, 4C's and STEM. This could also extend to any learning around the curriculum, that you as parents/carers identify as areas of need or interest. We hope to have an online platform to disperse information about what is happening in your child's classrooms. It will be a very exciting time and we are looking forward to continuing our relationship with our local schools.

Kinder Orientation

The first of three Kinder Orientation sessions was held last Wednesday which was attended by an enthusiastic group of budding students. During the session the children engaged in activities related to 'The Gingerbread Man' and some impressive singing. The next Kinder Orientation session is next Wednesday (November 21) from 11:00am-12:30pm. If you know of any families who intend to enrol their child in Kindergarten at Colo Vale PS in 2019 but haven't done so as yet, it would be appreciated if you could remind them to call by the school and complete an enrolment form.

THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



P & C Colour Run

Thank you to all students, parents and families who supported the recent Colour Run. Prizes were distributed to participating students yesterday. The official profit from the event was \$3925.81. Congratulations to everyone involved on this great achievement. These funds will allow the P & C to invest in initiatives and fund the purchase of resources that support the learning and wellbeing of our students.

Spider / Snake Alert

There are certainly more spiders and snakes about due to the warmer weather. A number of large spiders have been found on school grounds and a few snake sightings from a distance. At school the students are regularly reminded to stay out of the gardens and not to venture any further than the turf area. These areas are Out of Bounds areas in the interests of student safety. Students have been reminded that if come across a spider or a snake at school they need to tell the nearest staff member immediately and that they are not to approach these animals. If you could please reinforce these expectations with your children it would be appreciated.

War on Waste

Our waste reduction initiative continues to gain momentum with students starting to consistently follow the correct practices. Food scraps are collected from students each day. There is a roster of community members who collect these food scraps to use as chook feed etc. If you would like to be added to this roster please contact the school office. All that is required is to call by the school on an allocated day to collect the food waste.



Have a great fortnight
everyone!

Regards,
Gray Ryan

All payments....

All payments for excursions, sporting activities etc are to be posted directly to the Banksia Box in a

- **sealed envelope**
- **zip lock bag or paper bag**
- **clearly marked with your child's name, class, amount enclosed, activity or excursion and payment details.**

Correct money must be enclosed, as the school does not have the facilities to give change.

EFTPOS MUST NOW BE DONE OVER THE COUNTER

**All cheques made out to
Colo Vale Public School**



Wk 2 & 3	CLASS AWARDS			
K ACACIA	Joshua	Kai	Sofia	Cooper
K WATTLE	Evie	Braxtyn	James	Bailey
1/2 BANKSIA	Axl	Adele	Marcus	
	Ava	Lennox		
1/2 JASMINE	Jack	Addison	Enzo	
	Jeziah	Ashleigh	Hayley	
1/2 WARATAH	Sienna	Mason	Layla	Marley
3/4 AZALEA	Delta	Kevin	Riley	
	Dustin	Tekoa	Sienna	
3/4 BORONIA	Riley	Clayton	Olivia	
	Angelica	Izaac	Millie	
5 BOTTLEBRUSH	Isabella	Jack	Brayden	
	Emily	Sarah	Dylan	
	Angus	Cody	Jesse	
6 GREVILLEA	Jayden	Jordyn	Cameron	
	Ella-Rose	Grace	Andrew	
BANKSIA BLUES WINNERS				
Kevin Delta Briavana Summer Samantha Jessalyn Jessica				

A number of our students attend STADS which stands for Sarah's Theatre and Drama Skills and has classes in Picton and Mittagong. Some students are preparing for a musical at the end of the month called 'Horror High', as well as being involved in jazz and tap dance classes.



Online 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.

Sustainability Project Newsletter 3 – Term 4

Plastic free lunchboxes and nude food lunches

As we saw when we completed our school waste audit scrunchable soft plastics including cling wrap, zip lock bags and snack packets made up half of our weekly rubbish. With much of this packaging being single-use plastics we can all make a big difference to our school sustainability efforts by bringing a plastic free lunchbox and nude food lunches to school.

Here's some tips...

Bring a nude food lunch – nude food lunches are lunches without any single-use wrapping like foil or plastic. Help reduce the waste going to landfill by using small reusable containers or lunchboxes with compartments for different food instead. This is good for the environment and will save you money. (Remember to write names and classes on containers so they can be returned if lost in the playground).

For resources on lunchbox tips, recipes and nude food days check out the Wipe Out Waste website <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/nude-food.html>

We could also keep up our great efforts in the War On Waste by planning a Nude Food Day for 2019 with a Nude Food Grant <https://www.nudefoodday.com.au> - come along to a P&C meeting with any new ideas!

Eat food wrapped in nature's packaging – choose foods with natural skin packaging and avoid food with excess plastic packaging. You can help by taking a reusable bag to the shops and buying lunch food like bananas and oranges without the plastic wrap.

No waste Wednesdays – pledge to reducing packaging in your school lunchbox on No Waste Wednesday. Include food bought in bulk in a reusable container, food with skin packaging and a reusable lunch box every Wednesday.

What we have noticed in our new bin system...

Wasted food – in our new organics collection we have noticed a lot of sandwiches (especially with meat) are being thrown away uneaten, also some whole pieces of fruit and some unopened snack packets.

This could be reduced by...

- Checking with students regularly to see they still like the food they are given
- Cut fruit into manageable pieces (share one apple between two children) and put it in a reusable container
- Make sure students (especially Kindy and Year 1) can open their own packets and containers to save the whole packet being thrown away
- Encourage students to bring uneaten food home for afternoon tea or to talk about packing something different to reduce waste and save money

The students are off to a terrific start with using the new bins, let's keep up the great work to make Colo Vale and our school sustainable, clean and litter free by recycling, reducing waste and packing a plastic free lunchbox.

Sustainable Schoolbag Prize

As part of our Towards Zero Waste Canteen project we are inviting parents to join the War On Waste by joining the P&C or signing up as a canteen volunteer for your chance to win a Sustainable Schoolbag prize pack. Whether you are a new Kindy parent or just new to helping our school achieve great things we would love to have you join our P&C team. The Sustainable Schoolbag pack including: a Cheeki lunchbox and drink bottle, Apiwrap beeswax wraps and Sharpie markers and no-iron clothing labels donated by Officeworks will help the lucky student start school sustainably in 2019!

To sign-up as a new volunteer at the canteen or join the P&C please contact our P&C Secretary Liz Lawfull (lizlawfull@gmail.com or 0416149550)

Organics

Do you have compost at home or chooks and other farm animals that would love our school and canteen food scraps?

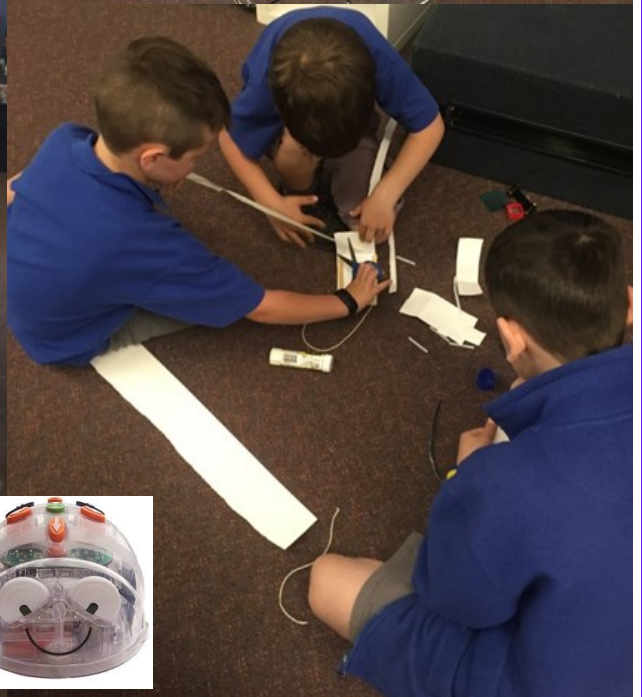
Colo Vale Public School has joined the War On Waste and we need the help of parents who are willing to collect our organic food waste for your compost or for animals to eat. If you can help by collecting lunchtime food scraps to recycle in your garden or farm, please contact our P&C Canteen Coordinator Liz Lawfull (lizlawfull@gmail.com or 0416149550) and we will create a collection roster.

Thank you,
Colo Vale P&C Association
#ColoValePSWarOnWaste



Robotics—part of our Science and Technology Curriculum

This Term Colo Vale Public School has been fortunate enough to have one of the NSW Government Robotics kits on loan as part of the Stemshare project. We have also a set of Spheros, kindly donated to the school by the P&C . The kit has several different small robots, including Dashbots, Bluebots and Lego WeDo sets along with the ipads to drive and code them. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been using the robots as part of the Digital technologies syllabus in the new Science and Technology Curriculum. Kindergarten have been using the Blue bots to sequence stories and create story maps. Years 1 and 2 have been using the Bluebots as part of their Science unit, Push and Pull, creating containers that the robot can pull. Years 3 and 4 have been using Spheros, a small ball shaped robot for coding, and create shapes as well as calculating area and perimeters. Years 5 and 6 have been using the Dashbots creating grids and solving mathematical problems plotting events on the grid. Using block coding to drive the dashbot to a set location on the grid. All students have enjoyed this highly engaging strand of the Science and Technology syllabus using their mathematical, design and problem solving skills.



Term 4

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	12 LIFE ED Remembrance Day	13	14	15	16 Stage 3 Fair
6	19	20 Scripture Assembly Thank you Morning Tea	21 Kinder Orientation 11.00am—12.30pm	22 Jenny Quist Assembly 2:00pm	23 Jenny Quist Farewell
7	26	27 Science/Tech day	28	29	30 Years 1 & 2 Thirlmere Rail Museum
8	3 Swim Scheme Wk 1 Bowral Pool	4	5 Kinder Orientation 1.00pm—2.30pm	6	7
9	10 Swim Scheme Wk 2	11	12	13 End of Term Assembly 9.15am	14
10	17 Year 6 Farewell Mittagong RSL	18	19 End of term for students	20 SDD	21 SDD

Term 1 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 January	28 Australia Day Holiday	29 Staff return	30 Years 1-6 return	31	1
2 February	4 Kinders start	5	6	7	8
3	11	12	13	14	15 Swim Carnival Bowral Pool
4	18	19	20	21	22

Term 4 Swimming Scheme

The Special Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety survival.

Students in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water are eligible to participate in the Special Swimming Scheme. This year the scheme focuses on any swimmer in Year 2-6. Our Swim Scheme is during weeks 8 and 9 of Term 4.

THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENTS AS THE SCHOOL IS PAYING THE BUS FARE !

Planning Ahead for 2019

Schools are dynamic places and subject to change. To assist us in finalising our classes for 2019, please share any changes with us.

If anyone is expecting to move out of the area or no longer attend our school in 2019, please contact the school on 4889 4250 or return the slip below to assist us. It is important to return this slip as soon as possible.

Name/s: _____

Class/s: _____

New School: _____



NOVEMBER, 2018.

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN
FOR CHRISTMAS &
JANUARY VACATION

BOOK NOW FOR
THURSDAY 20TH DEC &
FRIDAY 21ST DEC

SUMMER VACATION
FROM MONDAY 14TH JAN
TO FRIDAY 25TH JAN 2019.

WE ALSO OPEN FOR THE
PUPIL FREE DAY ON
TUESDAY 29TH JAN 2019.

VACATION DAYS OPEN
8AM TO 6PM.

THE DAILY FEE IS \$60 PER
CHILD PER DAY BOOK BY
MONDAY 14TH JAN 2019
TO RECEIVE THE EARLY
BIRD RATE OF \$55 PER
CHILD PER DAY.
EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITY
FEES ARE AN EXTRA
COST ABOVE THE DAILY
RATE.

REGISTER WITH THE
FAMILY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE TO CLAIM CHILD
CARE SUBSIDY.

PLEASE CONTACT THE
COORDINATOR KAREN
TO BOOK ON
0403 404 101

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**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
REOPENS WEDNESDAY
30TH JANUARY 2019
FROM 6.30AM TO 8.30AM
SCHOOL DROP OFF
BREAKFAST & HELP
WITH HOMEWORK IS
INCLUDED. BOOKINGS
ARE ESSENTIAL.**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE
ALSO REOPENS
WEDNESDAY 30TH JAN
19 SCHOOL PICK UP AT
3PM TO 6PM. AFTERNOON
TEA & A LARGE VARIETY
OF SPORT & ACTIVITIES
ARE PROVIDED.
PICK UP FROM THE BUS IS
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN ATTENDING
MITTAGONG PUBLIC &
ST MICHAELS SCHOOLS
(BKGS ARE ESSENTIAL).**

We are seeking **NEW**
Committee Members for
2019. For the following
roles:

President / Public Officer
Secretary / Treasurer /
Fundraising

Meetings for 2019 are:-
Term 1 – 7 March
Term 2 – 30 May
Term 3 – 22 August
Term 4 – 14 November
5.30pm at OOSH . **ALL
MEMBERS WELCOME**

***WE WISH EVERYONE A
HAPPY & SAFE
HOLIDAY & FESTIVE
SEASON.***

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE AFTER SCHOOL CARE SESSION
ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN US

VACATION EXCURSION
FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2019
BOWRAL MOVIE DAY & GLEBE PARK
\$25 PER CHILD

For bookings phone Karen 0403404101

STAFFING

Karen Revitt
Coordinator
Lee Mahberg
Supervising Educator
Nina Gunning
Supervising Educator
Sylvia Vogel
Assistant Educator

**WE WISH TO REMIND
ALL MEMBERS THAT
2018 ACCOUNTS ARE
DUE TO BE SETTLED IN
FULL BY THE 31ST OF
DECEMBER 2018.
THANKING YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION TO
THIS MATTER**

*We wish to welcome
new kindergarten
children and families
for 2019 who are also
able to attend or
come for a visit
during January 2019
vacation days.*

NVOOSH VACATION PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019
HOLIDAY CARE 8AM TO 6PM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2018				
WEDNESDAY 28/11	WEDNESDAY 19/12	THURSDAY 20/1	FRIDAY 21/12	CHRISTMAS
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	VACATION CARE OPEN	VACATION CARE OPEN	CLOSEDOWN
GAMES & PRIZES	BSC & ASC OPEN	CHRISTMAS GAMES	CRISTMAS GAMES	MERRY CHRISTMAS
PLEASE BRING A PACK OF CHIPS, SWEETS OR BISCUITS	BOOK YOUR VACATION DAYS FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY 2019	CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKING CARDS, TREES, PAPER CHAINS & ORNAMENTS	CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKING WISH LIST, ORNAMENTS, GIFTS, SANTA & ANGELS	WE CLOSE FROM 22ND DECEMBER TO 13TH JANUARY
MUSIC & FUN	CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GAMES	BAKING CAKES & GINGERBREAD	SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH \$2 EACH	KEEP SAFE AND ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON

JANUARY 2019 WEEK ONE				
MONDAY 14/1	TUESDAY 15/1	WEDNESDAY 16/1	THURSDAY 17/1	FRIDAY 18/1
HANDBALL CHALLENGE	STREET HOCKEY	CRICKET GAME & BEACH SAFETY	VOLLEY BALL	WHEELIE DAY
PLAY DOUGH & DINOSAUR FOSSILS	CHARCOL DRAWING	BEACH PARTY WEAR YOUR BEACH CLOTHES	PAINTING ACRYLICS & COLLAGE	ALL RIDERS MUST HAVE HELMETS
DREAM FOR THE WORLD & ENVIRONMENT	WOODWORKING & DECONSTRUCTION	BBQ LUNCH SAUSAGE SIZZLE SANDWICH & ICECREAM \$3 EACH	SCRAP BOOKING BRING A PHOTO	PLASTER SHAPE MAKING & PAINT & CLAY SCULPTURE
KINDNESS CALENDAR	POP STICK & BOX CONSTRUCTION	CRAZY HAIR COLOURS & CRAFTS & PARTY GAMES	ACTION MOVIES & POPCORN	TENNIS GAMES & TABLE TENNIS

JANUARY 2019 WEEK TWO				
MONDAY 21/1	TUESDAY 22/1	WEDNESDAY 23/1	THURSDAY 24/1	FRIDAY 25/1
TARGET GAMES	ATHLETICS	CROQUET & BOCHE	BASEBALL	EXCURSION DAY
TOWN WALK FOR MORNING TEA	WATER COLOUR PAINTING	GOLF BALL PAINTING	CUP CAKE BAKING	BOWRAL MOVIES AND GLEBE PARK
FELT SEWING & SPOON DOLLS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	CHINESE DRAGONS & YEAR OF THE PIG	KOREAN PAPER FANS & ORIGAMI	PLEASE SIGN YOUR PERMISSION NOTE COST \$25 ON THE DAY
HOW TO DRAW ANIMALS & CARTOONING	MASK MAKING & PUPPET MAKING	CROWNS PRINCESS MOVIES & POPCORN	HEALTHY FOODS & LIFESTYLE	PLEASE BRING A PACKED MORN TEA & LUNCH FOR PARK

JANUARY 2019 WEEK THREE			FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE ON 02 48894974 THE COORDINATOR KAREN ON 0403 404 101 WE ARE LOCATED AT JURD PARK ACACIA STREET COLO VALE
MONDAY 28/1	TUESDAY 29/1	WEDNESDAY 30/1	
AUSTRALIA DAY	PUPIL FREE DAY	TERM 1 BEGINS	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	FLAGS & INDIGENOUS FACE PAINTING	BEFORE SCHOOL CARE OPENS 6.30AM	
HOPE YOU ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND	BAKING DAMPER & LAMINGTONS	AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPEN TILL 6PM	
KEEP SAFE	AUSTRALIA DAY CRAFT	PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR BOOKINGS	

Head Lice

Head Lice are making themselves very comfortable on the scalps of some of our students. Would you please check your children's hair for sign of these critters and treat.

Thank You !!!!

Thanks!

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who are helping the office out by sending the correct change to the office to pay for school activities. We really appreciate the well labelled envelopes with name, class and activity written clearly on the outside.