

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

20 NOVEMBER 2013

Throughout Tuesday morning, I have had the opportunity to meet Leo, Jessica, Miley, Ciah, Luke, Dax, Jack, Kayley, Danny Boy, Phoebe, Chad, Nash, Jhy and Paige; just some of the wonderful children that will joining our school in 2014 as new Kindergarten students. In the afternoon, these children joined with their future classmates to begin their transition into school. Each child is a wonderful individual with their own unique personality, strengths, likes and interests. I am confident that over the coming years that all of the children in Kindergarten will grow into fantastic respectful and responsible students.

Congratulations to Mrs Merrick, staff and the 150 children involved in this year's pantomime, "Puss in Boots". It was a great (corny) show filled with colour, humour and entertainment. To produce a show of the calibre of "Puss" has taken many hours of hard work and dedication. I am sure that the students will have fond memories of the show and the rehearsals leading up to the performance for many years to come. Thank you also to the many mums and dads that assisted in the production of the show. Bravo, everyone!

Parents are reminded that if they require interviews with staff to make an appropriate appointment through the front office. It is not appropriate to front up to classes during the day or right on the bell and expect teachers to stop what they are doing to respond to your inquiries. Our staff are very willing to discuss issues with parents, however they also have other duties and responsibilities that may require their attention.

Hopefully the rain has moved on for a while and hopefully our Year 5 campers will be having an enjoyable time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. They will be involved in a wide range of activities including archery, high ropes, the flying fox, and even a surf down some massive sand dunes.

Have a great week,

David Crowe
Principal

Cans

Cans were delivered to Apex Cash-a-Can last week. The school received \$45.00 for the cans. A big thank you to Ian Lamph for taking them down to the Cash-a-Can bin.

Remember that if you have any cans, please bring them into the school and put them in the Can Shed at the back of the Chook Pen. All money raised goes into the upkeep of the gardens and chooks.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday— Friday 19-22 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp - BUS TO DUE RETURN AT APPROX 2PM ON FRIDAY
Monday 25 November	Book Club Orders and Payments Due
Tuesday 26 November	Kindergarten 2014 Meet the Principal Appointments Transition to school 2-3.10pm
Wednesday 27 November	Intensive Swimming payments due
Friday 29 November	Adidas Fun Run - return your sponsorship forms
Monday 2 December	Intensive Swimming Year 2 and selected Year 3-6 Year 5 Surf Life Saving payments due
Tuesday 3 December	Kindergarten 2014 Meet the Principal Appointments Transition to school 2.00-3.10pm Year 6 free Science Show
Wednesday 4 December	Drumming Performance 9.45–11.00 am Transition to High School Year 6
Thursday 5 December	MADD Performance at SHS for Stage 3
Monday 9 December	Year 5 Surf Life Saving day
Tuesday 10 December	Presentation Night 6.30 pm at Singleton Civic Centre
Thursday 12 December	K-2 Christmas Concert Yr 6 Camp Out
Friday 13 December	K-2 Christmas Concert Sports Presentation Intensive swimming concludes Canberra Deposit Payment Due
Monday 16 December	Yr 6 Farewell assembly 12.15pm Yr 6 Farewell 6.00-8.30pm

**This weeks assembly is hosted by the Jump Rope Team
starting at 12.45pm.**



**Education &
Communities**

2014 Lion King Excursion

Just a reminder that the parent payments for the Lion King are now overdue. Please contact the office as soon as possible to organise payment.

Intensive Swimming

Payments for Year 2 and selected Year 3-6 Intensive Swimming are due on Wednesday, 27th November.

If your child is in Year 3-6, was selected for Intensive Swimming again this year and is not participating in the intensive swimming program, please contact the office.

Aussie Bush Excursion

The Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion is due to return to school in Elizabeth Street, on Friday, 23rd November at approximately 2.00 pm.

On the Friday, the teachers will endeavour to let the school office know when they have departed camp so that an update can be posted on the school website.

Appointments with Teachers

The school would like to remind parents and caregivers that should they have any concerns relating to their child that they may phone the school office to leave a message for their child's teacher to return their call. Please do not approach your child's teacher before, during or after school as they are often busy during this time with lesson preparation and other matters.

Bula from Fiji

The following message was received from the school in Fiji that we send letters and old resources to:-

"Bula vinaka and good morning.

I have received boxes of books from your kind heart. Thank you very much.

Unfortunately, the school was going through revision for the assessments before the end of this year. However we have kept the books aside for next year.

The children are working on the letters and you will be receiving the letters soon.

Thank you once again for your kind concern.

Have a wonderful day.

Isaia Batirat, Head Teacher"

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 26th November and 3rd December. If you have not already made an appointment, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

Canteen News

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 the running of the Uniform Shop, if you have an enquiry or comment then please email dippels6@bigpond.com. Alternatively you may choose to address the issue at a P&C meeting, held on the 1st 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.

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.

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to cater for a road trip

Avoid tempting fast food stops on long trips by following some of these simple steps.

1. If you don't already have one, buy a decent sized cooler bag or esky.
2. Make sure that everyone has a bottle of water.
3. Pack small containers of vegies: celery sticks, capsicum strips, carrot sticks or circles.
4. Pack chopped fruit like apple, grapes and mandarin segments.
5. Pack healthy sandwiches or wraps that won't go soggy on long trips:
 - Ham, Cheese, Grated Carrot + Lettuce
 - Chicken, Lettuce + Mayo

Packing your lunch is a great way to save money, increase your fruit and veg intake, and reduce boredom on long trips!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It



Uniform Shop Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2013

Mon 25/11/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry

Fri 29/11/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jan Fallding

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

Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2013

Mon 25/11/13 Anne Marie Berends, Angela Whitby

Tues 26/11/13 Mandy Ward, Anna Adamthwaite

Wed 27/11/13 Tammy Cox (1/2 Day), Shaelie Carrol, Sue Barry

Thurs 28/11/13 Tanith Bell, Teresa Mexon

Fri 29/11/13 Judy Felton, Raquel Harris, Alison Brown

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC

Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist Anne Hollonds chat with James O'Loughlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Homework tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

Maths at home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

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.

Student's Name: Class:

What are you paying for?

Credit Card Type (please tick one) ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard Amount paying \$.....

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

CSV ____ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder

2014 Year 6 Canberra Excursion

The Year Six major excursion for 2014 is a 5-day trip to Canberra. The excursion is confirmed for Monday, 12th May to Friday, 16th May 2014. The excursion supports and enhances our study of Democracy and Government, as well as significantly contributing to the children's social development.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00, which must be paid by 1:00pm on Friday 13th December 2013. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. The approximate cost of the excursion is \$560. This amount includes your deposit of \$50.00, so when you pay a \$50.00 deposit, you will owe \$510. You may pay in weekly/fortnightly installments if you wish.

The inclusion of parent helpers for the excursion will be limited. Preference will be given to parents of students with specific health/medical needs. Interested parents will be notified after all student deposits have been received and numbers established. The cost to parents will be approximately \$650 and successful parents will be notified as soon as possible after numbers are finalised so that they can begin to make payments. Permission notes have been sent home and are available on the school's website.

Year 6 Orientation Day at Singleton High School

Singleton High School extends an invitation for Year 6 to attend the Year 6/7 Orientation Day on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 9.30am to 2.15pm.

Students will meet in East Quad on arrival.

Please bring food and drinks for recess and lunch or use the school canteen. Hot food can be ordered from the canteen in the morning.

Students will be organised into their Year 7 classes and will participate in a range of activities to get to know each other and the high school.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend the Orientation Morning and are invited to stay for Morning Tea as well as to talk to staff.

The Uniform Shop will also be open on the day.

Year 5 Surf Life Saving Day

Year 5 students will be participating in the Surf Fun Safe Program this term. It is a fantastic one day event where students will learn different Surf Life Saving skills and techniques.

A sheet for what students need to bring with them on the day and a program with the activities your child will be participating in was sent home with the permission note or can be found on the school's website.

When: Year 5 – Wednesday 9th December, 2013

Where: Nobby's Beach, Newcastle

Time: Depart 8am from Singleton PS
Return approx. 4pm Singleton PS

Total Cost: \$25 (This total cost has been partly subsidised by the school).

Students are to wear full school uniform. Students are to bring their towel, swimmers and thongs and any extra clothing needed. A rash shirt will be provided on the day.

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.

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.

Puss in Boots Pantomime

A **B I G** thank you to **all** the students involved in the **magical** 'Puss in Boots' panto! You were **FANTASTIC** and I am **VERY PROUD** of each of **you**. Your **hard work** made 'Puss in Boots' 2013, the **BEST** panto **EVER!!!**



Mrs Merrick

PS Hope you enjoy the photos

Photos removed for internet publishing

Panto

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

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
TOTAL OWING			

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent Name _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Order to be picked Up/ Order to be delivered to Child's Class

Delivery will be within the following week of an order being placed. Pickup will be available the Friday of the week following the order being placed, during usual Uniform Shop opening hours.

ORDERS MUST BE PUT IN AN ENVELOPE SEPARATE TO ANY OTHER SCHOOL NOTES/MONEY, CLEARLY LABELLED WITH UNIFORM SHOP ORDER ON THE FRONT AND GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE FRONT OFFICE. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE CASH IN THE ENVELOPE.

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Expiry Date ____ / ____

CSV ____ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder

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UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE LIST –2013

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Unisex Summer and Winter:</u>		
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
<u>Boys Pants:</u>		
Shorts	5-16	\$23.00
Trousers	4-14	\$29.00
<u>Girls Summer:</u>		
Shorts (Daylight)	4-16	\$28.00
Shorts(Scags)		\$28.00
Summer Dress	4-14	\$39.00
<u>Girls Winter:</u>		
Winter dress	4-16	\$50.00
Peter Pan Blouse	4-16	\$21.00
Long Pants(L.W.Reid)		\$22.00
<u>Accessories:</u>		
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

P&C Christmas Dinner

all existing & new members welcome

Where: Jade Thai Restaurant

Time: 7pmth

Date: Wednesday 4 December

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

by 27th Nov

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



SINGLETON
"Keeping it Local"
markets

Singleton Heights Indoor Sports Centre

7th December 3pm - 7pm

30+ Stalls
Jumping Castle
Face Painting

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Singleton YMCA
02 6572 1359

7th December 2013

5.30pm — 9.00pm

Community Carols @ The Heights

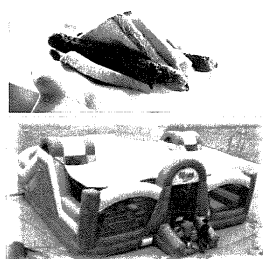
Free Family Event

Sausage sizzle & drink, face painting, jumping castles, bands,
entertainment, carols and fireworks

Bring a chair or rug to sit on and enjoy a stress free night

Highlights

- ◆ Singleton Town Band
- ◆ mainly music
- ◆ KAM—Kerryann McKittrick
- ◆ Quiz Worx puppet show
- ◆ Carols by Singleton Baptist Church



Held at Alan Bull Reserve
Crn Bridgman Rd & Acacia Cirt
Hunterville

Contact for more info:

Linda Butler 0411113059



If wet will be held at Singleton Baptist Church



SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2013
ASIA PACIFIC GAMES
TORCH RELAY
CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER
3:00PM - 8:00PM
ROSE POINT PARK
SINGLETON

On Friday 29th November a Carnival will be held in Rose Point Park to celebrate the Special Olympics 2013 Asia Pacific Games Torch Relay which is passing through town that afternoon.

The Carnival will have a huge range of markets, food vendors and entertainment. There will be a host of FREE activities for kids including a giant Aqua Slide, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Art & Craft marquees, and a Mini Olympics Tournament.

Live stage entertainment will be held throughout the afternoon, including performances from local and international artists. Roaming entertainment will fill the venue creating a Carnival vibe with Stilt Walkers, Balloon Artists, Buskers, and even a visit from Prime Possum.

The park will be a vibrant hub of activity with so much to do and see.

It is set to be a great summer afternoon in the park!



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Did you know?
 cat has 42 teeth
 Willem

Did you know?

4B

Did you know?
 by mabyla
 Reinder like Bananas
 mabyla london

Did you know

The planet Saturn has a density lower than water. So if placed in water it would float. Louis

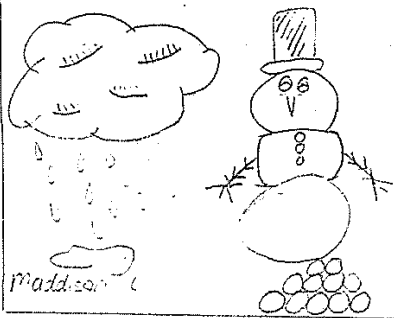
Did you know

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. sophie

The pupil of an octopus can't recognize. sophie



Did you know? 4.11.13
 2.5 centimetres of rain water is equivalent to 15 inches 38.1 centimetres of dry powdery snow.



Did you know?

The longest living cells in the body are brain cells which can live an entire lifetime by Ian

14th of November 2013

Did you know?

most people blink about 17,000 times a day. chelsea



Did you know?

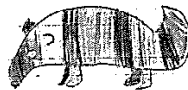
The moon is one million times drier than the Gobi desert.



Jasmine

Did you know

Armadillos, possums and sloths spend about 80% of their lives sleeping.



Jasmine

Did you know?



The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.



Chicken

Jaidyn

An Astronaut can be up to 2 inches taller returning from space. The cartilage disks in the spine expand in the absence of gravity. Campbell

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Did you know?
 Elephants are the only animal that can't jump. By Jules

Did you know?

A cockroach can live for several weeks without its head. Chloe

Did you know?
 Sound travels about 4 times faster in water than in air.

Did you know?
 That bunny's like to eat licorice. Sam

Sam

Did you know?

Ants do not sleep. Tiani

Did you know?
 A bolt of lightning is about 54,000°F (30,000°C), six times hotter than the Sun. Bryce.