

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 6 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

5 MARCH 2014

I would like to thank the parents that collected their children early on Friday afternoon due to the constant downpour thereby enabling more parents to park closer to the school to collect their children. By applying a bit of common sense we were able to get more children home safely and relatively dry. It looks as though we are set for more wet weather therefore, it may be prudent, to utilise the same procedure in the future i.e. in extended downpours children may be collected from their rooms from 2.45 pm onwards.

I will be taking the proposal to the P&C meeting tonight for more discussion. I would encourage all parents and carers to come along and join our small but active P&C association in their endeavours to help make our school the best it can be for the benefit of our students. Tonight's meeting will commence at 7 pm in the school library. This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting, so it is a great opportunity to meet the members of the committee.

Thank you to the parents and community members that assisted with the Breakfast Club launch on Thursday morning. It was wonderful to see so many adults helping our hungry and thirsty students. A huge thanks to Mrs Clancy and Ms Keulemans for their organisation of the morning and their ongoing support of the program. Our breakfast club is for all students to ensure everyone has a great start to the day.

Congratulations to our Student Councillors for 2014. This group of students have been selected by their peers to lead our student body in various activities including fund-raising activities, assemblies and presentations. It is wonderful to see our Year 3 and Year 4 students involved in this group as the views and ideas of our junior students are very important.

Last but by no means least, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic work done each and every day by our band of School Learning Support Officers. This group of ladies provide a high level of support to our teachers and students both inside and out of the classroom. Much of what they do goes unnoticed by most people but their input to our school is without measure. Thank you ladies!

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 5 March	P&C Meeting - Annual General Meeting - 7 pm in School Library
Thursday 6 March	Hunter Swimming
Friday 7 March	School Cross Country (details on Page 6) Hunter Basketball
Tuesday 11 March	Hunter AFL
Friday 14 March	Zone Winter Trials Book Club Due In
Wednesday 19 March	Lion King Excursion
Friday 21 March	Supercover payments due Hunter Rugby League Harmony Day
Friday 28 March	University of NSW ICAS Tests payment due (see Page 5 for further information) Zone Cross Country
Monday 31st March	EnviroMentors Workshop
Tuesday 1 April	EnviroMentors Workshop
Friday 4 April	Hunter Winter Trials
Friday 11 April	Canberra Final Payments due

This week's assembly will be hosted by 5RV starting at 12.45pm.

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

Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Age Champions medallions at last week's assembly:-

- Junior Boys- (Tied) Ethan & Callan
- Junior Girls- Sarah
- 11yr Boys- Evan
- 11yr Girls- Sophie
- Senior Boys- Mick
- Senior Girls- Tess

Also, congratulations to the students who were successful in the following events:-

Boy's Open Medley

1st Bailey

2nd Mick

3rd Isaac

Girl's Open Medley

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1st Ella

2nd Hannah

3rd N/A

Joel Andrews

Sports Co-ordinator

Introducing Singleton Public School's Student Council 2014

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as the councillor for their class 2014. They will be joining the Year 6 Captains, Vice Captains and councillors as this year's student council.

3P – Lucy

3H – Amber

3/4S – Sarah

4A – Amelia

5E – Dan

5RV – Jamie

Year 4 Sydney Excursion

Our school is currently organising the Year 4 Sydney excursion. The dates for this will be Monday 8th – Wednesday 12 September, 2014.

Year 4 will plan to visit Chinatown, the Sydney Opera House, the Botanical Gardens, Darling Harbour, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Aquarium and the Australian Museum. They will be staying at the Namaroo Cabins in Lane Cove National Park.

It is going to be an exciting and highly educational trip for all involved. So that the school can prepare accurate costs, we are asking parents to let us know if their child will be attending. The more students involved the less the cost will be.

Please return the slip on the note sent home with your child along with a \$20 deposit to register your interest in your child attending. If finances are an issue please advise your child's teacher of your interest by note or contact Kerrie Burns in the school office.

EnviroMentors Workshop

Each year the school participates in the Enviromentors Workshops which are run in conjunction with Keep Australia Beautiful NSW. They are free workshops for selected classes (eight free workshops are run) and cover environmental issues. They will be run on Monday, 31 March and Tuesday, 1 April.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

to save time on midweek meals

Are you pressed for time when it comes to creating healthy midweek meals? Here are some quick and easy tips to take the hassle out of midweek cooking.



Day One	Day Two
Cook a larger quantity of your favourite meat and vegetable stir fry. Refrigerate leftovers.	Wrap leftover stir fry in shortcrust or filo pastry to create a 'pie'. Serve with extra vegies.
When cooking lasagne, double amount of mince & veg filling (add carrot, zucchini, sweet potato, corn, mushrooms), refrigerate extras.	Add extra filling from the previous night to spaghetti for quick spag bol.
Prepare extra vegies with a baked dinner & refrigerate leftovers.	Heat leftover veg & add to a salad = warm roast vegetable salad.

By planning your meals you can save time, money and do wonders for your family's health!

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



Uniform Shop Roster - Week 7, Term 1 2014

Mon 10/3/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jackie Marsh, Renee MacDonald

Fri 14/3/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kim Carter

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

Canteen Roster - Week 7, Term 1 2014

Mon 10/3/14 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy

Tues 11/3/14 Rebecca Hobbs, **1 more helper please**

Wed 12/3/14 Kerry Anne Baker, Kellie Della-Ca

Thurs 13/3/14 Tanith Bell, Teresa Mexon

Fri 14/3/14 Jenna Pfeiffer, Robyn Skinner, **1 more helper please**

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

Information from the DEC

When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Help with English

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

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

Library News

Overdue Book Draw

Last week we had a prize draw for all students with no overdue library books. Congratulations to Haajrah Alam who won the K-2 draw and Fynn Johnston who won the 3-6 draw.

Students are allowed to borrow books for 2 weeks. They can renew the books if they still need them. Remember it's never too late to return your books.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge officially starts this week. This year they have released an app to help students pick and keep track of their books.

Students in K-2 need to read 30 books. This will be completed at school in their classes.

Students in 3-6 need to read 20 books. This will not be done as class groups although books used for independent reading in class may be used. 15 books need to come from the list. The remaining 5 can be free choice.

For students who find reading a challenge, why not become a member of the Singleton Council Library and download the audio books for children to listen to as they follow on with the book.

A Personal Note

Thank you to the school community for the warm welcome I have received to the school. I am really enjoying working with the staff and students and look forward to meeting more of the parent community throughout the year.

P & C News

Singleton Public School P&C Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th March 2014

School Library

Commencing at 7pm

All parents and carers are encouraged to come along and participate in this meeting. Come along and find out more about our school and how you can help to make your child's school even better.

Topics to be discussed include:

2014 P&C Membership Fees

2013 Financial Report – Singleton Public School

Uniform Shop Operation

Election of Office Bearers for 2014

Just a reminder that people need to be financial for 2014 prior to the AGM to be eligible to vote. If you haven't already paid, please bring \$2 along to the meeting.

Uniform Shop Clearance Sale

On Monday 10th March the Uniform Shop will be having a clearance sale.

We will have all of our 2nd hand stock out for sale at \$2 per item, we are also clearing out old stock at bargain prices. Items will range from \$2 to \$10. Clearance items include sport shorts, girl's shorts and lightweight jackets.

We will be accepting cash or credit card, please try and bring along smaller change and notes as we are unable to carry enough change for \$50 notes. Minimum credit transaction amount is \$20.

There will be no refunds or exchanges on items sold on Monday.

If you have any uniforms laying around at home that you would like to donate in time for our sale we would greatly appreciate them being brought in to the uniform shop on Friday. Please only donate uniforms in a clean and wearable condition.

Sale begins at 9.15am on the grassed area in front of the Uniform Shop and will finish at 10am.

Wet Weather Procedures

Please be aware that the school has Wet Weather Procedures in place. Should it be raining solidly when your child arrives at school, they will need to go to their classroom. If it is a light shower, students will need to meet under the COLA. The teachers at the school have informed the students of the wet weather procedures during the day.

Lion King

A note has been sent home to the students attending the Lion King excursion on Wednesday 19th March with the confirmed details. Children and parents need to **meet in the school hall at 8.15 am** to have their names signed off. They will then board the two coaches and leave at 8.30am promptly. Please do not be late on the day. If for any reason you cannot attend the excursion please call the school as soon as possible.

We will arrive in Sydney at approximately 11.30am and head to the Royal Botanical Gardens to eat our lunch. We will then board the coaches again and make our way to the Capitol Theatre. The show starts at 1pm and runs for 2 hours and 40 minutes (which includes a 20 minute interval). Children are allowed to bring \$10 with them and if it is possible they may purchase an ice cream or drink in the interval. **They may not bring their own drinks and lunches into the theatre.**

We will board the bus as soon as possible after the show finishes and head back to Singleton, stopping at Ourimbah for a very short toilet and snack break. Due to peak hour traffic I have been advised by the coach company that we will not return to Singleton until **approximately 7.30pm** (at the earliest).

As you can appreciate, it will have been a very long day so please ensure that you arrive on time to pick your child up. If you would like to have an update of our ETA then please visit our school website at approximately 6pm and it will let you know how we are travelling. It would be great if you could then text other parents with the information. The website address is www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Canteen News

Our canteen is endeavouring to offer foods for as many special dietary requirements as possible. For example, this year we have two gluten free options on our menu. If you have a child with special dietary needs and you would like to use the canteen please contact Nicole in the canteen to explore the options.

As a reminder, all profits made by the canteen go back to the P & C to help support the school. Therefore your support is greatly appreciated.

Scripture

Every Wednesday after lunch, visiting members of various church groups take classes in Religious Instruction. This is done on an ecumenical basis with all denominations combined. Depending on scripture teacher availability some dominations such as Catholic, Bahai and Jehovah Witnesses have separate classes. Your child will be placed in the scripture class as indicated on the enrolment form.

In accordance with Section 33 of the Education Act, no child is required to receive any general religious education or special religious education if the parents/caregivers object. Objections should be made in writing to the principal of the school. At Singleton Public School we ask that parents renew their request each year.

University of New South Wales Tests

Each year the University of New South Wales offers students across the world the opportunity to participate in a number of tests across a number of curriculum areas for children in Year 3-12.

This year we are offering for any interested children from Years 3-6 the chance to participate in the following UNSW competitions:

- Computer Skills: Tuesday, 20th May
- Science : Wednesday, 4th June
- English: Wednesday, 29th July
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 12th August

Each of these tests costs parents \$8.80. If you would like your child or children in Years 3-6 to participate in any of the tests please complete the form below and **return it to the school by Friday, 28th March**. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late entries.

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Childs Name _____ Child's Class _____ (return to office by Friday, 28th March 2014)

Tests I would like my child to participate in:

English / Mathematics / Science / Computer Skills

(Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

Each tests costs \$8.80

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

This week's PBL behaviour is "Demonstrating the core values of 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.

Perhaps you could ask your child:-

- How they displayed Respect today at school?
- What was the piece of work they considered was their best Quality – and why?
- How did someone else display Responsibility to them today?

Year 6 Canberra Final Cost

The final costs for the Year 6 Canberra Excursion have now been calculated on the number of children attending. The total cost for students is \$560.00 leaving a balance of \$510.00 after the \$50 deposit has been paid. The price per adult is \$650.00. The above amounts also include GST where applicable. Please have the payments finalised before Friday, 11 April 2014. Should you require any financial assistance, the school has funds available. Please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office.

Child Collection Points

If you are collecting your child from school in the afternoon you will need to arrange to meet at one of four places:

- On the seats under the "Friendship Tree" (near the COLA on the Elizabeth Street side);
- On the seats outside of the classrooms near the "Enter to Learn" gates in Hunter Street;
- Under the tree at "The Parsonage" (school office),
- On the grassed area in front of the Kindergarten building (please do not wait on the verandah).

The verandah outside of the Kindergarten rooms needs to be kept as clear as possible as it is a thoroughfare. This is particularly important each morning and afternoon when the volume of people in the area increases.

Assembly Awards

The assembly awards for last Friday, 28 February will appear in next week's newsletter.

School Cross Country

Date: Friday 7th March (Week 6)

To help the school make selections for the Zone Cross Country, all students in Years 3-6 as well as any children in Year 2 that are eight or turning eight this year, will be taken to Cook Park on Friday, 7th March to compete in the cross country run. Please note that children in Year 2 who are not eight or turning eight this year will remain at school.

Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance (2km or 3km). Selections for the Zone Carnival will be based on these results.

Students and staff will leave school at 9.20 am and return to school by 11.10 am. Children must bring a bottle of water, hat, sunscreen, medications and appropriate footwear. There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip for this event as students should have already handed in their 2014 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

Please ensure that your child's Medical Information Sheet, which was sent home at the beginning of the year, has been returned to the class teacher. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless this form has been returned.

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Cross Country Parent Helpers Return Slip (return to class teacher)

If you are able to assist at the Cross Country on the day please fill out the slip below and return to your child's class teacher. The job that is required would be to sit in a designated place along the track to ensure children are travelling along the course in the right direction and to provide encouragement for students who maybe struggling.

I am able to assist on Friday 7th March at the School's Cross Country Carnival.

Signed..... Date: / / Contact Number

17 February 2014

Workshops for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

An important component of the Graduated Licence scheme is that all learner drivers complete a minimum of 120 hours supervised on-road driving experience prior to presenting for their provisional P licence.

The Road and Maritime Services is holding a **FREE** two hour workshop for the Singleton area to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. These workshops provide information about:

- Understanding the new laws for L and P licence holders
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Supervising learner drivers

WEA Hunter on behalf of the RMS will be conducting the workshop as follows:

Day: Wednesday
Date: 5 March 2014
Venue: Singleton Community College
Address: 83 – 87 York Street, (TAFE Campus) Singleton
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

It would be appreciated if you could bring the workshop to the attention of your staff and parent organisation.

Also is enclosed is a selection of posters and flyers for display in the foyer or other appropriate locations around the school.

Bookings are essential and all enquiries should be directed to Jenny Cummings or any Administration Staff at WEA Hunter on 4925 4200.

Thank you for your assistance.
Yours sincerely

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Kids Drawing Classes

Kids drawing classes
Singleton PCYC
Tuesdays 3.30- 4.40pm and 4.45-
5.50pm
Preferred primary - highschool
Run by local artist Leanne Davy
Contact 0423812487.



Singleton Council
Seniors Week
BULGA COAL
GLENORE
LIONS CLUB

Autumn Village Fair

Broke Hall, Adair St, Broke

Free 10am to 2pm
Friday, 21 March 2014

Fully catered
Pamper stations
Historical Tours

Market Stalls
Live entertainment
Displays and activities

Further Information
Cynthia Mulholland on
6578 7217

FREE MOVIE & FOOD!!!

ARE YOU AGED 16 – 18 YEARS?

Do you help look after a Family Member or Friend who has a disability, mental illness or chronic condition?

Then...Chill Out at the Movies

"The Amazing Spider Man 2"

Meet New Friends

Enjoy Hot Finger Food

Feel Supported

Gather Information



WHERE: Event Cinemas, Stockland Drive, Stockland Super Centre, Glendale
WHEN: Saturday 24th May 2014
TIME: 12.00pm in Foyer for Lunch
COST: FREE!! – Includes Movie & Hot Finger Food
RSVP: ESSENTIAL - Monday 19th May 2014
Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 4921 4895 or Text: 0407 938 572



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

SINGLETON STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLINIC 2014

Monday to Wednesday 14th to 16th April, 2014.

Cost: \$130.00 per child, Second child in a family pays \$110.00. Third and subsequent child pays \$90.00.

Included in this cost is 9 Hours of Professional Coaching under the direction of Singleton Strikers First Division Team Head Coach, Scott Baillie.

Each player will also receive an Admiral playing shirt & shorts, a Nike Football, a cap, a drink bottle, fruit and a lunch pack each day (including a fruit drink), and chances to win vouchers from local business & A League Merchandise (including a signed Jets Shirt & Ball).

PLEASE NOTE - NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED – IT'S A FUN FILLED THREE DAYS OF FOOTBALL SKILLS, LEARNING AND GAMES

Where: Howe Park, Boundary St, Singleton.

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm (please arrive by 8-45am for a warm-up)

Ages: 5 to 17 years

For more details visit
<http://www.singletonstrikers.com/2014clinic.html>
or email us at 2014clinic@singletonstrikers.com

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