

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 8 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

26 NOVEMBER 2014

I would like to commend our students for their calm and settled behaviour of the past few weeks. It is very pleasing to have so many positive games and activities taking place across our school during class time and in the playground. Students are reminded that ball games prior to the morning bell should not occur – please sit quietly on the steps of the Kinder building and wait for the duty teacher.

Congratulations to Year 5 and members of our Support Unit for another wonderful excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. From all reports everyone had an amazing time with a lot of personal fears and challenges confronted and overcome. From archery to rock climbing and even taking the plunge on the Giant Swing a great time was had by all. Thank you to our supportive parents that assisted with the excursion.

Happy birthday to our 'little sister' King Street Public School; 50 years ago a new school opposite the high school came into existence when select students and staff walked from our grounds to the new grounds on King Street. It was an honour to be a part of the celebrations on Monday with our student leaders and senior school band. Did you know that saplings from our trees were planted on the King Street grounds?

Our students for Kindergarten 2015 have been attending a number of transition activities to assist them to prepare for school next year. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and honesty as they participate with each other and their new teachers.

As we head towards the end of the academic year I would like to remind people that may be on holidays during the last week of January 2015 to advise the school so that your children can be included in our census data. Students in Year 1 to 6 will be returning on Wednesday, 28 January.

Stay cool and enjoy the week.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Thursday 27 November	Active After School Sports concludes for 2014
Friday 28 November	Year 6 Surfing Australia Program No receipting due to end of year office finance roll over
Monday 1 December	Year 6 Canberra note to go home Year 6 International Children Games note and cash money due No receipting due to end of year office finance roll over
Tuesday 2 December	K-2 Backyard League - free program at school
Wednesday 3 December	Drumming Performance 2pm in school hall for classes 2B, 2P, 2Z, 3H,3P,3/4S,4A Year 6 Singleton High Orientation Day P & C Meeting 7pm
Monday 8 December	Year 6 International Children Games
Tuesday 9 December	Presentation Day 12pm Civic Centre
Wednesday 10 December	Hunter Sports Awards
Thursday 11 December	K-2 & Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am Year 6 Party Day
Friday 12 December	K-2 & Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am 12.00 pm Sports Presentation Canberra 2014 deposits due Last day for Canteen
This week's assembly will be hosted by 5RV at the starting time of 12.45 pm.	

MOSIAC MUSCLE REQUIRED

There is a need for some parental assistance to install the various components of the mosaic on the wall of the Kindergarten building. The mosaic is a substantial artwork and help to cut, set and seal the work is being requested from all available parents. It would be useful if people could indicate their availability for the following dates: Tuesday 2 or 9, Wednesday 3 or 10 or Thursday 4 or 11 December.



Education &
Communities

Library News

Borrowing in the school library has ceased for 2014. All books must be **returned to the Library as soon as possible** due to the upcoming stocktake of books.

Administration - End of Financial Year

The school's end of financial year is this Friday, 28 November. The school office will be **unable to receipt any money on Friday, 28 November or on Monday, 1 December** while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2015 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, 2015. Kindergarten student payments can be taken from Week 2 in 2015.

International Children's Games - Year 6 - First in Best Dressed

On Monday, 8 December, Tess Orton in 6M will be participating in the International Children's Games. She will be running in the 100m event and also participating in the long jump event. We are extremely proud of Tess and would like to support her by taking 38 Year 6 children to the Games to cheer her on.

The cost is \$12, this excursion will be on a "first come, first served" basis as the **seats on the coach are limited** - please note that the seats will be only offered to Year 6.

The bus will depart 8.00 am and will arrive home at approximately 3.30 pm.

Travel will be by bus. Students need to wear full school uniform including a hat.

Please bring recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack or school bag. Children need to bring sunscreen. There may be a canteen available and so the children can bring up to \$10 with them if they wish to do so.

Please return the note and money to your child's teacher by 1st December - notes were sent home to Year 6 students.

Drumming Showcase

The drumming students from 2B, 2P, 2Z, 3P, 3H, 3/4S, 4A and the support unit will be putting on a showcase on Wednesday, 3 December starting at 2pm. Parents welcome.

Presentation Day

The school's annual Presentation Day will be on Tuesday, 9 November at 12.00 pm. Several groups will be performing on the day including the School Band, Song Room "True Colour" performers, K-2 students performing "Louise" and Senior Girls Singing Group. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

On Thursday, 11 December and Friday, 12 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 non-perishable 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.

Primary Ethics Classes 2015 - URGENT

Our Ethics leader Mr Geoff Masters has advised the school that he will not be able to continue in his role in 2015. This means that we desperately need a volunteer from our community to volunteer to take on this role. (It would be wonderful if we had two volunteers.)

Primary Ethics is authorised by the State government and requires all leaders to attend a basic training program. Leader notes and discussion ideas are available from the Primary Ethic website; therefore the amount of weekly preparation is minimal.

Interested parents, grandparents, friends, neighboursare invited to contact our school's Primary Ethics coordinator, Jan Fallding for further information. Jan can be contacted on primaryethicsatps@gmail.com.

Active After School Sports

This Thursday, 28 November will be the last day for Active After School Sports for 2014. A reminder that children that attend need to bring and wear their hat.

 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:

- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you'll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.
For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.
Merry Christmas!

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





Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2014

Mon 1/12/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammie Cox, Rebecca Hobbs

Fri 5/12/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Robyn Skinner

Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2014

Mon 1/12/14 Mark Franks, Anna Adamthwaite

Tues 2/12/14 Angela Johnston, Janine Justen

Wed 3/12/14 Pam Dicks, Di Cooke

Thurs 4/12/14 Deb Boston, 1 more helper please

Fri 5/12/14 Natalie Moore, Heidi Moore, 1 more helper please

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

Information from the DEC

Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?

Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive

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 Contact Number:

Student Health – Chicken Pox / Shingles

There has been reported cases of Chickenpox / Shingles (Varicella) within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

Chickenpox / Shingles begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and skin rash. The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

How is it spread?

Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing

Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.

Please exclude for at least 5 days after the first spots appear and all of the blisters have dried.

Intensive Swimming

Year 2 have been taking swimming lessons over the last two weeks. The children have had a great time. We had swimming lessons at the Singleton Gym and Swim.

On the first day everyone was smiling enthusiastically because we were going to be put in groups! There was group one, two, three, four and five. I was put in group one. Jakob, Makayla, Kristie, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Gabby and I were put in group one.

After the next few days we had really fun activities. The one we do every day was rockets up the ramp. In the last week we learnt backstroke. I already knew how to do it. Although the best activities were on assessment day. Alison our teacher got a big mat we had to jump on and then she would tip us in the water. Next we had to swim under the mat.

I felt really happy after every lesson. If I had another chance to take these lessons I would surely say yes to it. I had a great time while swimming.

By Haajarah Alam

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Year 6 Formal

On Monday, 15 December, Year 6 will be having their School Formal. This is an exciting way for the students to celebrate the end of their primary school years. The details are as follows:-

Time: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - A finger food buffet for Year 6 students and their parents will be served.

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm - A disco will take place for the Stage 3 students.

Theme : Dames & Gangsters

Venue : Singleton Public School Hall

2015 Year 6 Canberra Excursion

The Year Six major excursion for 2015 is a 5-day trip to Canberra. The excursion is confirmed for Monday, 11 May to Friday, 15 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 12:30 pm on Friday, 12 December 2014**. 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 \$580. This amount includes your deposit of \$50.00, so when you pay a \$50.00 deposit, you will owe \$530. You may pay in weekly/fortnightly instalments 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 \$670.00 and successful parents will be notified as soon as possible after numbers are finalised so that they can begin to make payments. Permission notes will be sent home on Monday, 1 December.

Year 6 End of Year Party

On Thursday, 11 December, Year 6 are going to have a party day to celebrate the end of the year.

In the morning students will watch a movie and then eat a packed lunch. They will then walk to the Bowling Alley for a game of bowling at 12:30 pm. Year 6 will then return to school for a variety of activities planned for the afternoon. At approximately 6.00 pm we will have a pizza for tea. We will then enjoy our night games until pick up at 10.00 pm.

Total cost for the bowling, party food, pizza and drinks will be \$15.00 per child (cash only please). Money and permission notes for this activity are to be handed TO THE CLASS TEACHER by Friday, 5th December.

Notes have been sent home.

Thanks again for all of your support throughout the year.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30 - 9.30 am each Friday and Monday mornings.

Pictured right is the ergonomically designed school bag available for \$55.00. These bags are great for not only Kindergarten but for students through to Year 6.



Canteens News

This year our volunteer Christmas party will be on Tuesday, 16 December at 12 pm. Please bring a \$10 Kris Kringle. RSVP to Nicole at the Canteen by Friday, 5 December. Just a reminder the canteen will be closed as of the Friday, 12 December 2014.

Aussie Bush

On the 18th November, Year 5 left for a challenging adventure at “The Great Aussie Bush Camp”. We slept on tents (hot and stuffy) for three nights. During our four days we participated in lots of different activities including: Lost Island (muddy, smelly and fun), Dual Flying Fox (zipline across the lake), 15M Giant Swing (Aahhh! Painful Harness!), commandos (evil teacher and dark, dark bush), abseiling, high ropes, fencing and much, much more. These activities were often challenging but it was great when we completed them with the support of our mates. Overall we had a really valuable and memorable experience. P.S The food was great and we had lots of snowcones.
By Students of 5E

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Canteen Roster for 2015

	Monday Canteen	Tuesday Canteen	Wednesday Canteen	Thursday Canteen	Friday Canteen
Week 1	Penny Clancy Lyndal Barry	Nicole Furness Nadia Brown	Di Cooke Pam Dicks	Deb Boston 1 more helper please	Natalie Moore 2 more helpers please
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Week 2	Sally Menere 1 more helper please	Aimee Cole Rebecca Hobbs	Liz Tudor 1 more helper please	Mary Franks 1 more helper please	Paula Stokes Kim Carter Many Ward
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Week 3	Anna Adamswaite 1 more helpers please	Anglea Johnson 1 more helper please	2 more helpers please	Shaelie Carol 1 more helper please	Carmen Lee Williams Renee Mouser 1 more helper please
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Week 4	Lynda Damstra 1 more helpers please	Rebecca Hobbs 1 more helper please	Renee Macdonalds 1 more helpers please	Kellie Della- Ca 1 more helper please	Genna Pfeifer 1 more helper please
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Hello,

My name is Tracy I am the canteen manager at the SHS canteen.

I would like to welcome all Year 7 students starting high school in 2015.

Parents I encourage you to become a volunteer at our canteen. If you have been a helper throughout primary school I hope you continue to support your child's new school.

If you have never volunteered before, please consider giving it a go as I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised.

Because we are a large school I try to offer a wide variety of foods to cater for everyone so therefore the canteen is very busy. "Many hands make light work", so why not join our lovely but small group of mums, dads and carers? It is a great way to be involved in your child's schooling life.

You will socialise and meet new people, you can also bring a friend along.

I am proud to say that our students are extremely well mannered and are a delight to serve. We have a very happy friendly work environment which I believe you will really enjoy.

If you are able to spare a few hours a month, keeping in mind I am very flexible, I would love to hear from you, so please phone me on 65722373 or 0439384484 to let me know your availability.

Many thanks

Tracy Johnson
SHS Canteen

NAIDOC

Planning for 2015

The Singleton NAIDOC Committee are seeking interest from community members to be involved with the 2015 NAIDOC Day celebration. As well as the Raising of the Flag, NAIDOC Ceremony and local Art display, you too could provide stalls, activities or food to make the day great a success!

Date 20th June 2015

Times 9:30am - 2:30pm

Venue Singleton Civic Centre



If you would like to be a part of this day please provide a quote for your services.

Email us at singleton.naidoc@gmail.com or phone Jen Campbell 04 4806 5660

SINGLETON

NAIDOC
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Twilight Christmas Carnival



Be there with bells on!

From 4pm at Rose Point Park, Singleton

Market Stalls | Food Stalls | Live Entertainment

Roaming Performers | Jumping Castle | Giant Water Slide

| Free Event Shuttle | Santa

Rotary Club of Singleton Santa Fun Run commencing at 5.30pm

Plus a free outdoor cinema featuring the movie 'Elf' at 7.30pm

Prefer a more VIP experience?

Get your spot on a bean bag in the front row! Free popcorn and a drink included on arrival. All for just \$20 or \$30 for a double!

Limited spots so book now on (02) 6571 5888

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6th December 2014
5.00pm — 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
- One Accord
- Quiz Worx puppet show
- Carols by Singleton Baptist Church

Held at Alan Bull Reserve
Crm Bridgman Rd & Acacia Cirt
Hunterview

Contact for more info:
Linda Barker 0411113059

If wet will be held at Singleton Baptist Church

Change of Address:-

Please complete and return to School Office if you have had a change of address or change of contact details.

Name _____

Class _____ Bus No _____

New Address _____

Home Phone: _____

Mum Mobile: _____

Dad Mobile: _____

Other: _____

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PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCHOOL MAGAZINE

My child/ren listed below ARE NOT to have their name or photograph published in the 2015 school magazine:

..... of class

..... of class

..... of class

Signed: Parent/Guardian

Dated:

Class work by 7W



**7W are
learning
about
symmetry.**

