

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 2 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

5 FEBRUARY 2014

Welcome to the 2014 school year. I trust that you have had a restful and enjoyable time throughout the Summer holidays and that there are many keen students ready for another year of learning, friends and fun.

We have moved into 17 classes to start the year – please be aware that we may have to reorganise into 16 classes if we do not pick up a number of new enrolments in the near future.

We have a number of new teachers commencing with us this year;

Mrs Benita van der Wel is welcomed to our school as our Librarian and will also be working closely with Mr Russell on Year 5. She has worked for a number of years around the Maitland district and was successful in obtaining this position through the merit selection process.

Miss Lucy Parker has also joined our staff replacing Mrs Tanya Moulds. This is Miss Parker's first appointment and her enthusiasm and fresh ideas will be a great benefit to our school. Miss Parker will be working closely with Mrs Hackett on Year 3.

We also welcome back to Singleton Public School, Mrs Dianne Daley. As many would be aware Mrs Daley has had a long career with Singleton Public School; in particular the special education unit. Mrs Daley will be job sharing with Mrs Bunnemeyer on the junior support class.

We also have a number of new students commencing at Singleton Public School this year. Throughout the coming weeks these students will make many new friends and discover the special place that is our school. I am sure that our students, staff and families will make all of our new people extremely welcomed.

Welcome to Annabelle, Tahi, Olivia, Kleyarnajayde, Adrian, Shelby, Koia, Liliana, Cory, Caitlin, Zachary, McKayla, Liam, Nathan and Lily and all of your families to Singleton Public School.

David Crowe
Principal

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.

Calendar of Events

Friday 7 February	Payment for swimming carnival due today
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Wednesday 12 February	P&C Meeting - 7pm in School Library Zone Tennis
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Friday 14 February	Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 (and some Year 2 students) Bookclub orders due back at school
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Friday 21 February	Payment due for Year 5 Surf Life Saving Year 6 Teen Talk Payment Due Zone Swimming
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Tuesday 25 February	Zone Rugby League
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Wednesday 26 February	Year 5 Surf Life Saving Program
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Thursday 27 February	Breakfast Club Launch
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Monday 3 March	Year 6 Teen Talk
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Tuesday 4 March	Year 6 Teen Talk
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Friday 21 March	Supercover payments due
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This week's assembly will be hosted by Year 6 starting at 12.45pm.

School Magazine

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2013 School Magazine now.
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**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 Post-It

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 "Keeping the School Environment Clean".

We can all encourage this behaviour by modelling and encouraging general tidiness at school, at home, even in the car. With the dry weather, cleaning up around houses and property would be a worthwhile family activity to reduce the risk of bush fires.

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 were sent home last week 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".

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.

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. Money supports the purchase of further seedlings etc.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Bailey who looked after the gardens and chickens every day during the holidays. That was a huge job and we appreciate it very much.

If any parents/grandparents have a green thumb and would like to help out please see Miss Moon. We are hoping to enter some competitions this year with school community help.

We currently have a glut of pumpkins that will be for sale on Friday...\$5 each.

Miss Moon, Garden Club Co-ordinator

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

... to get your kids in the kitchen

Getting kids involved in food prep helps them understand the importance of eating fruit + veg every day.



Let your kids help you:

1. Wash the veggies
2. Set the table
3. Mix the salad
4. Mash potato
5. Put the toppings on pizzas
6. Choose fillings for their sandwiches
7. Measure frozen vegies before cooking
8. Grow veg at home and pick when ripe
9. Unpack your fruit + veg from the shops so they learn the names + varieties
10. Help to peel or chop fruit + veg (always under supervision)

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 3, Term 1 2014

Mon 10/2/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jackie Marsh, Renee MacDonald

Fri 14/2/14 (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 3, Term 1 2014

Mon 10/1/14 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy

Tues 11/2/14 Amy Warton, 1 more helper please

Wed 12/2/14 Kerry Anne Baker, Kellie Della-Ca

Thurs 13/2/14 Teresa Mexon, Amy Warton

Fri 14/2/14 Jenna Pfeiffer, Robyn Skinner

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

Information from the DEC

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

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

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.

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.

SMART Science Show

Thank you to the SMART (Science, Mathematics And Real Technology) team from The University of Newcastle who ran a free Science Show for our Year 5 and 6 students late last year. The show was sponsored by Coal and Allied and was very enjoyable for our students.

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

Welcome back everyone to another busy school year. It has been great to see all the little people back at the canteen window. It is good to be back!

The new menu is out. Please check for new items and price changes.

This year the menu will remain for the entire year with maybe minor changes or specials coming through.

As a Friday Special at recess we will be offering a snack size Cookies and Cream Drumstick (Nut Free) at \$2.20 to start the weekend! Enjoy!

We are still in need of some volunteers. Please refer to the roster in this newsletter if you are interested to help. It would be much appreciated.

Have a great start to 2014.

2014 Year 6 Canberra Excursion Deposits

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.

The non-refundable deposits for Canberra of \$50.00 are now overdue!! Please either pay the deposit as soon as possible (not later than Friday 7 February).

If your child is NOT attending, please contact the office so that it can be recorded on our files.

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 recently received another batch of cards from Singleton IGA. 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.

Donations from the 2013 K-2 Christmas Concert

Last year donations in the form of canned goods were received from parents and carers at the 2013 Christmas Concert. These goods were donated to the local Singleton Neighbourhood Centre where they were happily received.

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.

The cost will be \$5.00 per child (to cover pool entry and bus) and MUST be paid to the school office with the permission note BEFORE Friday 7th February 2014. Season ticket holders can swipe on the day of the carnival but must pay \$2.10 for the bus to the office (This includes swim or family membership, NOT Learn to Swim lessons). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please return notes and money to the school office by the 7 February 2014.

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 crises. 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.

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.*

Statement of Accounts

During the first few weeks each school term, the school sends home Statement of Accounts. These accounts will be sent home this week and 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.

Supercover

Supercover" is an optional fee that can be paid at the start of the year for each student. In 2014 it is \$17.00 which can be paid in advance for the following shows and includes a discount per child. It covers the Hunter Life Education Van visit; 1 x Visiting Shows and Military Museum Excursion.

See the permission note included in this newsletter for more information.

Teen Talk

As part of this school's 'Personal Development' program, Year 6 students are invited to take part in a presentation called 'Young Teen Talk', at the cost of \$20.00. In the case of twins and siblings in Year 6 the cost will be \$14.00 each.

'Young Teen Talk' is a multi-media presentation which runs for two 80 minute sessions and is presented by Susie Blackwood, a registered nurse, midwife and sexuality educator. It supports nine learning outcomes of the Stage Three, PDHPE syllabus.

Topics include:

Friendships, Respect, Self Esteem, Families, Same Sex, Life Skills, Hygiene, STI's Drug and Alcohol, Emotions, Harm Minimization Strategies, Anatomy and Physiology, Changes in Puberty, Sexual Intercourse, Conception, Foetal Development and Birth.

The Year 6 sessions will be held on MONDAY and TUESDAY 3 and 4 March, 2014 beginning at 9.30am.

Parents are welcome to attend at the cost of \$12.00 per person. This can be paid on the day directly to Susie but must be the exact amount.

Please return this note with payment to your child's teacher by Friday 21 February 2014.

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)

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.*

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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

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 very much looking forward to working with you in 2014. Thank you!

Week in the Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st	Mary Franks	Angela Johnston	Pam Dicks	Deb Boston	Natalie Moore
	Anna Adamthwaite	Janine Justen	Di Cooke	Sharon Tredinnick	Heidi Moore
					1 more helper needed please
	03.02.14	04.02.14	05.02.14	06.02.14	07.02.14
	03.03.14	04.03.14	05.03.14	06.03.14	07.03.14
	07.04.14	01.04.14	02.04.14	03.04.14	04.04.14
	05.05.14	06.05.14	07.05.14	01.05.14	02.05.14
	02.06.14	03.06.14	04.06.14	05.06.14	06.06.14
	04.08.14	05.08.14	06.08.14	07.08.14	01.08.14
	01.09.14	02.09.14	03.09.14	04.09.14	05.09.14
Version Feb 14	03.11.14	07.10.14	05.11.14	06.11.14	07.11.14
	01.12.14	04.11.14	03.12.14	04.12.14	05.12.14
2nd	Lyndal Barry	Amy Warton	Kerry Anne Baker	Amy Warton	Jenna Pfeiffer
	Penny Clancy	Rebecca Hobbs	Kellie Della- Ca	1 more helper needed please	Robyn Skinner
					1 more helper needed please
	10.02.14	11.02.14	12.02.14	13.02.14	14.02.14
	10.03.14	11.03.14	12.03.14	13.03.14	14.03.14
	12.05.14	08.04.14	09.04.14	10.04.14	11.04.14
	11.08.14	13.05.14	14.05.14	08.05.14	09.05.14
	08.09.14	10.06.14	11.06.14	12.06.14	13.06.14
	13.10.14	12.08.14	13.08.14	14.08.14	08.08.14
	10.11.14	09.09.14	12.09.14	13.09.14	14.09.14
Week in the Month	08.12.14	14.10.14	08.10.14	09.10.14	10.10.14
		11.11.14	12.11.14	13.11.14	14.11.14
		09.12.14	10.12.14	11.12.14	12.11.14
Week in the Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd	Mary Franks	Nadia Brown	Liz Tudor	Karen Bull	Paula Stokes
	Anne McSweeney	Nicole Furness	Renee MacDonald	Louise Cuttriss	Kim Carter
					Mandy Ward
	17.02.14	18.02.14	19.02.14	20.02.14	21.02.14
	17.03.14	18.03.14	19.03.14	20.02.14	21.02.14
	19.05.14	20.05.14	21.05.14	15.05.14	16.05.14
	16.06.14	17.06.14	18.06.14	19.06.14	20.06.14
	21.07.14	15.07.14	16.07.14	17.07.14	18.07.14
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	15.09.14	16.09.14	17.09.14	18.09.14	19.09.14
	20.10.14	21.10.14	15.10.14	16.10.14	17.10.14
	17.11.14	18.11.14	19.11.14	20.11.14	21.11.14

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Week in the Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th	Sally Menere Anna Adamthwaite 24.02.14 24.03.14 26.05.14 23.06.14 28.07.14 25.08.14 27.10.14 24.11.14	Leane Knox Rebecca Hobbs 25.02.14 25.03.14 27.05.14 24.06.14 22.07.14 26.08.14 28.10.14 25.11.14	Tammy Cox (9am-12pm) Shaelie Carrol 26.02.14 26.03.14 28.05.14 25.06.14 23.07.14 27.08.14 22.10.14 26.11.14	Tanith Bell Teresa Mexon 27.02.14 27.03.14 22.05.14 26.06.14 24.07.14 28.08.14 23.10.14 27.11.14	Carmen Lee Williams Kathy Lamph Renee Mouser 28.02.14 28.03.14 23.05.14 27.06.14 25.07.14 22.08.14 24.10.14 28.11.14
5th	Kellie Della-Ca Lynda Damstra 31.03.14	Kim Carter Leane Knox 29.04.14 29.07.14	Kay Knight <i>1 more helper needed please</i> 30.07.14 29.10.14	<i>2 more helpers needed please</i> 29.05.14 31.07.14 30.10.14	Raquel Harris Alison Brown Nat Moore 30.05.14 29.08.14 31.10.14

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 \$ _____

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL – UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER 2013

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN***Mondays: 8.30 – 9.30 am******Fridays: 8.30 – 9.30 am***

Day of Month	Dates to Work in Uniform Shop	Helper's Name / Contact Phone No
1 st Monday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	3 Feb, 3 Mar, 7 Apr, 5 May, 2 Jun, 4 Aug, 1 Sep, 3 Nov, 1 Dec	Tammie Cox Rebecca Hobbs
2 nd Monday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	10 Feb, 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 11 Aug, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec	Jackie Marsh Renee MacDonald
3 rd Monday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	17 Feb, 17 Mar, 19 May, 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec	Rebecca Hobbs Cindy Dippel
4 th Monday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	24 Feb, 24 Mar, 26 May, 23 Jun, 21 July, 25 Aug, 27 Oct, 24 Nov	Lyndal Barry Amy Warton
5 th Monday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	28 July	Carmen-Lee Williams
1 st Friday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	7 Feb, 7 Mar, 4 Apr, 2 May, 6 Jun, 1 Aug, 5 Sep, 7 Nov, 5 Dec	Robyn Skinner Debbie Hamson
2 nd Friday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	14 Feb, 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 Jun, 8 Aug, 12 Sep, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec	Kim Carter
3 rd Friday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	21 Feb, 21 Mar, 16 May, 20 Jun, 18 July, 15 Aug, 19 Sep, 17 Oct, 14 Nov	Kathy Lamph Leane Knox
4 th Friday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	28 Feb, 28 Mar, 26 Apr, 23 May, 27 Jun, 25 July, 22 Aug, 24 Oct, 21 Nov	Melinda Grant Kirsten Roxburgh
5 th Friday of month (8.30-9.30 am only)	30 May, 29 Aug, 28 Nov	Jan Fallding

Packing of uniform pre-orders during the week:Week beginning 3 Mar, 7 Apr, 5 May, 2 Jun, 4 Aug, 1 Sept, 3 Nov, 1 Dec: **Jan Fallding**Week beginning 10 Mar, 14 Apr, 12 May, 9 Jun, 11 Aug, 8 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec: **Robyn Skinner**Week beginning 17 Feb, 17 Mar, 19 May, 16 Jun, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Nov: **Renee MacDonald**Week beginning 24 Feb, 24 Mar, 26 May, 23 Jun, 21 Jul, 25 Aug, 27 Oct, 24 Nov: **Cindy Dippel****Uniform Shop News**

Size 12 and 14 Polo shirts are both out of stock and will hopefully be in by the end of term 1.

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.

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.

Please find the attached sheet for what students 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.

2014 School Leaders & House Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 School Leaders and Sport House Captains and Vice Captains.

Photos removed for internet publishing

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.

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.

2014

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JAN / FEB 1	27 Public Holiday	28 Staff Development Day	29 Students Return	30	31	1
						2
FEB 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						9
FEB 3	10	11	12 Zone Tennis P&C Meeting 7pm	13	14 School Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 (and some Year2)	15
						16
FEB 4	17	18	19	20	21 Zone Swimming	22
						23
FEB / MAR 5	24	25 Rugby League Zone	26 Year 5 Surf Lifesaving Program	27 Breakfast Club Launch	28 Hunter Tennis	1
						2
MAR 6	3 Young Teen Talk Year 6	4 Young Teen Talk Year 6	5	6 Hunter Swimming	7 School Cross Country Hunter Basketball	8
						9
MAR 7	10	11 Hunter AFL	12	13	14 Zone Winter Trials	15
						16
MAR 8	17	18	19 Lion King Excursion	20	21 Hunter Rugby League Harmony Day	22
						23
MAR 9	24	25	26	27	28 Zone Cross Country	29
						30
APR 10	31	1	2	3	4 Hunter Winter Trials	5
						6
APR 11	7 Military Museum	8 Military Museum	9 Military Museum NSW PSSA Swimming	10 NSW PSSA Swimming	11 Last day of Term 1	12
						13

FREE course at Singleton TAFE

for women wishing to brush up on their skills in preparation for further training or re-entering the workforce. Classes are within school hours with the same holidays as schools and only 2½ days per week. Finish in June with 2 Cert IIs and a 1st Aid Cert. The course is designed to develop self-confidence as well as the basic skills for employment. You'll make friends and become part of a supportive, fun group of women. Call Maree on 65 787 128 for more information."

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation

Parent/Child information and enrolment meeting @ St Patrick's Church, Thursday 6th Feb, 6:30pm.

LOOKING TO PLAY NETBALL THIS YEAR!!!

All Netta and Open division teams will be able to register for the 2014 winter competition on Wednesday 26th February between 4 and 7pm. This is the only team registration date we will hold.

We have teams looking for players and we will take names of players wanting to get into a team this year.

All players must register online prior to the team nomination evening.

We have a net set go programme for 5 to 7 year girls and boys designed to develop ball skills and coordination with fun activities each week. On the 15th and 22nd March we will hold come and try days. Girls and boys will be able to come and join the activities without being registered. This will give participants and parents a chance to try the programme prior to registering.

Joeys needed

Singleton Scout Group, Edward St, Monday 5.30 to 6.30pm

Learn new knots, Come to camps, Play fun games, Observatory visit, Craft making, crazy science.

Make new friends. Ages 6 to 7.5 (girls & boys). First four visits free!

For more information call Melinda - 0424588266

Singleton Scout Group caters for 6 to 18 years. Male/female leaders in each section. All sections accepting new members now! scouts.singleton@live.com.au



Singleton Roosters Australian Football Club

Rose Point Park, Singleton

2014 Registration Dates

Saturday 8th February 9am – 1pm @ Singleton Square

Saturday 15th February 9am to 1pm @ Singleton Square

Saturday 22nd February 9am to 1pm @ Singleton Sportspower

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 9 Years

\$75 (includes 2014 Auskick Pack & a Roosters Polo Shirt)

Juniors - 9 Years to 17 Years

\$100 for 1st child

\$80 for each subsequent child

New Players receive a Club Polo Shirt

Youth Girls - 12 Years to 15 Years

\$60 (includes Shorts & Socks)

For further information please contact Jason Kolatchew on 0448748331

**Are you aged between 8 - 12 years?****Do you help...**

look after your brother or sister, parent, grandparent, other relative or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic medical condition, drug and/or alcohol related condition or who is frail aged?



**Yes?
then the**

**i-care Young Carer Program**

Invites **you** to apply for our **FREE** Young Carer Camp @ The Great Aussie Bush Camp!!!

What will I be doing at Camp?

- ✓ Canoeing
- ✓ Dual Flying Fox
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Giant Swing & Much More
- ✓ Making New Friends
- ✓ Having a Fantastic Time!!!



When: Monday 14 April til Wednesday 16 April 2014 (School Holidays)
Time: 12.30pm for a 1.00pm Departure
From: Hunter Stadium, Turton Road, Lambton
Where: The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens
Cost: **FREE!** Includes All Activities and Meals
RSVP: Application Forms by close of business **Friday 14 March**
 Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or
 Email: Educare-admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Limited Places, so Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity!

Did you know... statistics say there are at least 2 young carers in every class at school

Respite may be available by contacting Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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	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

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.