### **Newsletter to Parents**

#### SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 6 Term 4 QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY 13 NOVEMBER 2013

Isn't the rain fantastic! The slow steady rainfall is great for our oval and the various gardens around the school. Maybe not so good for wet school shoes and socks but that is a price we will put up with for a few days.

On Monday night approximately 60 parents of our 2014

On Monday night approximately 60 parents of our 2014 Kindergarten cohort met in the Library for an information evening. Thank you to Mrs Launders, Miss Moon, Mrs Scoles, Mr Roxburgh, Mrs Dippel and Mrs Burns for contributing to the evening. While many of the parents in attendance were 'returners' we have many new families joining our school for the first time in 2014. Our Kindergarten transition sessions will commence next Tuesday commencing at 2pm.

I am looking forward to seeing "Puss in Boots" this week. I have deliberately stayed away from rehearsals so that the fun and wonderful performances by the cast will be new to me. We have a huge number of students involved this year including actors, dancers, singers and backstage crew. I am sure that the show will be amazing, full of laughs and delightful routines.

The news of the catastrophe in the Philippines is devastating. It is impossible to imagine the level of death and destruction that has hit this area. During the pantomime we will have a collection to support the aid relief programs. Please consider making a donation as you enter the hall to watch the show throughout the week.

Congratulations to Zaynab for achieving a highly commendable placing of 5th in the State in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee. When you consider the thousands of children that participated in this competition Zaynab's accomplishment is an amazing effort! Do you think you could spell xenophobia with a large audience watching you?

Next week, Year 5 will be heading off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for their school excursion. Mr Russell, Miss Edgar and Mr Andrews have been busy liaising with the camp to ensure our students have a great time. Students will need to ensure that they pack everything on the requirement list including a jumper for any changes in weather. Parents, please ensure you label everything (including undies) so that lost property can be returned to the rightful owner.

Enjoy the wet weather everyone!

Cheers, David Crowe, Principal



Calendar of Events				
Thursday 14 November	Pantomime performance - 6.30 pm			
Friday 15 November	Pantomime performance - 6.30 pm			
Tuesday 19 November	Kindergarten 2014 Meet the Principal Appointments Transition to school 2-3.10pm			
Tuesday— Friday 19-22 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp			
Monday 25 November	Book Club Orders and Payments Due			
Tuesday 26 November	Kindergarten 2014  Meet the Principal Appointments  Transition to school 2-3.10pm			
Friday 29 November	Adidas Fun Run			
Friday 2 December	Intensive Swimming Year 2 and selected Year 3-6			
Tuesday 3 December	Kindergarten 2014 Meet the Principal Appointments Transition to school 2-3.10pm Year 6 free Science Show			
Wednesday 4 December	Drumming Performance 9.45 –11am Transition to High School Year 6			
Thursday 5 December	MADD Performance at SHS			
Monday 9 December	Year 5 Surf Life Saving day			
Tuesday 10 December	Presentation Night			

There is NO assembly this week due to the Pantomime.

Singleton Public school will proudly present "Puss in Boots" on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th November 2013. The performances will begin at 6.30pm and a matinee performance will be held on Friday 15th at 12 pm.

#### **Administration - End of Financial Year**

The school's end of financial year is on Friday, 29 November and is quickly approaching. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or P&C levies for 2013 that they are paid before this date.

The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Friday, 29 November or on Monday, 2 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2014 invoices for school contribution and the P&C levies ready for payment by mid-December for those families who like to pay in December and in readiness for Term 1, 2014.

#### **Kinder 2014 Meet the Principal Appointments**

Appointments can now be made for parents and children to meet with the principal before starting Kindergarten next year. Available dates are on 19th November, 26th November, and 3rd December. If you have not already made an appointment time please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

#### **Canteen News**

The canteen will be closed for the last week of Term 4. The last trading day will be on Friday, 13th December 2013.

Our Canteen Volunteer Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, 17th December. Please contact Nicole for further details.

The pantomime will be performing on the 14th and 15th November 2013. We would like to open the canteen during the interval but are in need of about 4-5 helpers on the night from about 7.15 - 8pm. If you are interested in helping please contact Nicole in the canteen. Thank you!

Gluten free pies are now available at the canteen for \$5.80.

#### P & C News

Please be advised with only one volunteer now available most mornings, the Uniform Shop may be closed without notice or need to close earlier than 9.30am. This is usually due to the volunteer being unable to come in due to illness or paid work commitments.

The P&C apologises for any inconvenience this may have caused you, however as this is a volunteer run service we appreciate all time given by our volunteers and understand that family and work commitments come first.

The staff in the front Office have no input in to the running of the Uniform Shop, if you have an enquiry or comment then please email <a href="mailto:dippels6@bigpond.com">dippels6@bigpond.com</a>. Alternatively you may choose to address the issue at a P&C meeting, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

If you are able to spare **1 hour, 1 morning a month** to help in the Uniform Shop, your time would be greatly appreciated and would help to alleviate the issue of the Uniform Shop not being opened at advertised times. Please email the above address if you would like to be added to the volunteer roster.

Regards,

Singleton Public School P&C Committee

#### **Uniform Shop**

We have old sports shorts stock that is being cleared out. You can pick up a pair of micromesh or rugby knit shorts for **\$5 a pair** until stocks are sold out. We also still have some lightweight Jackets left in stock for the **bargain price of \$10**.

Next year we will be introducing a new microfibre unisex sport short. These shorts will be the uniform for all representative sporting teams but will also be available for the rest of the school to purchase and wear as part of the regular uniform.

Please see the new pricelist in the newsletter as some items have slightly changed prices.

The Uniform Shop also needs volunteers to operate the Uniform Shop during the Kindergarten Transition Days on Tuesday 19 and 26 November and 3 December from 2-3 pm. Please contact Cindy Dippel on 0449 773 191 if you are able to help out on any of these days.



#### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 7, Term 4 2013

Mon 18/11/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Hobbs

Fri 22/11/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Melinda Grant

Please contact Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Cindy Dippel on 02 6577 3191 if you need to swap your duty.

#### Canteen Roster - Week 7, Term 4 2013

Mon 18/11/13 Marisa Van Zyl, Sharon Tredinnick

Tues 19/11/13 Nadia Brown, 1 more helper please

Wed 20/11/13 Liz Tudor, 1 more helper please

Thurs 21/11/13 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss

Fri 22/11/13 Carmen-Lee Williams, Kathy Lamph, Judy

Felton

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your

rostered day.

#### Information from the DEC

#### Art about Australia

The Aussie Art competition invites primary school children (K-6) to enter an artwork with a brief description of why 'Australia is the best place in the world' for a chance to win a P&O family cruise or a 16GB iPad 2. The competition closes on 17 February 2014.

Enter the competition: www.aussievault.com.au

#### Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: <a href="http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\_ss/rfhsc.php">http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start\_ss/rfhsc.php</a>

Credit Card Payment Slip
The school can accept credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by mail. Please note, this is not an EFTPOS facility. EFTPOS (Savings or Cheque a/c) can only be paid over the counter.
This facility can be used to pay school contributions, excursions, uniforms or P&C levy etc. The minimum payment is \$20.00. Building Fund and Library Fund cannot be paid by credit card.
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#### Chess tournament

On Wednesday, 6th November four boys (Ian, Joshua, Jesse and Seth) travelled down to Newcastle for regional chess. After arriving at school at 7 am Mrs Launders drove us to Rutherford where we met up with Mr Crowe and he drove us the rest of the way to Newcastle PCYC.

Straight away we versed our first team, Barnsley. They were a good team and we came away with 2 loses, a stalemate and a win. New Lambton was a bit easier and received 3 points. Newcastle Grammar was the hardest team we versed and only got 1 win. Merewether Heights was next and we came away with 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  points. The second last team Laguna was another easy team we received 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  points. The last team was Saint Mary's it was the best match throughout the game we had 2 wins and 2 losses.

A big thanks from the chess team to Mr Crowe and Mrs Launders for organising the chess team as well as driving us to the tournaments.

Josh

#### **School Hours**

All parents are reminded that teachers are not on duty until 8.40 am each morning. Children should not be dropped at school prior to this time. Any child at school prior to 8.40 am should go directly to the Library verandah until the teacher on duty allows them to move away. They can then place their bags at their classroom, place canteen orders in the lunch box, etc.

Please note the Office is operational between 8.30 to 3.30 daily. Telephone calls outside of these hours may not be answered.

#### **Parking**

Although parking nearby the school can be limited at certain times of the day, we ask that all parents adhere to the Parking Signs that appear at and around the school. The parking rules around Hunter and Elizabeth Streets have been put in place to ensure the safety of all members of our school and broader community. Please do not park or drop off your children in the designated school crossing areas as this area should be kept clear. The driveway of the Parsonage also needs to be kept clear at all times as it is an emergency entrance and exit to the school.

Parents and carers are also reminded that driving in or parking on school grounds is not permitted unless prior permission has been obtained. This includes the car park area adjacent the Support Unit to drop students off for school. This can cause considerable problems as this area is designated for taxi transport of students in the Support Unit. Please do not use this entrance as a walking thoroughfare, it is for vehicles only.

#### **Visitors to School**

The safety of our students is of paramount importance. Therefore all members of staff wear an identifying badge and all visitors to the school must sign in and wear a visitor's label. This must be done at either the school office, canteen or the classroom if working as a classroom volunteer. A Working with Children Check Declaration must also be completed which are available at the school office.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB- HELPER NEEDED FOR TUESDAYS 8:40-9:10AM**

Singleton Public School Breakfast Club is run by a small band of volunteers who provide breakfast and lunch box top ups to children that request it. Currently we have 30-50 kids a week relying on this free service fully funded by Xstrata through the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre.

We are seeking an extra volunteer to assist the existing volunteers on **MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS 8:40-9:10AM.** If you are able to assist, please telephone Penny Clancy 0432 073430.

We are also seeking some 'emergency' volunteers to assist when the usual volunteers are unavailable. Please call us if this would suit you.

#### **Enrolments 2014**

Throughout this term, planning of classes for 2014 will be taking place. It is very helpful to know whether families have plans to relocate during the summer holidays. Please contact the Office if you are aware that your children will not be returning in 2014 so that appropriate information is used to make up our classes.

Additionally, if you have specific requests regarding classes please forward in writing to the Principal the reasons for your request. At this point of time, actual teachers and class formation is unknown, however it is possible that due to enrolment numbers a number of composite classes may be made across the school.

# Surf Life Saving Day

On Wednesday 6th November year b went to Nobby's Beach, Newcastle foreshore for a life saving day. We left at 8am on a saxby's coach. We got there at 9:30am.

The bus trip was boring but I got to sit next to Charlie Rodger: Feenix and Ewan sat behind us. Bur bus drivers name was Ian Saxby, he drove us up there and back down.

When we got there we got in our groups. There was ablue, green and orange group. We got Rashies the colour of our group. Then we went to our activitys, green went to surfing, orange went to beach games and blue went to water games. We switched games after I hour and after we had finished our games we went for a free swim.

This is a great day for everyone and I will give this 4½ stars out of five stars. I Loved it and so will you!

By Hunter

### Year 6 Surf Life Saving Day

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#### Thank you

A BIG thank you to the people who supplied mulch hay for the school gardens. Kevin Gunn, The Couling Family and Cecil Bailey. THANK YOU.

#### **Fun Run**

A friendly reminder to be getting sponsors for the school Fun Run on Friday, 29th November. You can claim great prizes if you fundraise from \$10 and over. If you have misplaced your Sponsorship Form, there are more available from the school office.

#### **Garden Club**

Garden Club will be selling Beans \$1, eggs \$4, Zucchini 50cents each and spinach \$1 per bunch, Friday morning before school at the parsonage. Come in and buy some lovely fresh produce!

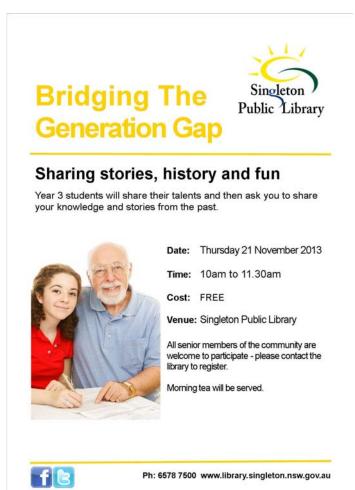
#### Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??

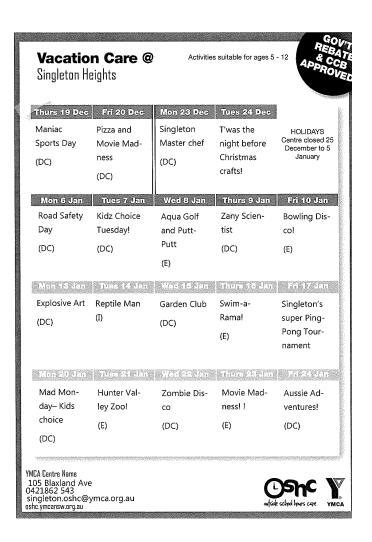
Another issue of Scholastic Book Club is being sent home this week.

If you pay for your Scholastic Book club orders by credit card please note the following steps to take:

- To make credit card payments faster and more secure you must either pay Scholastic direct by phoning Freecall 1800 557 908 or;
- Online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment;
- A receipt number will then be provided, which needs to be recorded on the bottom of the order coupon and returned to the school office as normal;

The school then sends that receipt/coupon to Scholastic so they can marry up your order with the payment.





# Puss in Boots 2013

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## P&C Christmas Dinner

all existing & new members welcome Where: Jade Thai Restaurant

Time: 7pm

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Date: Wednesday 4 December

RSVP: Donna Croft - ddwinos@aapt.net.au or 0408 560 231

by 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

NB: depending on numbers the meeting may be held at the school and then to the restaurant after the meeting.

#### UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

The Uniform shop is a volunteer run service, operated by the P&C. The shop is only open Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30 - 9.30 am.

The Uniform shop is one of the very few places that you can bring a toddler or Pre Schooler along when helping out.

It only requires 1 hour a month of your time and wherever possible 2 people are rostered on to make it easier during busy times.

If you would like to be included in the Uniform Shop Roster, please indicate your preference below and return to the school office. Please return this form even if you are a current volunteer.

We also require volunteers that can pop in mid-week to fill orders that have been placed via our preordering system. This does not require any face to face contact with customers or handling of cash and can be done at any time during the week that is convenient to you.

We are also looking for a new Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Position to take over in 2014. If you think you may be interested in this position please indicate below and someone will be in contact with you.

I am able to help in the Uniform Shop.. I would be available on: (please tick)

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# SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST -2013

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b>Unisex Summer and Winter:</b>		
Polo Shirts	4-22	\$23.00
Sloppy Joes	4-16	\$19.00
Light-weight Jacket	4-16	\$10.00
Fleecy Jacket	4-16	\$30.00
Sport Shorts (mesh)		\$5.00
Sports Shorts (knit)	4-16	\$5.00
Boys Pants:		
Shorts	5-16	\$23.00
Trousers	4-14	\$29.00
Girls Summer:		
Shorts (Daylight)	4-16	\$28.00
Shorts(Scags)		\$28.00
Summer Dress	4-14	\$39.00
Girls Winter:		
Winter dress	4-16	\$50.00
Peter Pan Blouse	4-16	\$21.00
Long Pants(L.W.Reid)		\$22.00
Accessories:		
Bucket Hats (yellow piping)	57cm	\$8.00
Microfibre Hats (draw string)	S/M, M/L, L/XL	\$8.00
Socks	9-12, 13-3, 2-8	\$5.00
Stockings	4-6, 7-10, 11-14	\$8.00
Headbands	Small & large	\$7.00
Backpacks	-	\$55.00
Library bags		\$7.00

TOTAL

Uniform shop order form – Please see updated Price list (available on School Website under P&C).

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**School Holiday Camps** 

Northcott Children's Recreation are looking for referrals for children in school years 4-6 (Upper Primary) or 7-9 (Junior High) who have a primary intellectual disability with low support needs to participate in a Sport and Recreation Camp. The camp is run and staffed by Northcott. Participants will have the opportunity to experience a range of activities tailored to their level of comfort and ability including climbing, games, sports, bushwalking and canoeing. All with experienced instructors and support staff supervision.

Camp dates: Years 4-6: Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th January 2014

Years 7-9: Dates to be confirmed

What's included: Food, accommodation, activities, support staff and transport.

Who: Children with a primary intellectual disability.

Participant age range: School Years 4-6 or 7-9 Level of support: There will be a one staff member to four participant ratio (1:4) Northcott staff are trained and have a current First Aid Certificate. Sport and Recreation staff are also trained and qualified in program areas.

Cost: Approx \$250, participants may also like to bring a small amount of spending money for souvenirs.

Requirements: Once a referral has been accepted there will be various information and healthcare forms to be filled out before the participant attends the camp.

For more information or to make a referral please contact: Keira Aitkenhead Phone: 9890 0143 Email: keira.altkenhead@northcott.com.au





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## Singleton Mobile Preschool



Enrollments Now Open

Singleton Mobile Preschool is currently seeking enrollments for 2014. Taking this opportunity will give your children the advantage of a local preschool education within your local community. We are currently seeking enrollments in the Mitchell's Flat, Broke and Mt Olive area.

We cater for children 3-5 years of age and our hours of operation are 9am-3pm during school terms

We are also seeking expressions of interest in the Bulga/Milbrodale/Kirkton/Singleton area.

If you have children between 3-5 years of age and are interested in attending this service in this area please contact Cassi Hill on <a href="mailto:chill@singleton.nsw.gov.au">chill@singleton.nsw.gov.au</a> or 65732000. We will consider 2 year olds if there is a need in this area.





Do you have room in your home and space in your heart? Help us meet an urgent need for toster carers in the Hunter and Central Coast region.

The most urgent need exists for:
Sibling groups of primary school age.
Children in need of respite (short break) care, for example can you care for a child / children one weekend a month to give their full time carers a break?

Visit fosteringnsw.com.au or call 1800 236 783

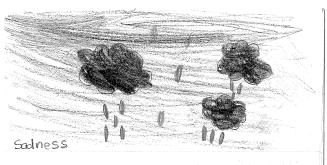
Hunter Connect invites you to come along to our

Support Group Meetings at

Metford - 7pm Tuesday, 26 November 2013 Venue:- Metford Community Baptist Church 83-85 Chelmsford Drive, Metford Meeting Focus:-

Tools for Sensory Challenges RSVP for Metford via email to:katrina@hunterconnect.org.au Mobile: 0439 990 085

On-site child care available by appointment ONLY When requesting childcare please include:-children's names/ages and any special needs.



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It Smells like fresh rain air

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It tastes like poison

It smell like smoke By Pin-Chi

It feels like snakes

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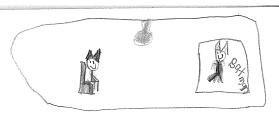


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It feels like birthdays.

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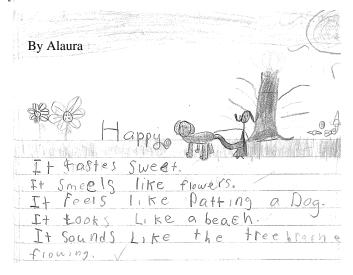
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It sounds like fun



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