

# Banksia Bits

Colo Vale Public School

Excellence, innovation & success in a caring community

Term 2 Week 6  
5 June 2019



Dear Parents and Families,

I am proud to announce that we have appointed two teachers to Leadership Positions within our school to further support our staff and students. Mrs Grace Provino will be in charge of Early Stage One/Stage One as their Stage Leader to allow Mrs Frank to concentrate more deeply on her Instructional Leader role where she will collect, analyse and use data to improve the literacy outcomes for your children. This will be in K—2.

Mrs Provino will be overseeing Band and participating in it on Wednesday mornings. This will help the children see the value we as staff place on music. It is hoped the band will soon play regularly for school assemblies and events.

If you are interested in your child receiving music lessons or participating in Band at Colo Vale School, please see the information later in this Newsletter.

We are investing heavily in K—2 Literacy and Numeracy, as research evidences Early Intervention is the most effective. Mrs Naranjo is delivering intensive personalised reading instruction to a selection of students for half an hour each per day. Extra School Learning Support Officers are working throughout the school with all children. This will give Colo Vale children the best start possible.

On Monday night, I had the chance to meet with the P&C to discuss issues concerning our school.

I would like to thank the P&C for their unwavering support, encouragement and involvement in the life of Colo Vale School. I think we all agreed on Monday that open, clear communication is the cornerstone of a successful partnership between school and the community it serves.

Our school has recently had a revamp of the school website. This training was undertaken by Mrs Wood, Miss Bannerman and Mrs Brunton, who have spent considerable time getting our website up to date.

This link is <https://colovale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> We publish our Newsletters on the website and are hopeful parents will make this their go-to place to read it as we move towards being 'paperless' as part of our Sustainability commitment.

Currently, Skoolbag is used to send out most of our communication. It is secure, private and personalised for our school. The app can be downloaded from iTunes or GooglePlay and will walk you through installation. You will receive an email each time a Skoolbag Notification goes up so it is easy to keep up to date.

Our second source of communication is Facebook which I am not keen to use as often, simply due to the access of the public. I accept many parents use it but encourage you to download the Skoolbag app and begin using it. We will still post some information of Facebook.

Our third source of communication is the school website. This has all the information you should need and is regularly updated by Miss Bannerman, Mrs Brunton and Mrs Wood. This is our face to the outside world.

After this, we have paper. I have noticed how much paper is expended in our school and am keen to reduce it.

I will be surveying the parent community shortly regarding communication methods with the school, as we seek to find user friendly, equitable, accessible methods to communicate together.

Finally, with the winter weather well and truly upon us, I encourage you to keep your children warm, provide them with plenty of nutritious food and keep them home if they are unwell to avoid spreading bugs amongst other children. Full winter uniform time is here. Stay warm!

Kind Regards  
Nina Culleton

**WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!!!!**  
**Colo Vale and Berrima Public Schools**  
**shared first place in the Southern Highlands**  
**Science and Engineering**  
**Discovery day 2019!**





## Class Awards—Week 6

K Acacia

1 Eucalypt

1/2 Waratah

2 Ivy

3 Hakea

4 Wollemi

5 Bottlebrush

5/6 Casuarina

5/6 Protea

**Banksia Blues**

Kaylee, Kynan, Rhyley, Sam

James, Oliver, Sofia, Eloise

Evie, Alessandra, Madison, Samantha

Ben, Anyssa, Eleanor, Keida

Ayla, Jack, Mason, Erin

Bailey, Caleb, Levi, Cruz

Hugh, Jessica, Ben, Olivia

Briavana, Riley, Daisy, Brayden

Jesse, Jack, Ally, Dylan



**Rhyley KA, Alessandra 1/2W, Eleanor 2I, Ella 1/2W  
Bailey 4W, Angelica 4W, Dylan 5/6C, Jack 5/6C, Daisy 5/6P**

## Did we have fun at the athletics carnival?



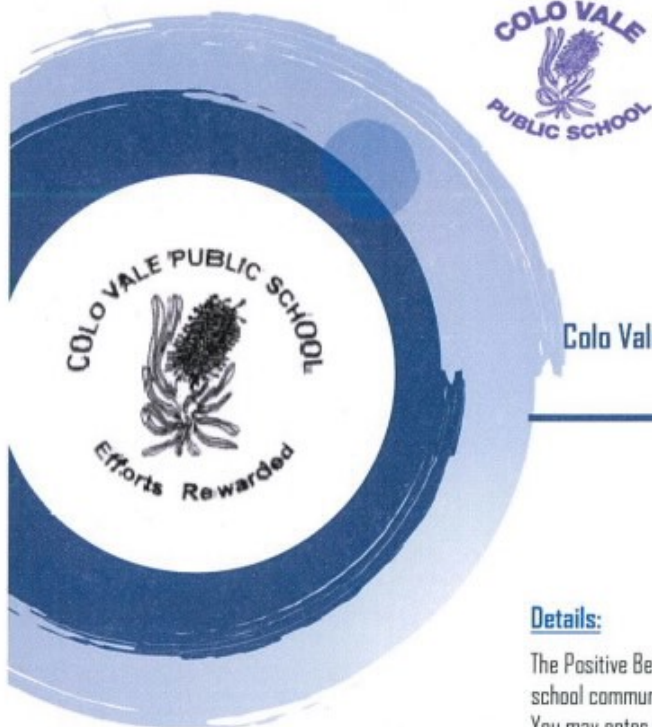




Some of this fortnights assembly awards winners!







## Colo Vale Public School

83 Wattle St  
Colo Vale 2575  
P.O. Box 663  
Mittagong 2575

Phone : (02) 48894250  
Fax : (02) 48894285  
Email : colovale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

### COMPETITION TIME

Colo Vale invites you to design, create or present ideas for our school mascot.

#### Details:

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Team would like to open this opportunity to the school community to share their creative ideas and suggestions for our school Mascot. You may enter this completion as an individual, with a partner or as a group. You may present your ideas however you choose. You may wish to draw an annotated diagram, create a 3D replica, write a proposal or present in any way that helps you to share your ideas.

#### Tips:

It may help to consider one or some of the elements important to Colo Vale Public School. E.g. Safe, Respectful, Learners, the Banksia, Efforts Rewarded, Blue

#### Submission:

Submissions are to be placed into the box in the front office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July (End of Week 1 Term 3).

All submissions will be shared with the PBL team and a shortlist created. The shortlisted entries will be displayed and a vote held to decide the best fit for Colo Vale Public School's mascot in the weeks to follow.

#### A Call for Expertise:

If you are skilled in graphic design or have an artistic streak and you would like to volunteer some time to assist in the production of a high quality digital version of our chosen mascot please inform the school office at any time throughout the Mascot Completion process.



Colo Vale  
Public School



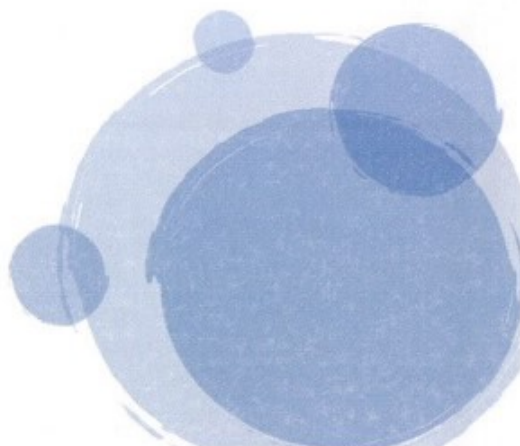
SAFE



RESPECTFUL



LEARNERS





# Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Discovery Day

Congratulations to our Year 6 who attended the discovery day at Mittagong RSL yesterday. The day was organised by The Rotary Club in co-operation with the University of Newcastle and Engineers Australia.



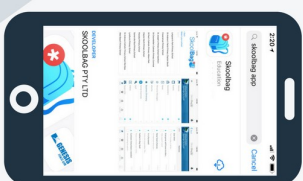
## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



### 1 Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store



1

### 2 Create an account

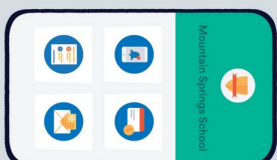
Sign up in seconds with your email address

2

### 3 Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups

3



SkoolBag



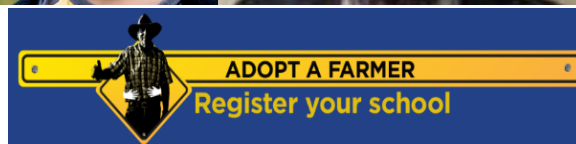
## Term 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 June	3 Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.00pm P&C 7.00pm	4 Science and Engineering YR6 Mittagong RSL	5	6	7 <b>Canteen</b> Regional X Country Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am
Week 7	10 <b>Queens Birthday long weekend</b>	11	12	13	14 <b>Canteen</b> Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am <b>Crazy hair AND SOCK day ( adopt a farmer)</b>
Week 8	17 Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.00pm	18	19 Opera House Cluster Rehearsal CVPS 9.30am—2.00pm	20 ES1 Kindergarten Excursion Stg 2 Incursion	21 <b>Canteen</b> Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am
Week 9	24 Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.00pm	25	26	27	28 <b>Canteen</b> Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am <b>Stage 1 Excursion</b>
Week 10	1 Uniform Shop 2.30pm—3.00pm Term Assembly	2	3	4 Hindmarsh /Noble Cup	5 <b>Canteen</b> Uniform Shop 8.30am—9.00am

# CRAZY **HAIR** AND **SOCK** DAY **NEXT FRIDAY 14 JUN**



The SRC Arts Committee are running the day, please bring a gold coin donation and it will go to Rural Aid—Adopt a Farmer



## Join the school Band?

'Bandemonium' looks after the lessons and band rehearsals each week at school. Tuition fees are \$160.00 a term. The school has a few instruments for hire. Students need to commit to a whole year of Training Band then graduate to the Concert Band. Students need to practice regularly, attend band sessions and tutorials.

There are Expression of Interest forms at the school office or any further questions you might have please email [jacob@bandemonium.com.au](mailto:jacob@bandemonium.com.au)

