

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 3 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

12 FEBRUARY 2014

Tonight our P&C association will be holding its first meeting for 2014. The meeting will be held in the school library commencing at 7.00 pm and generally finished by 9.00 pm. I would like to encourage all parents, carers and other interested family members to come along.

Our P&C help behind the scenes with many great and useful projects which all benefit our students and the school. The canteen and the uniform shop are two evident examples of the work that the P&C do but there is a great deal more.

The revitalisation of the band is being assisted by the P&C through the assistance of parents with an interest and passion for music. Our parents body annually supports the purchasing of new books to supplement our library program. The P&C contributes ideas and feedback to assist our school to improve.

On a larger scale the P&C has contributed to infrastructure improvements around the school including the purchase of air conditioners, ground improvements, the installation of the fitness circuit, and most recently contributing to the upgrade of the Year One corridor.

Obviously these activities can not be completed without the support and help of our many volunteer parents; however to be successful our Parents & Citizens Association firstly needs people to come along to the monthly meetings and share ideas. Whether you are new to Singleton Public School, or an old hand, please consider attending the meeting tonight and help the P&C help our children.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 12 February	P&C Meeting - 7pm in School Library Zone Tennis Trials
Friday 14 February	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 (and some Year 2 students) Bookclub orders due back at school
Friday 21 February	Payment due for Year 5 Surf Life Saving Year 6 Teen Talk Payment Due Zone Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 25 February	Zone Rugby League Trials
Wednesday 26 February	Year 5 Surf Life Saving Program
Thursday 27 February	Breakfast Club Launch
Friday 28 February	Hunter Tennis
Monday 3 March	Year 6 Teen Talk
Tuesday 4 March	Year 6 Teen Talk
Thursday 6 March	Hunter Swimming
Friday 7 March	School Cross Country Hunter Basketball
Friday 21 March	Supercover payments due

There is no assembly this week due to the swimming carnival.

School Magazine

**Order your digital copy of the
2013 School Magazine now.
See Page 9 for the order form.**

Nut Allergies

A reminder that there are children in our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts. This includes all nut products including peanut butter and Nutella. Even a trace of peanut butter on another child's breath or coming in touch with some residual peanut butter from eating lunch can be fatal for children who are anaphylactic. Please support these children by not sending your child to school with any nut products.



**Education &
Communities**

Facebook and the Internet

Many people use the internet and programs such as Facebook to discuss issues and often air grievances. While the Department of Education can do little to stop comments on these types of public forums, it can act on behalf of staff, students and schools that are being maligned or vilified through legal channels such as defamation charges.

From time to time, there are issues that do cause us as parents concern; however the most effective and worthwhile way to address these problems is to come to school and discuss the matter with the staff involved or the Principal.

Staff from the school deliberately do not engage in responding to unhelpful 'chatter' on these sites, however they do monitor and report specific incidents as they occur.

On the flip side of the coin, thank you to the vast majority of families that comment positively about our school and the various programs that we put in place to support and extend our students learning opportunities.

Personal Information

It is vitally important that the school has current contact details for all of our students. Please contact the Office by telephone or in writing if you have changed phones, employment or address in the past few months and ensure that your details are correct. It is also important to remember to keep emergency contact details up to date as well.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. We will endeavour to keep families aware of the various behaviours each week through our newsletter.

This week our behaviour is **“Quality students are prepared for school”**.

Year 6 Hoodies

This year, to celebrate the end of the Year 6 students' Primary education, the school is offering "school hoodies" for Year 6 to purchase. The hoodies will have all of Year 6 names on the back with a '2014' design on the front.

This year we have a navy blue hoody (which is a medium weight fleece jumper with hood) with yellow print priced at \$43.00. Please return your order and money by **Friday 21st February**. To decide on sizing it is best to measure around your child's chest, then refer to measurements on the note sent home. Please indicate below the size and quantity required. Payment must accompany the return slip.

Garden Club

Garden Club has begun again for those children interested in gardening and looking after our chickens. It is open to children K-6 (I couldn't do without the older boys and girls). Each Friday we will sell our produce (eggs, spinach, cucumbers etc) from the back of the hall at the assembly. Thanks to Stacie Haines we now have **jars of pickled cucumbers for sale for \$3.00 each**.

Still looking for volunteers to help out Miss Moon. We are hoping to enter some competitions this year with school community help.

We still have a few pumpkins that will be for sale...\$5 each. As there is no assembly this week, produce will be on sale Friday before school on the Parsonage verandah.

Miss Moon, Garden Club Co-ordinator

Band Program and Music Lessons

The school band program has begun in full swing this year with more students joining the 'Early Notes' Band and others moving up to the Concert Band. There are also students currently learning instruments who will join Early Notes later in the year.

If you tried out an instrument with Mrs Dibley last year and still want to organise lessons and instrument hire, please return the forms you were given, or see Mrs Dibley (Staff Band Coordinator) Mon, Tues or Wed, or call the P&C Band Representative, Jan Fallding 6571 1348.

Medical Information Forms

Each year the school sends home Medical Information Forms for completion by parents and/or caregivers for use on any activities held outside the school grounds. These forms have been sent home and need to be returned to class teachers as soon as possible. Students that do not have a signed medical note returned to the school will not be able to participate in any school activities that are held outside the school premises. Spare copies are available at the school office or on the school's website under "Permission and Other Notes".

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

to increase your vegies

Eat vegetables throughout the day
It's hard to get all your vegies at dinner. Try vegie sticks with low-fat dip like guacamole or salsa, or vegie pancakes - mix creamed corn, grated zucchini or carrot into pikelet batter before cooking.

Decrease the meat in your meals and add more vegetables
For a family of four all you need is 400g of lean meat, fish or poultry per meal. Top up with lots of extra veg.
Hint: chickpeas, lentils and beans are rich in protein and will help curb big appetites!

Add vegetables to all your meals
Meals that are easy to add extra veg to are casseroles, stir-fries, pizzas, even the humble omelette!

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 4, Term 1 2014

Mon 17/2/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Hobbs, Cindy Dippel

Fri 21/2/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kathy Lamph, Leane Knox

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

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 1 2014

Mon 17/2/14 Mary Franks, Anne McSweeney

Tues 18/2/14 Nadia Brown, Nicole Furness

Wed 19/2/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald

Thurs 20/2/14 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss

Fri 21/2/14 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward

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

Information from the DEC

School's back

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

Back to school checklist: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier.

Learning to read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

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

Breakfast Club

NOW OPEN

Breakfast Club is up and running! All students of Singleton Public School needing breakfast are welcome to attend Breakfast Club from 8:40-9:10am Monday to Friday. We offer breakfast cereals, toast and Milo as well as top up sandwiches, Crunch and Sip Vegetables and pieces of fruit.

THANK YOU

Chemmart has generously donated 100 toothbrushes to go with the toothpastes donated last year.

Thanks also to the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre for day to day funding of food and Rotary on Hunter for providing our fabulous kitchen and appliances.

VOLUNTEERS

The Breakfast Club is run by a small band of parent volunteers and if you wish to come and help just drop by any time as we're up and running from 8:40-9:10am Monday to Friday.

HELP! We are also seeking volunteers to assist with the BIG BREKKY on Thursday 27 February between 8:15 and 10am. Please contact Penny Clancy 0432 073430.

General Permission Notes

General permission notes have also been sent home to every student for completion and return to their class teacher. This note covers any walking activities, excursions, sports events that occur throughout the year that have been approved by the principal. Notices will appear in the newsletter when an event is coming up that is covered by the permission note.

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 at all times. Also please do not park across driveway at the Parsonage. It is not only an emergency entry/exit, staff are sometimes unable to access the driveway due to cars parking/stopping there.

Hours of Supervision

Please be aware that the school does not provide supervision prior to 8.40am. Children should not arrive at school before this time as no teachers will be on duty. **Children are dismissed promptly at 3.10pm.** Arrangements should be made for all children to be collected as soon as possible after they are dismissed. Please write a short note to your child's teacher if you have arranged alternate travel or collection plans to assist us in caring for your child. Please be aware that the school gates along Hunter Street are locked any time from 3.30 pm onwards depending on staff commitments.

Crunch 'n' Sip

Crunch 'n' Sip is a short fruit and water break that is taken in each class every day. Suitable foods are fruit, carrot and celery sticks, cheese cubes, sultanas etc. No processed foods at this time. Water is the acceptable drink.

Supercover

Please see the Supercover permission and information note later in this newsletter. The note and payment must be returned by Friday, 21 March if you would like to use Supercover. Please note that the school general contribution of \$60.00 must be paid to be eligible to pay Supercover.

School Supplies

In 2014 the school will be supplying all students with exercise books and some limited stationery needs. Parents and carers for students Years 1 to Year 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 by their class teacher. Students in Kindergarten will have all of their stationery items supplied.

Canteen News

Please see attached copy of revised menu (which includes drinks). Please note there are gluten free options available.

Ritchies IGA Community Benefits - raising funds for Singleton Public School

For the past few years, the Singleton Ritchies IGA store has been supporting Singleton Public School by donating 0.5% of the money spent by school customers who present their Community Benefits Card to the school. The school has a batch of cards from Singleton IGA that are already set up for the school. Should you wish to start using a Community Benefits Card where the funds support Singleton Public School, simply pick one up at the School Office.

Swimming Carnival Years 3-6

The Singleton Public School annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 14th February, 2014 at the Singleton Swim & Fitness Centre 50m pool. This is for students in Years 3-6 only and some 8 year old Year 2 students who are confident swimmers. The carnival will commence at 9.45 am and the children will be transported by bus from school at 9.15 am and return by 3.00 pm. All children must come to school and travel down together. Children may go home with parents after all their events are completed if they have given their teacher a note in the morning.

Recess and lunch will need to be brought from home. The pool canteen will not be open for the children. Therefore, they should all bring their own recess, lunch and drinks.

Children should wear shirts and shorts in their house colours with their swimmers underneath or children may change at the pool. Please bring sunscreen and wear a hat - don't forget a towel. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. The carnival is outdoors this year. (Kendall - Red; Paterson - Green; Gordon - Yellow; Lawson - Blue).

Spectators are welcome and the entry fee for them is \$2 to be paid to the pool on entry. Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to assist on the day, please fill out the times you are available on the following page.

Notes and money should have been returned to the school office.

Bus Passes

The school has received the first issue of bus passes for 2014. There may still be some passes to come. Could all parents please check their child's new bus pass to ensure that all details including name, date of birth and address are correct. Please advise the school office of any changes. If you have changed address, you will need to complete another bus form application. Also, any children going into Year 3 this year should have filled in a new application at the end of last year. These applications forms are available at the school office. *Please note: only children that catch a Hunter Valley Buses will receive a bus pass. The other companies do not issue a pass but still need an application form completed.*

Administration Matters

Receipting of Money

For security reasons the school office does not receipt any money after **12:30 pm** each day. As our banking is done at that time, this will ensure that no large amounts of cash are held on the premises after hours. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

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. An "Appendix 4" Declaration Form (previously the Working with Children Check Declaration) must also be completed.

Late arrivals or early collection of children

If your child is late to school or needs to be collected from class before 3.10 pm, **parents/caregivers must first report to the school office** to sign the Student Leave Register and sign in as a visitor to the school. You will then be issued with a late slip/child collection slip to be taken to your child's teacher. This shows the teacher that your child has been signed in or out at the office in line with DET school attendance requirements.

Explaining absences

The expectation is that children will attend school every day except in circumstances which are exceptional such as illness or family crisis. If your child is away from school you will need to send a note to the classroom teacher on their return. If your child returns to school and does not return a note you will receive a letter requesting an explanation for your child's absence. It is a legal requirement that the school has an explanation for all absences. If your child will be absent from school for an extended length of time, for example a family holiday, you may apply for an Exemption from School Attendance by obtaining an application form from the School Office. Further information is also available at the school or on the Department of Education and Communities website www.det.nsw.edu.au.

Statement of Accounts

The school has sent home Statement of Accounts. These accounts may include outstanding voluntary School Contributions, voluntary P&C Levies and voluntary Supercover. Other items that may be listed on these Statement of Accounts throughout the year include excursions, sports carnivals, visiting shows, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The invoices were printed on Monday, 3 February so please disregard if you have made any payments since this time. Please see below for more information on these invoices.

Family School Contribution

The "Family School Contribution" refers to the voluntary contribution scheme that all public schools operate. At Singleton Public School this is a very low \$60.00 per family per year. This money goes to providing the everyday teaching resources needed in classrooms available to every child. Payment by instalment is also possible if you prefer, just mention it to the office staff as you are paying.

The P&C's Fundraising Levy

Each year, the P&C Association ask the school to collect a \$10.00 per child per term (or \$100.00 per family per year) "Voluntary P&C Levy" on their behalf. Although it is a voluntary contribution to the P&C, it is shown on the school statement for bookkeeping reasons. This levy was introduced as a means of fundraising instead of organising stalls such as mothers' day and fathers' day stalls to make it easier for already busy people.

Term Dates for 2014

Term 1 – 28/1/14 – 11/4/14 (28/1/14 School Development Day)

Term 2 – 28/4/14 – 27/6/14 (28/4/14 School Development Day)

Term 3 – 14/7/14 – 19/9/14 (14/7/14 School Development Day)

Term 4 – 7/10/14 – 19/12/14 (18/12-19/12/14 School Development Days)

School Magazine 2013

Our school magazine is a collection of photos of activities and events that have happened throughout the year.

This year's magazine is being offered in digital format again instead of a paper copy to help saving the cost and the planet. See it on a screen! The digital format offers colour photos for viewing that can be zoomed in for further detail for better experience.

You will receive a CD containing school magazine in PDF format that can be viewed on desktop, notebook or tablet computers by using Adobe Acrobat Reader or a similar application.



Order your copy today for only \$5.00

Magazine orders will be handed out to children before the end of the year.

School Magazine 2013 Order Form

Student Name _____ Class _____
 Student Name _____ Class _____
 Student Name _____ Class _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

2014 Active After School Sports Program

The Active After School Sports program is conducted at Singleton Public School. This program is funded by the Australian Sports Commission so there is no cost to the students. Activities and afternoon tea are provided to all students who participate. The program runs for two afternoons per week - Monday and Thursday, from **3:10 pm to 4:10 pm**. The children will have afternoon tea and from 3.10-4.10 pm they will participate in sporting games. In Term 1, this program will run from **Week 3 to Week 9** with the first session to start on Monday, 10th February.

The focus of the Active After Schools program will be on participation and enjoyment. It is open to all children, no matter what age or skill level. As this is organised by the school, normal school rules and discipline will apply. The sessions will be fully supervised and trainers will be provided by the Australian Sports Commission. The children meet near the Support Unit Playground after the bell rings on Monday and Thursday. **Please note that for Term 1, the AASS program will only be open to students in Years 1-6. From Term 2 onwards, Kindergarten students can then participate in the program.**

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child to take part in this positive sports program in 2014.

Joel Andrews
Active After Schools Coordinator

**Please bring appropriate footwear to change into for the afternoon activities.*

✂----- **Active After School Sport (please return to school office)**

I give permission for my child/ren listed below to attend and participate in the activities of the Active After School Sports Program on Monday and Thursday afternoons at Singleton Public School in 2014. The attendance times are from 3:10 pm until 4:10 pm SHARP.

Child's Name: of class

Child's Name: of class

Child's Name: of class

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:

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Does your child have any health or medication issues? Yes / No

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Parent's Name:

Signed Date

Award winners from last years sports presentation

School Blues

Emmerson – Tennis

Samantha – Athletics

Jayden – Rugby Union

Maui – Rugby Union

Isaac – Rugby Union & Cricket

Darcy – Swimming

Major Awards

Sportsperson of the Year Award – Isaac

NSWPSSA Representative (Rugby Union) – Maui

NSWPSSA Representative (Swimming) – Darcy

Overall Champion House - Kendall

Coaches Awards in 2013

Sport	Recipient
PPSA Boys Cricket	Andrew
PSSA Netball	Emmerson
PSSA Boys Soccer	Riley
PSSA Girls Soccer	Sophie
PSSA Boys Touch	Isaac
PSSA Girls Touch	Tess
PSSA Rugby League	Isaac
PSSA Rugby Union	Jayden
PSSA Tennis	Emmerson
Netball Regional Cup	Hannah
HVGS 10's Rugby	Maui
Rugby League Gala Day	Maui



SINGLETON & SURROUNDS

Sunday 2 March 2014

Registration 8am Rose Point Park Sundial - free BBQ breakfast



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Cattle Judging 2014

Term 1 is a busy time for Cattle Judging as our local shows are very close together.

The following dates and information may help families plan for the term.

Maitland Show: 14th February. Enter on the day. 8.30 – 9.00.

Newcastle Show: 28th February. Information not yet available. Check the site as it gets closer.

Muswellbrook Show: 4th April. Entries close Friday 21st March. Forms and waivers available on the show site.

As our cattle judging numbers dwindle, interested parents are asked to take their children on the day.

Teresa Price

Surf Fun Safe Life Saving Program

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.

The permission note has an attachment advising students what they need to bring with them on the day and a program with the activities your child will be participating in.

When: Wednesday 26th February 2014,

Where: Nobby's Beach, Newcastle,

Time: Depart 8am from Singleton PS, Return approx. 3.45pm Singleton PS,

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

Please return the permission note and money to your class teacher by 21st February 2014.

Uniform Shop News

Size 12 and 14 Polo shirts are both out of stock and we have been advised that they will be in at the end of April.

We have a new sport short in stock as part of our uniform. These shorts are to be worn by all children when representing Singleton Public School in sporting teams and can also be worn to school as part of the every day uniform. They are a light weight, elastic waisted unisex micro fibre short with the school logo embroidered on the leg. We have stock ranging from size 4 to size 16 and they are only \$15 a pair.

Although in this hot weather it is hard to fathom needing a jumper any time soon, before we know it the days will shorten and begin to get cold. It's a wise idea to get in and buy your child's winter uniform before the first cold day when lines are long and stock can run low. The uniform shop only has very limited space so keeping a large lot of winter stock on hand is not possible so to avoid disappointment and to help us out a bit it might be a good idea to check last year's jumpers/jackets to see if they need replacing and beat the crowds.

This winter we will also have long sleeve polo shirts arriving. These will be exactly the same as our regular polos, just with long white, cuffed sleeves. They will replace the peter pan blouse worn under the girl's winter dress and can also be worn with the winter pants or shorts. Long sleeve polos will arrive in term 2, and will initially only be ordered in limited amounts until we gauge the popularity of them. We also have a new style of girl's long pants arriving in sizes 4-10. It is a legging style pant that is elastic waisted (with small zip pocket), the fabric is thick enough to keep little legs warm through the coldest of winter days. These pants will arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Just a friendly reminder that the Uniform Shop is a completely volunteer run service. Please be kind to our volunteers and keep in mind that on the odd occasion things come up meaning they may be a little late to open, or unable to come on a rostered day. Whilst we endeavour for this not to happen by having 2 volunteers rostered on most days there are still some vacancies in the roster, leaving only one person to run the shop. If you are able to spare 1 hour a month to help on a Monday or Friday morning we would be very appreciative.

Our trial last year of pre-ordering uniforms was successful and we will be offering the service again this term. An order form can be downloaded from the school's website or picked up from the office. Order forms can be sent in to school with your child, or handed in to the office. They must be in a separate envelope to any other school notes or payments. Payment for these orders is strictly by cheque or credit card only and orders must either be distributed to your child or picked up from Uniform Shop during regular opening hours.

Uniform Shop is in need of a coordinator to run the shop. This position involves over seeing of the roster and maintaining stock levels. If you have a couple of spare hours a week and would like to find out more please come along to the next P&C meeting on Wednesday, 12th February 2014.

Supercover

The school has once again decided to implement the “Supercover” system in 2014. Supercover will only be available to those families who have paid their voluntary school contribution at the beginning of the year (\$60.00).

What is Supercover?

“Supercover” is an **optional** fee that can be paid at the start of the year for each student. (Individual payment for the shows and excursions that Supercover includes is still possible as the events occur through the year should you choose not to take the Supercover option.)

The cost is \$17.00 which can be paid in advance for the following shows and includes a discount per child:-

- Hunter Life Education Van;
- 1 x Visiting Shows;
- Military Museum Excursion.

The system is much easier for both parents and carers and for the administration staff because there will be less money coming in small amounts and less permission notes. Please note: Permission notes will still be sent home to all children. It will state on the permission note if the event is covered by Supercover. If you have paid Supercover, there will be no need to return the permission note.

When will Supercover need to be paid?

Supercover will need to be paid before Friday, 21 March 2014.

The following permission note will need to be filled out to give your child permission to attend Hunter Life Education Van, the visiting show and the Military Museum Excursion.

If you have already paid Supercover this year, please complete the permission note below and return to the office and write on the slip “already paid at office”.



PERMISSION NOTE – Supercover (please complete even if you have already paid)

Return to class teacher by Friday, 21 March 2014 if you would like to use Supercover.

I give permission for my child of class
to :-

- Attend the visiting show at the school;
- Attend the Hunter Life Education Van at the school;
- Attend an excursion to the Military Museum where students will travel by bus.

Signed:
Parent/Guardian

Enclosed: \$ \$17.00 for Supercover if you have already paid your School Contribution
OR \$77.00 for School Contribution and Supercover

My son/daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details).

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SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB OPEN DAILY 8:40-9:10AM

Breakfast Club was a great success in 2013 with over 700 breakfasts served from May to December as well hundreds of sandwiches, Crunch and Sip Vegetables and pieces of fruit. All students of Singleton Public School are welcome to attend Breakfast Club (next to the Uniform Shop) every day between 8:40-9:10am.

Each morning students that require breakfast can access toast, cereal, etc. for no charge. We also offer lunch box top ups such as rolls, *Crunch and Sip* (vegetable sticks) and fruit. This is especially helpful for families that have parents working early shifts; for when parents or carers are very ill and unable to make a suitable breakfast; when there is a long time between breakfast and arriving to school or just when there is nothing in the fridge (it happens in every household from time to time).

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO BREAKFAST CLUB AND HAVE BREAKFAST OR TOP UP THEIR FRUIT OR LUNCH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DAY AT NO CHARGE .

It is the intention of Breakfast Club to provide adult supervision to assist with the preparation of available breakfast items such as toast and cereal etc, to provide additional items to lunch boxes such as sandwiches and fruit and to encourage personal grooming such as washing hands, cleaning teeth and brushing hair (if wanted).

If you have any questions, or wish to join our small band of volunteers (toddlers welcome), please contact Penny Clancy 0432 073430.

Thank you to Singleton on Hunter Rotary for their generous donation of the kitchen and appliances, Singleton RSC for their continued support and the Xstrata Coal through funding to the Neighbourhood Centre to cover ongoing costs of food and personal grooming items.



Non Participation of Student in Singleton Public School Breakfast Club

If you **DO NOT** WANT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO PARTICIPATE complete this form

I **DO NOT** give permission for my son/daughter _____ of class _____ to participate in Breakfast Club.

This request is to remain in force for 2013.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

If you are happy for your son/daughter to access this service on a regular or occasional basis then do NOT return this form.

Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Selection Dates

Dear Parents,

The following dates are for the Upper Hunter Zone, PSSA Selection Trial for 2014. The criteria stipulated by the selectors are that the student is competent and knowledgeable in the sport. If you think that your child fits these criteria and you would like him/her to attend the selection trials please let either of us know in writing and we will send you a permission and information note closer to the date. These trials are for open age teams and the students competing will be up to 13 years of age. Participants are selected from Years 5 and 6.

Please be aware that it is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to provide your child's transport to the venue and to provide supervision during the day. There will be no teachers from Singleton Public School attending the trials.

2014 Selection Trial Dates

Sport	Date	Venue
Zone Tennis	12/2/14	Singleton
Zone Basketball	20/2/14	Singleton
Zone League	25/2/14	Muswellbrook
Zone AFL	27/2/14	TBA
Winter Trials	14/3/14	Muswellbrook
Zone Touch	14/5/14	Aberdeen
Zone Rugby Union	TBA	TBA

These dates and venues are subject to change.

Joel Andrews
School PSSA Coordinators

Scholastic Bookclub

The school receives bookclub order forms from Scholastic which are sent home throughout the year via your child's class teacher. The children are given the return date by their teacher which is usually one or two weeks after the forms are received. The due date will also appear in the calendar on the front page of the newsletter. Should you wish to make an order, please complete the order form on the last page of the brochure and return to school with payment in an envelope or zip-lock bag. You can send cash, a cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or alternatively pay by credit card direct to Scholastic using the instruction below.

Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??

If you would like to 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.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 2, 2014

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Abby Sam	KM	Hamish Jessica
KS	Nash Sheridyn	1A	Cooper Erin
1G	Abbey Hamish	1DL	Hannah Daniel
2B	Hajarah Noah	2P	Lachlan Alicia
2Z	Tahi Kaeli	3H	Rylan Laura Matthew
3P	Abby Pin-Chi Dustin	3/4S	Baylan Jonas Yasmine
4A	Shae Brock Gypsie	5E	Flynn Tahlia Ivy
5RV	Wairua Ryan Chloe	6D	Braith Caitlin Darcy
6M	Isaac Ben Brandon	Support Unit	Coleby Jett Arnold

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1		Stage 1	Maegen
Stage 2	Jack	Stage 3	Coby

Super Citizens

Not awarded this week

SPS CANTEEN MENU - 2014

Version February 2014

Sandwiches, (toasted avail.) Wraps, Rolls

Vegemite	\$ 2.00
Cheese	\$ 2.30
Cheese & Salad	\$ 2.70
Salad	\$ 2.30
Egg	\$ 2.30
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 2.70
Ham	\$ 2.80
Ham Cheese Tomato	\$ 3.10
Ham Salad	\$ 3.10
Chicken or Roast Beef	\$ 3.10
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 3.50
Chicken or Roast Beef & Salad	\$ 3.50

Salad Tubs (750ml)

Basic	\$ 2.70
Basic 250ml	\$ 1.50
Chicken, Ham or Roast beef	\$ 3.70
Cheese & Egg	\$ 3.70
Roast Beef Salad w. Crunchy Noodles (Thai style)	\$ 4.00
Caesar Salad	\$ 3.70
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$ 4.00

Please add 50c for a Roll or Wrap.

Please indicate if you would like Mayonnaise or Margarine.

Extra items are 30c.

Warm Foods:

Chicken & Veg Noodle Stir-fry (Wed Only)	\$ 4.50
Burgers—Chicken or Beef	\$ 4.00
Pizza— Bbq or Tomato sauce	\$ 3.00
Hawaiian, Chicken, Meat lovers, Margarita	
Chicken Lasagne	\$ 3.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$ 3.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$ 3.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$ 2.50
Pumpkin Soup & Roll	\$ 2.50
Breads - Sweet Chilli & Cheese or Garlic & Cheese	\$ 1.00
Corn Cobs (also suitable for Crunch & Sip)	\$ 1.00
Hash brown	60c
Garlic Bread	80c

From Singleton Heights Bakery

Beef Pie, plain - large	\$ 4.20
Beef Pie, plain - small	\$ 2.20
Sausage Roll - large	\$ 3.70
Sausage Roll - small	\$ 2

Gluten Free Items

Meat Pie - Large	\$ 5.80
Nuggets - 3 or 6	\$2 or \$3.60

Mini Spring Roll

Bag of 3	\$ 1
Bag of 6	\$ 2

Chicken Nuggets

Bag of 3	\$1.65
Bag of 6	\$3.30

Crunch and Sip - available by order or in breaks

Fruit Salad 100ml / 250ml (Seasonal)	\$1 / \$2.50
Crunchy Vegies and Dip	\$1
Basic Salad 250ml	\$ 1.50
Piece Fruit	90c
Frozen Pineapple Ring	60c

Drinks

Aroona - Blue, Red, Green	\$ 1.80
Aroona's can only be bought with Lunch orders - Limit is 1.	
Oak Milk 300ml	\$ 1.50
Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla Malt	
Orchid Juice Pop Top	\$ 1.80
Apple, Orange, ABC	
Water - 350ml / 600ml	\$ 90c / \$1.50

Chips

Red Rock Deli Chips	
— Plain (AF) & Honey Soy Chicken	\$ 1.30
Jumpys - Chicken & Salt'n Vinegar	\$ 1.10
Grain Waves - Sour Cream & Chives	\$ 1.30
JJ's - Chicken	\$ 1.30
JJ's Mini Noodles - BBQ	40c

Ice Blocks—recess only

Drumstick - Cookies & Cream - Fridays Only	\$ 2.20
Paddle pop—Rainbow / Choc / Vanilla	\$ 2.00
Icy Twist - Lemonade	\$ 1.50
Callipo - Raspberry	\$ 1.20
Moosies - Choc	\$ 1.20
Juice Cups - Orange & ABC	80c
Jucies - Wildberry & Tropical	80c
Quelch - Fruit Juice Stick	60c
Paddle Pop - Fruit Stacks	50c
Zoo Pops	20c

Slushies \$1.80

Snacks - available during breaks if time permits

Various savoury & sweet Snacks	
(muffins, pikelets, popcorn, garlic bread etc.)	10c-70c
Mousse - Chocolate, Strawberry	\$1
Hello Panda	90c
Cheese & Biscuits	\$1

Extras

Sauces: BBQ, Tomato, Sweet & Sour	30c
Lunch bag	20c
20 Lunch bags	\$1

Canteen Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being involved in your children's school or know someone who would like to, please contact Nicole on 65712250 or on canteen.singletonps@det.nsw.edu.au.

No Lunch orders will be accepted by e-mail.

Orders that are received after 9.30am will be provided with a Vegemite Sandwich

Singleton Cancer Council Relay for Life

Our first meeting for the year will be held on:

Wednesday 12th February at 6.30pm

Cancer Council Office

69 John St Singleton

Contact : Glen Parsons 0428101252

Singleton Relay for Life is after new committee members. This years relay will be held on 26th/27th October. Singleton Relay for Life leads the state in the number of youth participants we attract at our relay each year. We would like to ensure this continues in 2014. Of course to continue this we need parental support. If you think you can help please attend the meeting.



FREE 7 WEEK Parenting Course For families with children aged 3-8 years

Triple P courses highlight the importance of good communication between parents and children, and suggest simple routines and small changes that help make big differences. Parents learn to understand how their family works and how to use the things they already say, think and feel in new ways. This helps to:

- create a stable, supportive and harmonious family
- encourage positive behaviour from children
- build positive relationships with children
- establish ways to plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations
- find suitable solutions for parents to take care of themselves while balancing work and family responsibilities.

Sign up today to find **practical answers** to your everyday parenting concerns, and learn how to raise happy, healthy children.

Triple P is available **free** to all families with children aged 2-12 years.

Date: Every Tuesday afternoon from Tuesday 25th February to 18th March & 6th May
Time: 12.15pm for a 12.30 start until 2.30pm (afternoon tea provided)
Location: Singleton Family Support
 Boonal Street, Singleton
Cost: FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – call Sara on ph: 4961 0700 or email Sara@familyinsight.org.au to secure your place.

Singleton Girls Night out

Supporting
Ovarian
Cancer
Australia

When : Saturday 22nd February

Time : 7pm to 10pm

Where: Singleton RSL Club Alroy Park

Cost : \$15

**Free Beauty Treatments , Over \$1000
dollars worth of raffle Prizes, Lucky Door
Prizes, Beauty Stalls, and Entertainment**

For more info Call Danielle 0421758172

Girls only Small Sided Football

**Here's your opportunity to
play football for fun – with no
competition and NO BOYS!**

Select clubs across Hunter Valley Football are offering Girls Only Small Sided Football to allow girls aged 4-8 the opportunity to play with their peers in a relaxed, fun and social atmosphere.

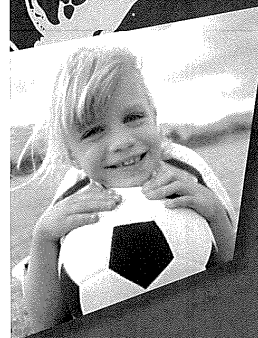
Players can make new friends by joining an existing team, or gather a group of friends and sign up as a team at their local club! You don't need to go it alone!

All girls will receive a free ball and set of shin pads courtesy of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, our Partner in Junior Football in Northern NSW.

Importantly, there's no need to be a football star to join up to play Girls Only Small Sided Football – all skill levels are welcome, so COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL!

For further information on Girls Only Small Sided Football in Hunter Valley Football, please phone 4990 4354, www.huntervalleyfootball.com.au

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN FROM
1st February 2014 at
myfootballclub.com.au**



NORTHERN
NSW FOOTBALL



3H Class Work

What 3H are looking forward to in 2014 at school.

In class we brainstormed why we are
excited to be in year3. These are our
reasons

GLEE
Pantomime
Naplan
Friday Sport

SPENDING TIME WITH MY FRIENDS

Making new friends

Year 3 overnight excursion camp.

Learning new things

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

After School Sport