

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 2

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14 MAY 2014

Greetings from our Nation's capital, Canberra. After a very early start on Monday morning, our intrepid Year 6 tourists are having a great time visiting the many wonderful educational sites around this city. We certainly pack a lot into such a short time frame with visits to both the Old and new Parliament Houses; the Indonesian Embassy, the Australian War Memorial, galleries, archives, CSIRO, and much, much more. I am sure that there will be many weary travellers come 5 pm Friday when we arrive back in Singleton.

Last Wednesday evening our school discos were conducted by our Student Council. Both discos were well attended with many crazy hair-dos being shown off. Kudos to Callum for his selfless act of growing and then donating his hair to Cancer research. Through our fundraising, the school has been able to donate \$600 to help this worthwhile cause. I encourage you to look inside the newsletter to see the before and after photos of Callum.

Additionally on Wednesday evening our P&C body had their monthly meeting. Due to relocating to Western Australia, Mr Andrew Turner has stepped down as P&C President. We thank Andrew for all of his invaluable support of the school over the past four years and wish him and his family all the very best on the other side of the continent.

As a result of Andrew's resignation a few changes have occurred within the management of the P&C. Mr Syed Alam has taken on the role of P&C President, Mrs Kathy Lamph has moved to the Secretary role, and Mrs Rebecca Hobbs has assumed a Vice-President's role. We also welcome Mrs Nicole Furness as our new Uniform Shop Coordinator. The P&C meets the first Wednesday of each month and all parents are encouraged to come along and participate.

Throughout this week, our students in Year 3 and Year 5 have been sitting the annual NAPLAN assessments. I hope that they have not been too worried about these tests and simply tried their very best.

Welcome to Brodie (Yr 4) who has joined us from sunny Grafton. I hope that he is able to adjust to our cooler weather quickly and settle into our routines with his many new friends.

David Crowe
Principal



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Calendar of Events

Wednesday 14 May	Yr 6 Canberra NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 Reading
Thursday 15 May	Yr 6 Canberra NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 Mathematics
Friday 16 May	Year 6 return from Canberra at approximately 5.00 pm. Updates will be on school website.
Monday 19 May	Rugby Union PSSA Zone Touch Trials at Aberdeen 4.30pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 20 May	ICAS (UNSW) Computer Test Knights Knockout
Wednesday 21 May	5-6pm Parents/Carers Maths Workshop for Stage 1 and Stage 2 parents/carers
Thursday 22 May	Girls and Boys Soccer PSSA
Friday 23 May	Girls Cricket PSSA
Tuesday 27 May	School Photos - return the photo envelope on the day. Office closed from 8.30-9.00 am for staff photos
Thursday 5th-Monday 16th June	Hunter Life Education Van Visit - payments due by Friday, 30th May
Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 final excursion payment due - total cost \$175.

This week's assembly will be hosted by The Band starting time of 12.45 pm.

School Crossing Near Miss Register

All parents and community members are encouraged to register with the school all cases of near misses on the School Crossings on Elizabeth and Hunter streets. The school is working with Singleton Shire Council to develop a proposal to upgrade the safety of these crossings and we need to produce relevant data.

When you contact the Office please list the street you were on; the approximate time; and the direction the vehicle was travelling. The Office can be contacted on 6571 2250.

Year 3 Excursion Update

The cost for the Year 3 excursion has now been finalised. The total cost of the excursion is **\$175.00** including GST. Therefore an amount of **\$125.00** is now payable to the school office. This final balance must be received by **the office by 12.30pm on Wednesday 16th July.**

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.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015 Open

Is it time for your child to commence their school education? Our books are now open to take names of all siblings and family members for Kindergarten 2015. If you would like to start your child at school next year please do not hesitate to contact the school to record your interest.

School Disco

The school disco that was held last week on Wednesday 7th May was a great success. Congratulations Patrick Duncan, Kobey Macdonald, Faith Radmacher and Darcy Cox our winners from Years 3-6 and Chelsea Maher, Gillian Henderson Jasmine Haines, Josh Campbell, Clancy Cameron and Dax Vakatini our winners from K-2.

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During the Years 3-6 disco, Callum Christian had his hair cut to raise funds for Beautiful Lengths which is an organisation that collects donations of hair to make wigs for people that have lost their hair during cancer treatments. The students raised \$600 to donated to Callum's Everyday Hero account. Well done!!

Pictured are the before and after shots of Callum.

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Good luck PSSA Soccer, Rugby and Cricket teams.

Good luck to our Soccer, Rugby and Cricket teams who will be playing their rounds of the State Knockout competition next week. Thanks to our teachers and parents who have coached and managed teams. Without your help and guidance our students would not get the opportunities to compete in these events.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to add fruit at breakfast time

This easy + delicious recipe will give your kids' a great start to their day!

Ingredients
 2 eggs
 1 tbsp honey
 2 1/2 cups low-fat milk
 3 ripe bananas, sliced
 2 cups self-raising flour
 2 tbsp sugar
 2 tsp margarine, melted
 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method
 In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine and milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, then stir into wet mixture until smooth. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tablespoons of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.



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 2 2014

Mon 19/5/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Hobbs, Cindy Dippel
 Fri 23/5/14 (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 4, Term 2 2014

Mon 19/5/14 2 more helpers please
 Tues 20/5/14 Nadia Brown, Nicole Furness
 Wed 21/5/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald
 Thurs 22/5/14 Mark Franks, Anne McSweeney
 Fri 23/5/14 Carmen Lee Williams, Kathy Lamph, Renee Mouser

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

Information from the DEC

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

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 Contact Number:

Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Regional Cross Country last Friday, 9th May:- Ryan, Lucy, Sophie, Ethan, Brock, Tess and Chloe.

Rugby League Kirkland Cup

Last Tuesday, the Singleton Public School Rugby League team went to Cook Park to play in the annual Kirkland Cup Carnival. The carnival is a well organised event run by the NRL. The team played well and demonstrated very pleasing improvement as the day went on. We were unlucky to lose our first two games but came away with a pleasing win in our last game which bodes well for the Knight's Knockout next Tuesday.

Thanks to Dylan Grant and Justin Black for their coaching help both at school and on the day. Also to Ms Purvis for washing the jumpers and the wonderful parents who came along to support the team.

Cathy Black
Coach

JetStar's 10th Birthday Celebrations

For five lucky students and one generous teacher the celebration of JetStar's 10th Anniversary means that they will be flying from Newcastle to Melbourne (and return) for a party as part of the re-enactment of JetStar's first commercial flight.

On Sunday 25th May, Mrs Dibben will be escorting Mikayla Brown, Chelsea Irving, Steve Morris, Gracie Russell and Jessica Hunt on an amazing day trip to JetStar's Melbourne base for an amazing celebration and party. Where do you hold a party for an airline? In a jet plane hangar of course.

This wonderful opportunity has come about due to our school's involvement in The Song Room program each Wednesday with Isabella as JetStar is one of the major sponsors of the Song Room program.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Independent Problem Solving

Sunday morning may have been a great opportunity to assess your child's independent problem solving skills. Did Mum get breakfast in bed? How well was the toast cooked? Was there an interesting mixture of spreads applied lovingly to the toast? What drink was served, especially if your child is not allowed to use the kettle...mmmm... cold coffee!

The task of preparing and serving a surprise breakfast for Mum on Mother's Day would have been a true practical test of independent problem solving ...and also a good laugh for any Dads that sat back and watched.

Maths Parents/Carers Workshop

Due to changes in dates for the Zone Touch Trial, the Maths Parent Workshop can now go ahead.

Date: 21st May 2014

Where: School Library

Time: 5 - 6pm

The workshop is targeting parents of Stage 1 and 2 but all are welcome! Parents and carers will be learning about jump, split and compensation strategies in addition and subtraction.

Uniform Shop

All parents and carers are asked to stay on the 'customer' side of the counter if they are purchasing any items through the Uniform Shop. Please do not 'help yourself' thinking it will be a help as it causes confusion for the volunteers on that day.

All Polo Shirts sizes are back in stock from size 4 through to 16.

Volunteers are always welcomed with open arms, if you can spare some time please call our new co-ordinator Nicole Furness on 0428 889 552 or leave your details with the ladies in the front office.

Please remember there is a uniform shop price list and order form on the Singleton Public School website, www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. Then simply click on 'Our School' and then 'P&C Information'.

Life Education Van Visit

Permission notes will be home for the Life Education Van visit from Thursday 5th - Monday 16th June.

School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Tuesday, 27th May for Kinder to Year 6. Family photos and group photos, eg, Student Leaders, Student Council and House Captains, will also be done on this day.

Personalised photo envelopes have been sent home to every child.

Family envelopes are now available from the school office. These envelopes will also need to be returned to school on the day. The family photos are for Singleton Public School students only.

Other group photos will be taken on the same day. Parents and carers will be able to order these later in the Term. A notice will appear in the newsletter when they are available to be ordered.

Please note that the school office will be closed from 8.30-9.00 am on Tuesday, 27th May while the staff photo is taken.

Full school winter uniform must be worn by all students, including navy socks and black shoes.

Premier's Reading Challenge

It is on again. Children can log on to the site to record the books they have read. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children will complete the challenge through their class. Year 3 to 6 students need to record their books individually. They need to read 20 books to complete the challenge and 15 of these books should come from the reading list.

Read More in May

Do you want to win some great prizes? Scholastic Australia is running the Read More in May competition. Go to this site for more information and to register. Not only will the child who reads for the most minutes win, but the school with the most minutes wins too! <http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/>

Singleton Town Library Visit

On the 21st and 22nd of May, Year 5 and 6 students will have a visit from Laura Bush from the town library. Laura will show students how to use the databases and other online services the library offers. Students also have the opportunity to become members of the library if they are not already. A membership form will be sent home with the students from Years 5 and 6. Forms need to come back to school by the 12th May. Membership is free to Singleton residents. Parents wishing to join can request a membership form from the town library or school library.

Canberra Excursion - Year 6

The bus from the Year 6 Canberra Excursion will return to Singleton Public School, Elizabeth Street entrance at about 5:00 pm on Friday 16th May.

The school will be updating the school website with the bus location and estimated time of arrival periodically on Friday afternoon.

In the meantime, here is a sneak peak of the fun Year 6 have been having in our nation's capital.

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Volunteers needed

Only 2 hours a week



FamilyInSight

As a Family InSight volunteer you can make a real difference to the lives of families with young children.

We need volunteers in the Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter areas urgently.

Course starts 21st May 2014.

Contact Family InSight on
4961 0700

www.familyinsight.org.au
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supporting families to raise children

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting, Singleton, Gowrie St Mall

Monday 19 May, 10.00am - 3.00pm (25 more donors needed)
Tuesday 20 May, 1.30pm - 6.30pm (15 more donors needed)
Wednesday 21 May, 1.30pm - 6.30pm (10 more donors needed)
Thursday 22 May, 1.30pm - 6.30pm (25 more donors needed)
Friday 23 May, 10.00am - 3.00pm (25 more donors needed)

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.

Amanda's Party: A Live Play

It can happen to anyone, at anyone's house. A happy party goes badly, the police are called, the solicitor is needed, and the court is involved.

Join the talented students from St Catherine's College for a live performance of their originally written, produced, directed reality awakening play at the Singleton Town Library.

Wednesday, 28 May, 2014
6pm to 7.30pm

Singleton Council is currently seeking feedback on the villages of Singleton to guide the direction of their Place Making program.

Place Making is a people based, community driven approach to designing and enhancing place.

We want to understand more about your PLACE, the good and the bad, so let us know by giving up 5 mins of your time by completing this survey.

This is an excellent opportunity for the people of Singleton to share their opinions and make a difference.

We would appreciate if you could print and distribute the survey to your students, for their parents.

The survey closes on the 16th of May, therefore we would require that they be sent to us before that date. IF this is not possible we can arrange for them to be collected by our staff.

The survey is also available online.

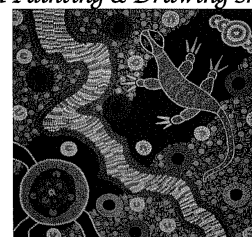
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The Coal & Allied 2014 Singleton Art Prize A Painting & Drawing Show



My Country Wamarruh Country Courtesy of Denise Hedges

Opening Night & Winners Announced Friday 18 July 2014

\$25 per head including finger food, wine & entertainment

Viewing from 6.00pm Food 7.00p Prize Winners announced 8.00pm

Wines courtesy of Mistletoe & Catherine Vale Wines

Open daily 10am to 6pm (entry \$2) Saturday 19 July Closing 6pm 22 July.

Venue Singleton Civic Centre - Queen Street Singleton NSW 2330

A two day artist workshop is being held by Terry Jarvis on 19&20 July all welcome from beginner to very experienced any age. Bookings are essential Wendy 65712055 or Gwen 65721247

In conjunction with this year's Art Prize, The Hunter Region Sculptors will be holding a parallel exhibition at the Singleton Sisters of Mercy Convent and Sacred Spaces Fine Music will be holding a Jazz Concert with Lisa Kinna and the Terence Koo Trio. "Swingin" at the Convent Sunday 20 July at 2pm

Sculpture, Jazz & Workshop Venue is at Sisters of Mercy Convent 30 Queen St Singleton NSW 2330

For further information contact David Gausden 0429 775 556 or John Drinan 02 6577 6156

www.singletononhunterrotary.org.au



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

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Ella Logan	KM	Hamish Jack
KS	Frankie Zoe	1A	Josh Brianna
1G	Harry Lachlan	1DL	Rubybelle Hannah
2B	Tyler Brayden	2P	Joshua Ruby
2Z	Jack Kaylar	3H	Mitchell Hunter Danika
3P	Faith Georgia Harry	3/4S	Tairawa Emily Sarah
4A	Amelia Charla Kowhai	5E	Jamin Tahia Ivy
5RV	Wairua Apii Chloe	6D	Mikayla Fynn Braith
6M	Cambell Flynn Braeoni	Support Unit	Tomeeka

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1 Bailey

Stage 1 Seth

Stage 2 Faith

Stage 3 Lachlan

Super Citizens

KL Evan

3H Brandon

1A Chelsea

4A Kobey

2B Hajara

6D Lachlan

Class work from 1DL

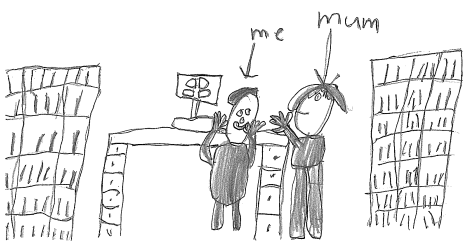
I love my mum because she makes my bed and gives me cuddles and kisses. When we go shopping she does my hair. My mum is the best.

Alison Mexon



I love my mum because she helps me on the computer and she gets our breakfast. She gives us cuddles and she washes my school clothes. She gives us lots of kisses and she takes me for a walk with our dogs. My mum is the best.

Lachie Campbell



I love my Mum because....

She cleans the house and she gets me breakfast.

She gives me cuddles and kisses.

She makes me tea and tucks me in bed.

She helps me clean my rabbit cage.

My Mum is the best!

Tyla Matthews



I love my mum because she does my hair in the morning and she makes my bed. She drives me to school and she takes me for a ride to get some toys. My mum is the best.

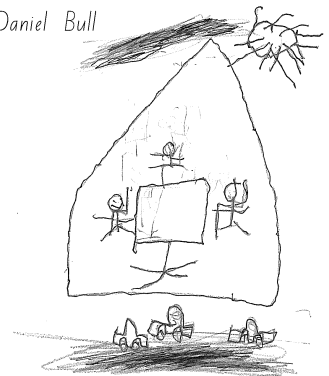
Siaan Carmen



I love my mum because she takes me out for morning tea and she takes me out for breakfast. She takes me for a ride on my bike to the heights shop.

My mum is the best.

Daniel Bull



I love my mum because she gives me cuddles and kisses. She cleans the house and takes me for a walk. She makes my breakfast. My mum is the best!

Laila Cooke

