Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Calendar of Events

Week 9 Term 4 QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY 4 DECEMBER 2013

Farewell Mrs Moulds – at the conclusion of the school year, Mrs Tanya Moulds will be transferring to the Port Macquarie area with her family. Mrs Moulds has been a member of the staff at Singleton Public School for many years and her involvement across the school will be greatly missed. Her enthusiasm for sport in particular will be a great loss as Mrs Moulds has been our chief organiser for the Jump Rope for Heart program, heavily involved in sporting teams and carnivals, as well as the pantos and dance activities. Thank you Mrs Moulds for everything that you have contributed to our school.

Next Tuesday, our school community will come together to celebrate the end of the academic year and recognise the achievements of our students. Presentation Evening will be held at the Civic Centre commencing at 6.30pm. All students are invited to attend. Students are to be in full school uniform with full black shoes for this special event. Parents are requested NOT to take their children from the ceremony part way through; please stay for the entire event and allow your child to show their appreciation to their fellow students.

Next Thursday and Friday, we will be holding our K-2 Christmas Concert in the school hall. As in previous years, all visitors to the school are requested to bring food items that can be contributed to the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre Christmas Hamper Appeal. All donations of non-perishable foods and drinks will be gratefully received.

I am looking forward to tonight's P&C meeting that will commence at the special time of 6.30pm in the school Library. After a brief meeting, the P&C will be moving to Jade's Thai restaurant to celebrate the end of the school year and the forthcoming holidays.

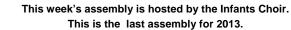
Next week's newsletter will be the last for 2013. It will have a full list of all award winners and special prize recipients from the Presentation Evening.

Have a wonderful, if somewhat hectic, week!

David Crowe

Principal

Wednesday 4 December	Drumming Performance 9.45–11.00 am Transition to High School Year 6 P&C Meeting at school at 6.30pm then dinner at Jades for 7.30pm for P&C End of Year Party		
Thursday 5 December	Last day for After School Sports for 2014		
Friday 6 December	Wheelie Warrior Visit—Support Unit at Singleton Show Ground Year 6 party day/night payment due		
Monday 9 December	Year 5 Surf Life Saving day—leaves at 8 a sharp		
Tuesday 10 December	Presentation Night 6.30 pm at Singleton Civic Centre Stage 2 party day payment due		
Thursday 12 December	K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert starting 9.45am Year 1 Walka Water Works payment due Year 6 party day and night—Camp out		
Friday 13 December	K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert starting 9.45am Sports Presentation at 12.10 pm Intensive swimming concludes 2014 Canberra Deposit Payment Due Year 2 Tocal Party Day Payment due Last day for Canteen		
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Farewell assembly 12.15pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00-8.30pm		
Tuesday 17 December	Year 2 Tocal Party Day Kinder Zoo Party Day Stage 2 Party Day		
Wednesday 18 December	Last Day for students for 2013 Year 1 Party Day Walka Water Works		
19-20 December	Staff Development Days		
2014 - Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day		
Wednesday 29 January	First day of school for 2014 for students in Years 1-6		
Wednesday & Thursday 29&30 January	Best Start appointments for 2014 Kindergarten students		
Friday 31 January	First day for Kindergarten 2014		
This week's assembly is hosted by the Infants Choir.			





Year 6 Party Day/Night

On Thursday, 12 December, Year 6 are going to have a party day followed by a camp out at school to celebrate the end of the year. In the morning Year 6 students will walk to Cook Park where we will have sports games and then eat a packed lunch. The students will then walk to the Bowling Alley for two games of bowling at 1pm. They will then return to school at approximately 2.30pm and start to set up our camp for the night. There are a variety of activities planned for the afternoon. At approximately 6pm they will have a Pizza tea and then watch a movie under the stars and enjoy our night games. The following morning we will eat breakfast and clear up the camp. We will then have a relaxing day at school and a sausage lunch.

Total cost for the bowling, sausage sizzle, party food, pizza and drinks will be \$25.00 per child paid as CASH ONLY. Money and permission notes for this activity are to be handed to the class teacher by **Friday, 6 December** and were sent home last week.

Note Correction

Year 5 parents received a note on Friday regarding the Year 6 Farewell supper. The correct date for the Year 6 Farewell is Monday, 16th December 2013. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Payments to school for end of year events

As you can see by the full calendar on the front page of this newsletter there is a lot going on at this time of year.

Many of the upcoming events require payment to be included with a signed permission note. We ask that you carefully read the permission note, the information in the newsletter and be prompt in returning the notes and money by the due date as stated. This ensures that your child does not miss out on attending any of these exciting events and allows the school staff time to collate attendance lists, confirm numbers and organise a timely payment to service providers.

Your assistance with this process is very much appreciated.

School Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday, 13 December. Please take the time to read and explain aspects of these reports to your child/ren. The teachers have spent many long hours assessing, evaluating and monitoring each student to eventually develop these reports.

School Supplies

In 2014 the school will be supplying all students with exercise books and some limited stationery needs. Parents and carers are asked to supply basic requirements such as rulers, eraser, coloured pencils, lead pencils, pencil case, glue sticks, sharpeners, textas, pens (for older grades), etc and replace these items throughout the year. Parents will be advised of any other requirements when classes are formed in early 2014.

Breakfast Club

THANK YOU ABBIE NEWBERRY - Breakfast Club would like to thank Abbie for donating her Poppy's honey to Breakfast Club for everyone to enjoy. Come along to Breakfast Club and enjoy some of Abbie's honey on toast.

Sports Presentation - Friday, 13th December

The school will be holding a Sports Presentation Assembly on Friday, 13 December at 12.10 pm. The assembly will include awards to students for sports participation - any student who has represented the school in PSSA knockout events, gala days, zone, hunter carnivals and state carnivals, the announcement of house captains for 2014 (elections for these will be on Thursday) and Coaches Awards will be presented to students who have shown great sportsmanship and commitment to the team. All are welcome to attend.

Year 5 Surf Lifesaving

A reminder that all students in Year 5 need to be at school by 7.45am on Monday as the bus will be leaving at 8am. Parents will need to pick up children from school between 3.45pm and 4pm.

Fun Run

Due to the weather last Friday instead of the Fun Run the students participated in active PE activities with their classes. PLEASE NOTE - THE LAST DATE FOR SPONSORSHIP FORMS WAS TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER. LATE SPONSORSHIP MONEY WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES AS MISS MOON HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED THEM ONLINE.



Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10, Term 4 2013

Mon 9/12/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jackie Marsh Fri 13/12/13 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kim Carter

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

Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 4 2013

Mon 9/12/13 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy
Tues 10/12/13 Mark Franks, Anne McSweeney

Wed 11/12/13 Kerry Anne Baker, Kellie Della-Ca

Thurs 12/12/13 Teresa Mexon, Jason Gould

Fri 13/12/13 Judy Felton, Jenna Pfeiffer, Jen Andrews

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your

rostered day.

Information from the DEC

For the love of science

Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.

Listen to the podcast: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child

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Stage 3 MADD Performance

The MADD performance for Stage 3 at Singleton High School has been cancelled as they are not presenting a matinee performance.

Library News

As we approach the end of the year our Library team needs to ensure that all of the books on loan are returned prior to the end of the year. We ask for assistance from both students and families in encouraging all borrowed books to be returned to the library as soon as possible. For this reason last week was the last opportunity for students to borrow new books to take home but as always the library collection will continue to be available for use during school hours.

As I am sure you all would be aware we have had an exciting year with many different titles being added to our collection and lots of borrowing from all of our students. The library staff would like to extend a big thank you to all of the families that have supported us in making reading a valued past time for our students.

Presentation Evening

On Tuesday, 10 December our school will be holding our 2013 Presentation Evening at 6.30 pm at the Singleton Civic Centre. Please arrive by 6.15 pm so that the presentation can start on time. **Invitations will be sent home to all award recipients, performers and Year 6 Student Council for 2013 and 2014 this week.** This allows families and caregivers of awards recipients to make arrangements to enable them to attend. If your child is attending and will be presented with an award, they will need to be in full school uniform (including black shoes). Please be aware that staff will have special seats near our students for the ceremony at the front of the hall and that photography and videoing from these areas will not be permitted. Seating for parents and other visitors will be towards the back of the hall.

Students in the school band, choir, glee club and the Senior Girls drumming group will also be performing on the night. All students and families are welcome to attend.

Canteen News

The canteen will closed for the year as of Friday, 13th December. This gives Nicole and the ladies a chance to clean the canteen in readiness for 2014. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of next year's roster. Opening will be from Wednesday, 29th January 2014 unless the P&C decides differently at the meeting on Wednesday.

The Canteen's Volunteer Christmas Lunch and Dinner is on 17th December 2013. Please contact Nicole in the canteen for details.

2014 Year 6 Canberra Excursion

The Year 6 major excursion for 2014 is a 5-day trip to Canberra. The excursion is confirmed for Monday, 12th May to Friday, 16th May 2014. 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 instalments if you wish.

Year 6 Farewell Cake Thank You

Year 6 would like to say a big thank to David and Tammy Cox of Singleton Heights Bakery for their kind donation of the Year 6 Farewell cake in Week 11. We are looking forward to devouring it!!

After School Sports

Tomorrow - Thursday, 5th December is the last day for after school sports for the year. After School Sports will resume in Term 1, 2014.

Presentation Night - Donation of Plants

The school needs some plants to decorate the stage for presentation evening. If anyone has some potted plants that they could loan us it would be very much appreciated. Examples include flowering bush or patio roses, small pines, hydrangeas, leafy green shrubs. We would need about 5 plants in total. They would need to be dropped to the Singleton Civic Centre or to the school on Tuesday, 10 October. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Year 1 Walka Water Works

For the Year 1 end of year party day on Wednesday, 18 December, students have a picnic day at Walka Water Works located in Maitland. We will be travelling to and from the venue by bus leaving at 9.30 am and returning by 3.00 pm. Children will be accompanied by the Year 1 teachers and learning support officers. The children and teachers are looking forward to enjoying this special day together. Some students from the Support Unit will also be attending.

Upon arrival at Walka Water Works the group will have a play on the equipment in the park and then have lunch. Children need to bring their own lunch and recess with 2 drinks and a special party treat for themselves (no sharing of food please). They can wear party clothes but need a hat and good walking **shoes** (please, not open shoes, high heels or thongs).

Students will also have the opportunity to have a ride on the train at Walka Water Works. Please send \$3.00 with your child on the party day as they require a cash payment on the day.

The cost will be \$13.00 for the bus fare. Payment and the permission slip should be returned to the school office by Thursday 12 December 2013.

Year 2 Tocal Party Day

To celebrate the end of the year, Year 2 will be visiting Tocal on Tuesday 17th December, 2013. Children will be able to experience activities involving British Settlement of Australia.

The bus will leave at 9.00 am sharp and return by 3.00 pm. You will need to have your child at school by 8.45 am in time for the morning bus. The bus will leave from the Elizabeth Street side of the school.

The cost for this experience is \$25.00 (\$9.50 Tocal and \$15.50 bus) which should be sent in to the school office with the permission slip by Friday 13th December, 2013.

Everyone will need to bring morning tea, lunch and at least 2 cold drinks (water please) as there is no canteen at Tocal. Last year it was quite warm so one frozen water would be good. Students may wear dress up clothes like the olden days or party clothes with closed in shoes and a hat.

Parents are welcome to attend Tocal with the children. There is room on the bus and the cost will also be \$25.00.

Stage 2 End of Year Party

For Stage 2 end of year celebrations, children will be walking to Rose Point Park at 9.30 am on Tuesday 17th December.

The children will stay at Rose Point Park for their picnic lunch and a play. The children will play in the park and on the equipment. Children will need a packed picnic/party lunch and drinks. It could be hot so please ensure your child has plenty of water.

The children will then walk to Majestic Cinemas to view an animated feature called The Smurfs 2 (PG). The cost is \$6.00. Permission notes have been sent home. Please return notes and money to the class teacher as soon as possible.

P & C

The final P & C meeting for 2013 on Wednesday night (tonight) will be held at school as normal starting at 6.30pm. Dinner will then follow the meeting at 7.30pm at Jades.

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

On Thursday, 12 December and Friday, 13 December the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held in the school hall. The concert will begin at 9.45 am and should conclude by 11.10 am.

The concert is repeated on both days to allow for parents and family to come on the day that suits them best. The concert will finish with a finale performance by all children in K-2.

Each year the school supports local charities with donations of nonperishable food items for Christmas.

We would appreciate a donation of a food item from those families who attend the K-2 Christmas Concert. The items kindly donated will be used in hampers that will be distributed to targeted families for Christmas by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre.







Come and join Wheeling & Able on our annual shopping trip in Singleton. All proceeds help buy equipment and services for children with physical disabilities in our local area

Saturday 7th December 2013 from 9.30am to 1.00pm

A \$25 ticket enables you to get discounts at the following shops.

30% off at Evidence

20% off Ultimate Underwear

- 30% off Just Mum & Me 20% off Runway Clothing 20% off Sports Power
- 30% off Hunter Jewellers . 30% off One O One Coffee House 30% off Johnston Shoes 30% off All 4 U 30% off Sports Galore & Singleton Gifts 20% off Redboumberry Clothing

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25% off Singleton Photo Centre (Formerly 30% off Worn Out Wares *

Some exclusions apply. **Includes some in store specials

Join us after from 1pm for a get together at the Albion Hotel for a complimentary coffee, glass of wine or soft drinks and lucky ticket

Tickets available at One O One Coffee House (cnr. John and Castlereach Streets)

Further information is available from Jeannie Hicks 65733893

Come and help us support our local businesses and a great local charity which has been helping local kids for over 80 years.

Singleton Public School Canteen Volunteer Roster 2014

Thank you to all the wonderful Volunteers who are supporting the Canteen and their children. There are still a few days where volunteers are needed. So if you are interested please contact Nicole on 65712250 or come and see me in the canteen. I am so looking forward to working with you in 2014. Thank you!

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January School Holiday Activities



Board games	Thurs 9th,	Ages 6+
Fun and games with Twister, chess, The Very Bad	Tues14th, Mon 20th	Free
Game, Trivial Pursuit, charades and many more.	All 2pm—4pm	
Wii games and pizza	Fri 10th	Ages 5-12
	Fri17th	Free
Sponsored by Domino's pizza.	Fri 24th	riee
	All 2pm—4pm	
Sketching Workshop	Wed 15th	Ages 15 +
For those with some drawing experience to further develop their skills in a fun and encouraging environment. Participants are asked to bring their own stiff backed sketch pad and pencils.	10am – 12pm	\$5 (please pay on booking)
Adults are encouraged to participate		
What's The Joke?	Wed 22nd	All ages
Bestselling children's author & entertainer Andy Jones presents a hilarious and musical show about ripper jokes and juvenile humour.	11am—12pm	\$5 (please pay on booking)
Lego NXT Robotics Workshop	Thurs 23rd	Ages 10+
University of Newcastle's NUbots student robotics team will cover the basics of how robots work and the fundamentals of programming. They will share the adventure of competing in the international RoboCup.	11am—1pm	Free
Learn To Crochet With CWA	Tues 21st	Ages 8—15
Come along and have some fun while learning the basics of crocheting with the ladies from the CWA.	1.30pm—3pm	Free
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