Colyton Public School has a School Strategic Plan that is an indication of the school’s vision for the next three years based around three strategic directions. These directions will underpin our planning for this period and articulate where we want our school and the educational needs of our students to be at the end of 2017.

Underpinning our 2015-2017 Strategic Plan is continuous improvement, innovation and the professional development of our teachers, building their capacity to implement teaching practices that will prepare our students for learning in the 21st century.

Our plan outlines the schools priorities for these three years. It is future focused and will drive a school culture of success and quality practice. It shows how we will move forward with a collaborative, considered and consistent approach to delivering the curriculum. Its management, implementation and evaluation is a whole school responsibility.

This statement guides the teaching philosophy of all teachers and leaders at Colyton Public School. We are committed to improving the learning outcomes of students through enhancing teacher quality and we share the following beliefs:

- Students are our priority, are at the centre of everything we do and our practice reflects their best interests;
- Teachers and school leaders are the key to making the difference to student learning;
- Teacher quality and instructional leadership are the key drivers for continuous school improvement; and
- The coherent alignment of teacher, leader and student learning has the greatest impact.

We will achieve this through a relentless focus by our students, staff and community on our strategic directions of Teacher Quality and Leadership, Student Wellbeing & Attainment and Community Partnerships.

I will provide further information on the school planning process at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm in the staffroom.

Greg O’Neill
Principal

K-2 Sports Carnival

On Tuesday 13th of October, students in K-2 took part in the K-2 Sports Carnival for 2015. It was an exciting and fun filled day involving a series of running races as well as sack and egg & spoon races. Despite the gloomy weather, students ran and cheered loudly in support of their house.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and families who assisted on the day and those who came to cheer and support our students. It was a great day for all those involved!

Mrs Young
Teacher - Colyton Public School
Outstanding ICAS Results for 2015

Colyton students achieved brilliant results in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools this year. For the first time, one of our students, Kanmani Karunakaran of 3B achieved a High Distinction in both the Science and Mathematics Competitions. This is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of her consistent performance over the three competitions.

The following 5R students also achieved High Distinctions:

Joshua Gange – English

Athena Auw- English

Harrison Shi- Mathematics

Congratulations to all students who participated in these challenging external competitions. Thank you also to Mrs Palmos and Ms Vesey-Brown for facilitating the testing.

Mrs Rodgers

Selective High School Applications for 2017 -now open online

Applications Open

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a Selective High School in 2017 are open to parents of students in Year 5 from 13 October to 16 November 2015.

All Year 5 students have been sent home with an Intention to Apply letter this week. This letter provides parents with important dates and some brief information about the application process. If you would like to submit an application for your child, you will need to complete the bottom section of the letter sent home and return it to Mrs Rodgers. Mrs Rodgers will then give your child an Application Information Booklet. The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE. THERE ARE NO PAPER APPLICATIONS.

Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer can apply at a public library. The school may also be able to make arrangements to make a computer available. Parents who are unable to use a computer may contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 16 NOVEMBER 2015

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2017 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of 10 March 2016. Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. A map showing where the selective high schools are is available on the Unit’s website and a complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Parents may email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet. Applications for Selective High School are now available on-line only.

Whooping Cough -Public Health Alert

We inform parents that in recent weeks we have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough at school. We urge parents to be mindful of this and see your doctor if your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night.

P&C News

-from our P&C President Mr Grant Pickering

I would like to thank you for your help and support of the P&C Association. We had 360 Earn & Learn sheets sent off this week, great work everyone and thanks for your support!

It was pleasing to see 13 parents attend our last meeting and I hope to increase that number at our next meeting. We understand your time is valuable, especially during the day, we are hoping the next evening meeting will be more accessible for those parents unable to make morning meetings. We encourage and value your suggestions and feedback.
Keeping In Touch – Week 2

Term 4 P&C activities include:

- Presentation Day
- Christmas Competition
- Raffles and Disco’s

Joining the P&C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage. We are endeavouring to create a strong P&C community for our children and I urge you to put your name forward as a volunteer whenever you can. We will be asking for donations for stalls and activities during this term and next year to help raise money for school projects, your support and generosity is much appreciated.

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm in the staffroom**

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**Canteen News**

Canteen orders will no longer be accepted over the phone.

Over the counter orders need to be placed by **9:15am**. Parents may register to place orders online - once they have registered, they may place orders before the cut of time of **9:10am**. Please see flyer attached to the end of this newsletter for further details.

Online orders may be made in advance if required.

*Please note: The canteen will be open for afternoon trade from 2:45pm-3:30pm Mon-Fri.*

We thank you for your understanding.

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**Term 4**

**Week 3**

Monday 19th October

Panthers on the Prowl-Stage 3

Thursday 22nd October

Backyard League K-2

**Week 5**

Monday 2nd November

Panthers on the Prowl-Stage 3

**Week 6**

Monday 9th November

Panthers on the Prowl-Stage 3

Kinder Orientation Evening – 7pm

**Week 7 - Kinder Orientation Afternoons Monday 16th Nov – Friday 20th Nov**

Monday 16th November

Panthers on the Prowl –Stage 3

**Week 8 - Kinder Orientation Afternoons Monday 23rd Nov – Friday 27th Nov**

Monday 23rd November

OC Orientation Night

-Panthers on the Prowl –Stage 3

Tuesday 24th November

OC Orientation Day
**Week 9 - Kinder Orientation Afternoons Monday 30th Nov – Friday 4th Dec**

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**SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS**

**ANY MEAL DEAL**

- $4 Any Meal Deal
- Special for online orders only
- Anytime until Friday 13th November
- Add 50c for flavoured milk

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**FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU**

**EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION**

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form
- Complete form
- Add your child’s name and their class
- Click the ‘Add’ button
- Repeat for each child
- Add your payment method

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**REGISTRATION**

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly – Year 6 Farewell
- Year 6 to Luna Park
- Last day of Term 4 for students
- Staff Development Day – no students – Last day for teachers
2015 Christmas Gingerbread Extravaganzas

Come & have fun making an amazing Christmas Gingerbread creation and hear about the wonderful message of Christmas. We'd love to see you! And don't forget to bring extra lollies for decorating - the more the yummier!

Women's Gingerbread House Extravaganzas

Bring your friends (high school age up) to make a gorgeous Gingerbread House.

WHEN: Tue 24th Nov @ 7.00pm
Wed 25th Nov @ 9.30am (with cake) (for gluten free)

COST: Gingerbread House - $30

Family Christmas Gingerbread Extravaganzas

Bring the whole family to make a fantastic Christmas Tree together or you may prefer to make a Gingerbread House.

WHEN: Thu 26th Nov @ 7.00pm
Sat 28th Nov @ 10.00am

COST: Christmas Tree - $20
Gingerbread House - $30
($35 for gluten free)

BOOKING & PAYMENT ESSENTIAL BY SUN, 15TH NOV

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
1. Cash at church
2. Direct transfer (call 4733 1635 for details)
3. Online: www.trybooking.com/JAGI
   ($5 fee will be added to TryBooking booking)

For more info contact Karen Lavender
karen.lavender@glenmoreparkanglican.asn.au

Glenmore Park Anglican Church
4733 1635
cnr of William Howell Dr & Pechard Pl Glenmore Park
glenmoreparkanglican.com.au

The Mount Druitt Reconciliation Group
welcome the whole community to
the Yarning Circle & Fire Pit
Friday 9th October, 5-9pm
at Holy Family Centre, Emerm Pde/Luxford Rd Emermton 2770

Come and join Uncle Wes Marne and others to share stories around the fire, eat and talk. Families with children are welcome. BBQ provided. Please bring a plate or story to share.

RSVP to Debbie on: 0417 420 620 or email: pheonixgal@live.com.au
or Lyn on: 0421 188 770 or email: lynlew@optusnet.com.au

Aunty Edna Watson, Uncle Wes Marne and Allan Watson
Photo by Amanda James, 2015
OLMC Parramatta is now taking applications from girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 for Mercy Scholarships in the areas of Academic Excellence and Music Excellence.

T 9683 3300   E olmc@olmc.nsw.edu.au   W www.olmc.nsw.edu.au
GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Invitation to Open Night 2015
To Year 5 Students And Their Parents

Giraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend Open Night 2015 which will be held at the school. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 3rd November 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEN NSW 2145
Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303
Fax: 9896 3274
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Our Cheer Squad came 4th in their first ever State-wide competition.

HSC 2014 Achievements:
- Ranked 15th in the state overall
- Ranked 10th out of all government schools
- 36 students received an ATAR of 98 with 17 students achieving an ATAR over 99
- 3 students achieved an ATAR of 99.80 (Maximum ATAR 99.95)
- 25 students were ‘all rounders’ who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study
- 339 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List (Band 5 Results)
- 1 student was placed 1st in the state for Senior Science
- 1 student was placed 3rd in the state for Senior Science
- 1 student was placed 4th in the state for Biology
- 1 student was placed 17th in the state for Modern History
- 100% of students achieved the top two bands in English Extension 1, History Extension, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies, Japanese Continuers and Japanese Extension
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series
Helping Your Children Reach Their Potential

Is this you?
Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

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Where: South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent St, South Penrith
Cost: FREE – As this is part of a research project
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years
How: To register your interest in free parenting support contact the Stepping Stones Triple P research team via phone: 02 9114 4106; email: fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au or website: http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/au-en/get-help/find-a-stepping-stones-session/

Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services
www.nepeancommunity.org.au
Keeping In Touch Term 3, Week 10

PACIFIC UNITY is a day of celebration, traditional and contemporary performances, a commitment to community and awareness of the South Pacific & it's people in Sydney, Australia. Come on down & take part in what has truly become a community event, reflecting HOPE, UNITY & HARMONY for all people.

DID YOU KNOW?

FRANCIS PARK (Blacktown Showgrounds) is a short walk from Blacktown Train Station. With heaps of onsite parking available.

TO PARTICIPATE

HOW TO GET THERE

With Stalls, Entertainment & Volunteers ...simply email for more information. enquiries@pacificunity.org

SAT 7TH NOV

WOODWARD PARK

HOXTON PARK ROAD

LIVERPOOL

Netball - Ladies & Mixed

Rugby 7's


www.pacificunity.org

SAT 21ST NOV 9am - 5pm

FREE ENTRY - FRANCIS PARK (BLACKTOWN SHOWGROUNDS)

RICHMOND RD, BLACKTOWN

Moving money for better futures.
The Rule for week 1 is:

Go Safely

At the canteen
By being patient

When we Go Safely at the canteen by being patient, we:

- Wait for our turn before going up to the window
- Give others their space
- Go back to the classroom or playground promptly

When we Go Respectfully at the canteen by waiting in line, we:

- Stand in a straight line
- Stay behind the yellow line until our turn
- Keep quiet so others can order

The Rule for week 2 is:

Go Respectfully

At the canteen
By waiting in line

This year at Colyton Public School students are focussing on a rule of the week. Each week students participate in PBL lessons which are targeted at the rule. At each stage assembly a PBL award will be given to a student from each class who has been seen following the rules and expectations of the week.