

# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 8 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

19 MARCH 2014

The school has received confirmation that due to the addition of a number of new enrolments that we will be maintaining 17 mainstream and 2 support classes across the school. This means that we will be maintaining our current class structures and teacher allocations. Thank you to the members of our school community that expressed support through the recent period of uncertainty – phew, we made it!

I would like to draw your attention to the parent teacher interviews that are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 31st March. Each class teacher has an allocated day to meet with parents to discuss our children's progress, social development, strengths and areas for attention. Please ensure that you promptly return your booking sheet so that staff can schedule meetings. As with 2013, all interviews will take place in the School Library throughout the day and we will organise a waiting area in the Library foyer for parents to wait. If you have not seen any information on the meetings please contact the school as information was distributed last week or look on the school's website under permission and other notes for a copy of the form.

A warm welcome to all of our new students; I see from your smiling faces in the playground that you have already made new friends and discovered some of the wonderful things that our school offers. Welcome to Charli, Isaak, Jorja, Oscar, Briony, Jakob and "Princess" Khloe!

David Crowe  
Principal

### Cybersafety Video Conference

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### Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday 20 March</b>	Kindergarten excursion to the Vet Cybersafety Video Conference in Connected Classroom at school at 4.30 pm
<b>Friday 21 March</b>	<b>Supercover payments due</b> Hunter Rugby League
<b>Wednesday 26 March</b>	Year 3 Deposit due for the Outdoor Education Experience Excursion
<b>Friday 28 March</b>	University of NSW ICAS Tests payment due Zone Cross Country
<b>Monday 31st March</b>	EnviroMentors Workshop Parent / Teacher Interviews - 5RV, 2B, 1A and 6D
<b>Tuesday 1 April</b>	EnviroMentors Workshop Parent / Teacher Interviews - 4A, 1DL, KL, 2Z and 3/4S
<b>Wednesday 2 April</b>	Harmony Day - out of uniform - gold coin donation Military Museum Payments due (covered by Supercover)
<b>Thursday 3 April</b>	Parent / Teacher Interviews - 3P, KS, 3H and 6M
<b>Friday 4 April</b>	Hunter Winter Trials Parent / Teacher Interviews - 1G, KM and 5E
<b>Monday 7 April</b>	Military Museum - Years 4, 1, 6 (covered by Supercover)
<b>Tuesday 8 April</b>	Military Museum - Years 5, 3, 2 (covered by Supercover)
<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>	Military Museum - Kindergarten (covered by Supercover)
<b>Thursday 10 April</b>	Easter Parade starts 10.30am
<b>Friday 11 April</b>	Canberra Final Payments due Last Day of Term 1
<b>Monday 28 April</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Tuesday 29 April</b>	First Day Term 2

This week's assembly will be starting at 12.45pm. Mrs Susan Ginns from Red Cross will be speaking and the Cross Country ribbons and medallions will be presented



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### **Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion**

The major excursion for Year 3 in 2014 is a 2-day (over-night) trip to Active Education in Morisset. The excursion is proposed for Monday, 11th August to Tuesday, 12th August. The excursion supports and enhances our study of PD/PE/Health, as well as significantly contributing to the children's social development and self confidence.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a deposit of \$50.00, which must be paid by **12:30pm on Wednesday 26th March**. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending.

Active Education does not have accommodation for parents unless the child has a life threatening medical condition and the company must be notified to ascertain if there is an available room prior to the excursion.

The approximate cost for students is \$175 (including deposit) depending on final numbers. This includes: coach travel, accommodation, programmed camp, qualified staff run all camp activities, night activities, meals provided from Lunch on Day 1 to Lunch on Day 2. (Students are required to pack morning tea for Day 1 and a snack for Day 2 before they depart on the bus.) The balance of money must be paid to the office by 1.00pm on Wednesday 16th July.

The following activities are available (exact itinerary not available yet until final numbers are known) High Ropes, Multi Climb, Night Activity (Country Fair) , Canoeing, Archery and Bush craft.

A full activity itinerary will be sent home closer to the excursion date. Please note that this itinerary is still subject to change.

Two pages from Active Education were also sent home. Full information packs will go home closer to the date of the camp.

Any parents experiencing financial difficulty with payment for the excursion need to see Mrs Burns in the office as soon as possible to discuss Student Assistance. All discussions are private and confidential.

### **Lost Property**

The school has a lost property box located in the area outside of the Uniform Shop. If your child has lost any belongings such as jumpers, jackets, etc please check this box as there is a large amount of items in there.

### **Thank You for School Yard Blitz**

A big thank you to the small band of volunteers who came and helped out at the School Yard Blitz on Sunday. We got through a lot of work!

Miss Moon

### **Harmony Day Celebration 2014**

On Wednesday, 2nd April the school will be celebrating Harmony Day. For a gold coin donation that will go to the Red Cross, students may wear either traditional dress or an orange or red top.

### **Kinder Vet Excursion**

On Thursday, 20 March , Kindergarten will be walking to the Singleton Veterinary Hospital to learn more about caring for pets. Kindergarten will leave school at 12.30 pm and return by 2.00 pm. This excursion is covered by the general permission note.

### **PSSA Zone Netball Trials**

On Friday the 14th of March six girls, Annaliese, Sadie, Jordan, Tess, Chloe and Claire went down to Rose Point Park for the PSSA Zone Netball Trials. The six girls played some excellent games of netball. Chloe, Tess and Claire were lucky enough to move onto the next round the Possibles and Probables, but unfortunately only Tess could play. She played extremely well but sadly did not make it into the Zone team. This was a great experience for all of us. We would love to thank all the parents that helped out on the day and Mrs Merrick for organising the team, and for us to go down there.

By Tess and Claire

 **Nutrition Snippet**

## The simplest way

... to increase your vegies

90% of adults in your area don't eat enough vegies! We should aim for 5 serves each and every day!

Here's some easy tips to help you out...

**Eat vegetables as a snack throughout the day**

- 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 + add more vegies**

- For a family of four all you need is 400g of lean meat, fish or poultry per meal. Top up with extra veg. Hint: chickpeas, lentils + beans are great fillers!

**Add vegies 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](http://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 9 Term 1 2014

Mon 24/3/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry, Amy Warton  
 Fri 28/3/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Melinda Grant, Kirsten Roxburgh  
 Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

### Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 1 2014

Mon 24/3/14 Sally Menere, Anna Adamthwaite  
 Tues 25/3/14 Leane Knox, Rebecca Hobbs  
 Wed 26/3/14 Tammy Cox, Shaelie Carrol  
 Thurs 27/3/14 Mary Franks, Anne McSweeney  
 Fri 28/3/14 Carmen Lee Williams, Kathy Lamph, Renee Mouser

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

### Information from the DEC

#### School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

#### Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos' amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia>

### 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**

.....

Credit Card Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Expiry Date \_ \_ / \_ \_

CSV \_ \_ \_ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder .....

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week parent/teacher interview notes were sent home with students. Below is a copy of the timetable. Please return your note to your child's teacher by Wednesday 26th March. If you do not have a copy of the note you can find one on the school's website. All interviews will be conducted in the school library. Please note 2P interviews will be held on Mrs Price's return from leave.

Monday 31 March	Tuesday 1 April	Harmony Day	Thursday 3 April	Friday 4 April
5RV – Mr Russell & Mrs Van der Wel	4A – Mr Andrews		3P – Miss Parker	1G – Mrs Grainger
2B – Mrs Black	1DL – Mrs Dibley & Mrs Leighton		KS – Mrs Scoles	KM – Miss Moon
1A – Mrs Alaban	KL – Mrs Launders		3H – Mrs Hackett	5E – Miss Edgar
6D – Mrs Dibben	2Z – Ms Zeidler		6M – Mrs Merrick	
	3/4S – Miss Sullivan			

Please note Mrs Price (2P) is on leave and will conduct interviews on her return.

### Timeslots available

8.30 – 9.30	9.30 – 10.30	10.30 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.30
12.30 – 1.30	1.30 – 2.30	2.30 – 3.30	3.30 – 4.30

## A Big Brekky Thank you!

Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the Breakfast Club Launch last week. Please see some more pictures below courtesy of The Singleton Argus.

Photos removed for internet publishing

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## Canteen News

All Aroona drinks have been discontinued. As a replacement the canteen have a lemon flavoured "Quench" which is available for \$1.80. At this point we are having trouble finding gluten free pies as Patties have discontinued there gluten free range. The gluten free nuggets are still available. We will advise when more gluten free products come available.

## Military Museum

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 7 April, Tuesday, 8 April and Wednesday, 9 April. This is the last week of Term 1.

The cost of the excursion is \$6.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and money **by 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** in readiness for this excursion.

### GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT:

Monday, 7/4/13	-	9.15 am	-	Year 4
	-	11.00 am	-	Year 1
	-	12.40 pm	-	Year 6
Tuesday, 8/4/13	-	9.15 am	-	Year 5
	-	11.00 am	-	Year 3
	-	12.40 pm	-	Year 2
Wednesday, 9/4/13	-	9.15 am	-	Kindergarten

Support Unit students will be travelling with their appropriate grade.

Each grade looks at, and learns about, different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.

**If you have paid Supercover there is no need to return the permission note. This excursion is covered by Supercover.**

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

### Moving sensibly around our school!

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY! Three words that combine to make a fantastic individual. The majority of our students naturally display these traits on a daily basis.

Safety is an important issue for all families therefore there are a number of topics that you could discuss around the kitchen table including;

- Does your child see others engaging in silly or dangerous behaviours when travelling to and from school?
- Talk about considering others when in public places i.e. walking on the left; moving to the side to have conversations with people; not stopping in the middle of an entrance.
- Are your children riding their bikes, scooters or skate boards in a sensible manner?

PS: A family I stayed with recently designated each Monday night as family night. They did not have any electronic devices or phones for that evening. They engaged in activities that encouraged positive family interaction including barbeques, family walks, games, bike rides, etc. By removing the 'easy entertainment' of technology that family were engaged in meaningful conversations with each other and could discuss highs and lows from the previous week – think about it.

## School Times

Class Time	9.10 - 11.10
Lunch	11.10 - 12.00
Class Time	12.00 - 1.30
Recess	1.30 - 2.00
Class Time	2.00 - 3.10





## Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

A great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and educational activities.

**When:** 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 15 April 2014

**Where:** Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg St)

Free Sausage sandwich for children only; \$1 each for adults.  
Drinks available for purchase.

Compulsory parental supervision at all times.  
Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

Blackbutt Reserve Office: 4904 3344  
Email: blackbuttadmin@ncc.nsw.gov.au



## What's happening to our girls and boys?



A talk by Maggie Hamilton for parents of children and young adults.



**Date:** Thursday 20th March

**Time:** 6.30 - 8pm

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** Bookings essential

Maggie Hamilton is a writer and social researcher. Her many books include *What's Happening to Our Girls?* and *What's Happening to Our Boys?* The books put the lives of young people under the microscope, uncovering the issues they struggle with, how best they can be supported and provide numerous tips for parents and educators on how to create a more promising future for our children.



Ph: 6578 7500 [www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au)

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# HARMONY DAY

29 March 2014

Singleton Public Library 9.30am - 11.30am

Storytellers in national costume  
Music & crafts  
International morning tea

**FREE**

In the park 11.30am - 2pm (near Gym & Swim)

Barbecue (gold coin donation)  
Jumping castle  
Games & activities  
Performances by local musicians, dancers & singers

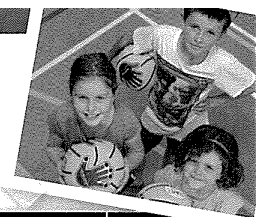
**FREE**

For more information contact Wendell Peacock on 02 6578 7215

**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

## Vacation Care @ YMCA Singleton Heights OSHC

Weekdays from Monday 14th April  
to Monday 28th April



Mon 14 Apr	Tues 15 Apr	Wed 16 Apr	Thur 17 Apr	Fri 18 Apr
Video Games and Movie madness (DC)	Easter Egg-stravaganza (DC)	Playground Mania (DC)	Maitland Goal (E)	GOOD FRI-DAY

Mon 21 Apr	Tues 22 Apr	Wed 23 Apr	Thur 24 Apr	Fri 25 Apr
EASTER MONDY	Newcastle Tree Climb (E)	Disco—Kidz choice theme (DC)	Army Museum (E)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY

### Mon 28 Apr

Sports May-hem  
(DC)

### School's back!

Enrol for  
Before and After School Care  
at [oshc.ymca.org.au](http://oshc.ymca.org.au)

Activities are appropriate for ages 5-12  
Day Camp - (DC) Excursion - (E)  
Clinic—(C) 8+ Club—(8+)

**CCB AND GOVT. REBATE APPROVED!**

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## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 7, 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KL</b>	Evan Phoebe	<b>KM</b>	Paige Oscar
<b>KS</b>	Ewan Kayley	<b>1A</b>	Caleb Brianna
<b>1G</b>	Harrison Harry	<b>1DL</b>	Beth Perry
<b>2B</b>	Maya Sam	<b>2P</b>	Joshua Clancy
<b>2Z</b>	Jake Grace	<b>3H</b>	Zach Ella Lucy
<b>3P</b>	Eevie                  Isaac Talia                  Shane Georgia Haines          Phoebe	<b>3/4S</b>	Seth Claire Aaron
<b>4A</b>	Kowhai Breanna Angus	<b>5E</b>	Seth Mea Olivia
<b>5RV</b>	Barney Olivia Cory	<b>6D</b>	Ella Cheyanne Thomas
<b>6M</b>	Braeoni Bridget	<b>Support Unit</b>	Jett Aiden

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Harley	<b>Stage 1</b>	Harrison
<b>Stage 2</b>	Mav	<b>Stage 3</b>	Amy

#### Super Citizens

<b>KL</b>	Ciah	<b>3H</b>	Lili
<b>1A</b>	Phoebe	<b>4A</b>	Kate
<b>2B</b>	Lara	<b>6D</b>	Sadie

## Class work from KM

Ashton's favourite day is Monday because he goes to football training.



Sarjay's favourite day is Saturday because he gets to play with ToHess.



Lily's favourite day is Monday because it is Buddy Day !!



Hamish's favourite day is Sunday because he gets to play with his Leggs.