

# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 9 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

3 NOVEMBER 2014

Next Tuesday, commencing at midday, our school comes together to celebrate our achievements during our annual Presentation Day. I would like to extend an invitation to all of our school community to come along and help us rejoice in a ceremony of recognition and accolade. Please be prompt as our ceremony will be commencing at 12 noon. All of our students will be bussed to the Singleton Civic Centre for this auspicious occasion.

Due to time restraints, all of our sports awards including the induction of House Captains for 2015 will occur at a ceremony to be conducted at school on Friday 12 December (again commencing at 12 noon). We have had a successful year in the sporting arena especially our girls' teams in Touch Football and Soccer, as well as many individual achievements.

Parents and family members of our students in K-2 and the Support Unit should have next Thursday or Friday marked on their calendar to attend the Christmas Concert in the school hall. As per previous years, admission will be in the form of a non-perishable food donation which the school will collect and then forward on to the Singleton Community Centre for Christmas Hampers. These wonderful performances will be commencing at 9:45am and are guaranteed to delight the entire audience.

Go Tess Go! Our best wishes are extended to Tess Orton as she prepares for the International Children's Games being hosted by Lake Macquarie City. I am sure that she will have an awesome time running at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale against children from around the globe.

Hope to see many of you at tonight's special P&C meeting which will commence at 6pm in the school library.

David Crowe  
Principal

### 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 9, Wednesday 3 or 10, or Thursday 4 or 11 December.

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 3 December</b>	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 6pm at School Library and then out for dinner at Spice and Lime
<b>Monday 8 December</b>	Year 6 International Children Games - first in best dressed for Years 5 and 6
<b>Tuesday 9 December</b>	Presentation Day 12pm Civic Centre
<b>Wednesday 10 December</b>	Hunter Sports Awards Year 6 verse Teachers-softball 2 pm
<b>Thursday 11 December</b>	K-2 & Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am - bring a non-perishable food donation Year 6 Party Day
<b>Friday 12 December</b>	K-2 & Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am - bring a non-perishable food donation 12.00 pm Sports Presentation 2 pm Talent Quest <b>Canberra 2014 deposits due</b> Last day for Canteen
<b>Monday 15 December</b>	Year 6 Assembly 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00-7.00 pm with parents 7.00-8.30pm Disco
<b>Wednesday 17 December</b>	Year 2 Party Day Last day for Students for 2015
<b>Thursday 18 December</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Friday 19 December</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Tuesday 27 January 2015</b>	Staff Development Day 2015
<b>Wednesday 28 January 2015</b>	First day for 2015 for Years 1-6
<b>Wed &amp; Thur 28 &amp; 29 January</b>	Best Start appointments for 2015 Kindergarten students
<b>2015 - Friday 30 January</b>	First day for Kindergarten 2015

**At this week's assembly students will be presenting Christmas Carols at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**



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## School Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday, 12 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 2015 the school will be supplying all students with exercise books and some limited stationery needs. Parents and carers of students in Years 1-6 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 2015.

## Sports Presentation - Friday, 12 December

The school will be holding a Sports Presentation Assembly on Friday, 12 December at 12.00 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 and state carnivals, the announcement of house captains for 2015 (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.

## P&C Announcement

The final P&C meeting for 2014 is on Wednesday night (tonight). It will be held in the school library as normal with a starting time of **6.00 pm**. Dinner will then follow the meeting at Spice and Lime (formerly Jade's Thai Restaurant, 85 John Street) at 7.00 pm.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the meeting and dinner. Please RSVP to Kathy on 0400 538 282 today.

## Brekky Club: Welcome Aboard Singleton Heights Bakery!

Brekky Club would like to welcome aboard Singleton Heights Bakery as a new generous local partner in the Brekky Club program at Singleton Public School.

David and Tammy Cox of Singleton Heights Bakery are members of our school community and will be donating bread and milk to the Breakfast Club. We would like to say a very big thank you to them. Somehow I think the toast and milo is going to taste even better!

The Breakfast Club program continues due to the amazing support we receive from the supermums and superdads who serve brekky every day, the Singleton Neighborhood Centre, Glencore, David Crowe and the teaching staff that recognise its benefits, the P&C, Rotary on Hunter (for the kitchenette), Nicole at the Canteen and the kids at school who help out our parent volunteers.

If you would like to jump aboard too and volunteer, please call the school office on 6571 2250 or Penny Clancy on 0432 073 430.

EI Keulemans and Penny Clancy

## International Children's Games - NOW Year 5 and 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 **HAVE NOW BEEN OFFERED TO YEARS 5 AND 6**.

Travel will be by bus. The bus will depart 8.00 am and will arrive home at approximately 3.30 pm. 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 **as soon as possible**.

## 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.

Nutrition Snippet



# The simplest way

...make Christmas healthy

Christmas is full of temptation: from bowls of chocolate, to puddings to pavlovas.

**It's important you still aim for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg, every day.**

Try and restrict your family's treats until Christmas Day, and follow these three steps for healthier choices:

1. Serve veggie sticks with veggie dips as a starter, so you fill up on healthier food first.
2. Serve a large fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.
3. Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies (think roasted or raw salads).



For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://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 8/12//14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee MacDonald

Fri 12/12/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kim Carter, Amanda Ward

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2014

Mon 8/12/14 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy

Tues 9/12/14 Rebecca Hobbs, 1 more helper please

Wed 10/12//14 Kerry Anne Baker, Kellie Della-Ca

Thurs 11/12/14 Tanith Bell, Teresea Mexon

Fri 12/12/14 Jenna Pfeiffer, Robyn Skinner, 1 more helper please

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-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>

### 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: .....

## 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.

The children will be transported by bus to and from the Civic Centre on the day.

## 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, neighbours ....are invited to contact our school's Primary Ethics coordinator, Jan Falding for further information. Jan can be contacted on [primaryethicsatsps@gmail.com](mailto:primaryethicsatsps@gmail.com).**

## 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 and other Year 6 payments

The Year 6 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 school asks that parents and caregivers of Year 6 students for next year please also be aware that the year will be a busy one. As well as payments for the Canberra excursion, the Year 6 Hoodies will also be ordered in Term 1. Parents and caregivers are able to start making payments towards the excursion now to help to ease the financial pressure in 2015.

## 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, 5 December.

## Canteens News

This year the Canteen 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. If you can please volunteer in 2015, please contact Nicole at the Canteen.

## Student Health - School Sores (Impetigo)

There has been a reported case of Impetigo in the school. Please see the following from the NSW Department of Health - **Time from exposure to illness:** - 1 to 3 days. **Symptoms:** Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp. **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings. Please exclude if sores on exposed surfaces such as face, scalp, hands. **How can I prevent spread?** Careful hand washing.

## Year 6 Surf Life Saving

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 most of Year 6 went to Nobbys Beach to learn how to surf. I personally loved it! It was a blast.

First we went on the bus for about an hour and a half. Then group 1 (which was the group I was in) got rushed off the bus so we could get changed in our swimmers quickly as we were the first group to surf. When we got on the beach we chose a surfboard and put on long blue rashies and learnt how to surf on the sand. After we learnt the basics we got in the water and attempted to surf and stand up. I've got to admit I got whipped out a couple of times but then I got the hang of it - I stood up! It was awesome. When it was our time to get out of the water we had a quick shower and went to the canteen. After that we dug a deep hole and everyone had a turn of getting in. It was pretty deep!

Then we went back on the bus and headed home. Ella, Sadie, Reece and I got the back seats all to ourselves so it was a pretty awesome trip. I would have to say Nobbys was one of the best day excursions I have ever been to and I would like to thank Mrs Dibben and Mrs Merrick for taking us!

By Annaliese

On Friday the 28th of November I went to school at 9:00 am and put the flag up. When the morning bell rang I headed into the Year 6 classrooms to mark the roll and prepare for the day. We set off in the bus and began the long journey to Nobbys beach.

Firstly, we arrived at the beach at 10:45 am and split into our two groups. I was in group one so I had to get ready quickly for our 11:00 am lesson. Once we had changed we met the instructors and headed out onto the beach. We came to a place next to a black and white flag where some surfboards were laying. We put on the rashies that were sitting on the boards. Here we went through the basics of surfing.

Next, when we were ready, we headed into the water. I started off by catching some small waves. I got wiped out more than a couple of times, but by the end of the lesson I was starting to get the hang of surfing and stood up a few times. After I caught my final wave I went back to the beach where we switched with group two.

Then we ate our lunch and dried off while group two surfed. When everyone had eaten their lunch we got to play on the beach. I played kicks with my friends. Before we knew it, it was time to go back to Singleton. We got changed and went onto the bus for the trip back to Singleton.

All in all it was a great day where I had lots of fun. I would definitely want to go back again another day.

By Braedon

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**Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4 Week 8 2014**

**CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6**

**Assembly Awards**

<b>KL</b>	Lilly Logan	<b>KM</b>	Hamish Liliana
<b>KS</b>	Ewan Sophie	<b>1A</b>	Jackson Caleb
<b>1G</b>	Riley Jake	<b>1DL</b>	Perry Alison
<b>2B</b>	Lara Lachlan	<b>2P</b>	Gabby Jasper
<b>2Z</b>	Max Sophie	<b>3H</b>	Ella Hunter Nathan
<b>3P</b>	Shane Phoebe Samuel	<b>3/4S</b>	Lilliana Yasmine Georgia Mikayla
<b>4A</b>	Kobey Zoe Amelia	<b>5E</b>	Leena Louis Maddison
<b>5RV</b>	Barney Jamie Harry	<b>6D</b>	Year 6 at Surfing Australia Program
<b>6M</b>	Year 6 at Surfing Australia Program	<b>Support Unit</b>	Ashton

**Singleton Stars**

**Early Stage 1** Sophie

**Stage 1** Tom

**Stage 2** Emma

**Stage 3** Hannah

# 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** 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:singleton.naidoc@gmail.com) or phone Jen Campbell 04 4806 5660

**SINGLETON**  
**NAIDOC**  
 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**ROTARY CLUB OF SINGLETON**  
**SANTA FUN RUN**  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
 Rose Point Park

Customized Mine Services, PIRTEK, Rotary, Singleton Argus, SUBWAY, Hunter Valley NEWS, facebook, Kirkwoods

Registration Forms available from: [www.rotaryclubsingleton.org.au](http://www.rotaryclubsingleton.org.au) or [www.visitsingleton.com/festival-events](http://www.visitsingleton.com/festival-events)  
 Registration: 4pm Starts: 5.30pm

**Singleton Evangelical Church runs Singleton Alive each year.** Singleton Alive is FREE, catering for all school age children from Kindy through to Year 12, including a FREE Adults Cafe. The Youth Group and Kids program will be combining Jesus, games and fun. The Adults cafe will include daily craft demonstrations, practical talks, and meeting the Singleton Alive team. January 12 to 16, 9am to 12 pm at Singleton Public School. Further details at [www.singletonchurch.org](http://www.singletonchurch.org).



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Bush Skills Adventure**  
 Wednesday 14 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years  
 Tuesday 20 January 2015 9.30am – 12.30pm For 9-12 years

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.

Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466

**Wriggly Wetlanders**  
 Wednesday 14 January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years  
 Monday 19th January 2015 10.00am – 12.30pm For 5 – 8 years

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cost: \$20 per child Bookings Essential Ph: 02 4951 6466

**Bring the Family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre - a fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!**  
 Opened every day  
 (Closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2014, 1st January 2015)

**Access**  
 Car/mini-bus parking available onsite. Public Transport: Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station. Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

**Cost**  
 \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

**Activities**  
 Watch the Maggie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm  
 Try dipnetting from the jetty  
 Follow the trail and become a "Wetlands Explorer" - go into the weekly draw for a prize.  
 Playtime at Discovery Playground  
 Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre  
 12 noon - 1 tank talk (30-45 minutes) - opportunity for children to learn about reptile behaviour and care and actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

**Facilities**  
 Toilets available in Visitor Centre Undercover picnic tables and shelter  
 Cafe - meals, chips, icecreams, drinks Shop - gift shop



Hunter Wetlands Centre Off the roundabout, 1 Wetlands Pl, SHORTLAND NSW 2307  
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come play with us!

**Singleton Catholic Parish Sacramental Program 2015**

Any Catholic children who are in Year Two or older who wish to make their Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist in 2015 are asked to contact the Catholic Parish Office on 6578 9613. The first meeting for parents and children will be on Thursday 5th February 2015, 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Queen Street.

Class work by 2Z

