

# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 4 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

21 MAY 2014

I would like to share how wonderful the trip to Canberra was this year. All of our students, staff and parents were an absolute pleasure to be with and a credit to our school. Day after day I was impressed with the information that our students shared, the courtesy that they displayed to other members of the public, and the helpfulness displayed throughout the five days. I know listening to the parents involved with the trip that they were amazed by the variety and quality of centres visited through our stay. Many thanks to Mrs Dibben and Mrs Merrick for their leadership on the excursion and to Mr Ian Saxby for his organisation.

During the past week we had an incident of strangers approaching our students from the other side of our fence and making inappropriate comments. The executive teachers of the school directed all staff to reinforce "Stranger Danger" with all classes. It is sad that we have to do this but it is reassuring that our teachers and support staff acted quickly to reinforce appropriate behaviours amongst our students.

Our school photos will be taken next Tuesday and all students are requested to be in full winter uniform including black shoes. If the weather is pleasant and sunny we may get to have outdoor photos otherwise we will be in the hall. There are opportunities for sibling photos on the day. Please check with your child's class teacher if you have not received a photo envelope from MSP Photography as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your envelope, spares are available at the school office but they will not have the personalised information on them. Our Office does not handle any of the money in this process.

Welcome to three new students (and their families) that have joined our school this week. It is with pleasure that we say hello to Katelyn (Yr 6), Joshua (Yr 6) and Jordan (Yr 1), I am confident that you will quickly make many new friends at our school.

David Crowe  
Principal

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 21 May</b>	5-6pm Parents/Carers Maths Workshop for Stage 1 and Stage 2 parents/carers
<b>Thursday 22 May</b>	Girls and Boys Soccer PSSA
<b>Friday 23 May</b>	Girls Cricket PSSA
<b>Monday 26 May</b>	Debating
<b>Tuesday 27 May</b>	School Photos - <b>return the photo envelope on the day.</b> <b>Office closed from 8.30-9.00 am for staff photos</b>
<b>Friday 30 May</b>	Hunter Touch
<b>Wednesday 4 June</b>	ICAS (UNSW) Science Test P & C Meeting 7 pm
<b>Thursday 5th- Monday 16th June</b>	Hunter Life Education Van Visit - payments due by Friday, 30th May
<b>Friday 6 June</b>	Hunter Softball
<b>Monday 9 June</b>	Public Holiday - long weekend
<b>Monday 16 June</b>	Commonwealth Games Day
<b>Tuesday 17 June</b>	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
<b>Thursday 19 June</b>	After school sports concludes
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	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.



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## Parking

Due to increased complaints from surrounding businesses and neighbours, the school would like to remind all parents and carers that 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. The driveway of the Parsonage also needs to be kept clear at all times as it is an emergency entrance and exit to the school.

Parents and carers are also reminded that driving in or parking on school grounds is not permitted unless prior permission has been obtained. This includes the car park area adjacent the Support Unit to drop students off for school. This can cause considerable problems as this area is designated for taxi transport of students in the Support Unit. Please do not use this entrance as a walking thoroughfare, it is for vehicles only.

## Benefits of “Kiss and Go”

There are a number of benefits from adopting a “Kiss and Go” approach to dropping your child at school and it is encouraged at our school. These include;

- ★ the building of independence skills for the child as they will quickly learn the morning routines and expectations;
- ★ increased free play and social building opportunities – without Mum or Dad in the playground children quickly find a friend to interact and play with. It is amazing how much energy young children can burn in five minutes;
- ★ reduced anxiety and stress for other students – often it is not your child crying in morning lines, it is another child who is ‘missing’ their parent. The presence of additional parents in the school grounds can increase this anxiety;
- ★ improved traffic flow around the school and increased pedestrian safety – we all know how hectic and difficult it can be to get a park around school grounds in the morning;
- ★ increased opportunities for your child to interact with teachers and staff at the school in a relaxed, informal setting.

## Jersey Sponsorship

### Attention all Businesses

Our school has two sets of jerseys - one for our soccer team and one for our Rugby League team. In Term 2 it becomes very crowded with winter teams playing day after day and sometimes having to play game after game. That is why we are offering for a business to sponsor a set of jerseys for our school teams. A set of jerseys would cost anywhere up to \$800 and you would have your businesses name on the jersey. The jerseys generally last a few years in which time your business name would be publicised each time our students play. If you are interested please contact the school on 6571 2250.

## Rugby Report

Our Rugby 7s team played in the Hunter/Newcastle Finals on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We played four matches in our pool and won three out of the four - just going down to Edgeworth 2-1. As a result we finished second in our pool and missed out on making it through to the final match of the day.

On Monday our boys participated in the PSSA Bryan Palmer Shield. This is a 12-a-side competition that includes schools from all over the state. We had three matches to play on the day and the boys got off to a great start winning their first match. They then went on to win their next two matches and were undefeated for the day. This meant we finished first in our pool and now progress onto the next round of the competition.

The boys represented our school well both on and off the field. They played well as a team and were well behaved when waiting in between matches.

Well done to all the boys on a great two days.

Joel Andrews, Rugby Co-ordinator

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 **Nutrition Snippet**

## The simplest way

...to use leftovers in the lunchbox

Leftovers are an easy way to pack your kids a nutritious lunch, whilst clearing out the fridge.

Your kids will love these tasty leftovers and their lunch box will be sure to come home empty.

Try some of these ideas:

- Cottage pie or spag bol sandwiches - both taste great on wholemeal bread
- Healthy fried rice or stir-frys are a fun alternative to a sandwich
- Turn leftover vegies into a frittata
- Add leftover baked veg to a sandwich or use steamed sweet potato or pumpkin as a sandwich spread with cheese (then add your favourite salad).



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

**Eat It To Beat It**

### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 5, Term 2 2014

Mon 26/5/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry, Amy Warton

Fri 30/5/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jan Fallding

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 5, Term 2 2014

Mon 26/5/14 Sally Menere, Anna Adamthwaite

Tues 27/5/14 Leane Knox, Rebecca Hobbs

Wed 28/5/14 Tammy Cox (9-12pm), Shaelie Carroll

Thurs 29/5/14 Sharon Tredennick, 1 more helper please

Fri 30/5/14 Nat Moore, 2 more helpers please

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

### Information from the DEC

#### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser

[www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

#### 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 ..... Contact Number: .....

## New Gate Routine

For the safety and well being of our students, the school has recently changed its gate routine. The small side gate near the Kinder and Year 2 building in Hunter Street will no longer be open of a morning or afternoon. The main entry to this area of the school will be the front gate near the Parsonage (office) building.

## Life Education Van Visit

The 'Healthy Harold' Life Education Van will be at Singleton Public School from Thursday, 5 June to Monday, 16 June 2014. All classes will visit the van in separate sessions over this period. Each grade follows a different program so it is important for children to participate each year. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PD/Health/PE curriculum. A brief outline of the program contents is:

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten - "Clued Up"

Stage 1 - Year 1 – "Harold's Mystery Tour"

Stage 1 - Year 2 – "Harold's Heroes"

Stage 2 - Year 3 – "Harold's Diary"

Stage 2 – Year 4 – "Mind Your Medicine"

Stage 3 - Year 5 – "On the Case"

Stage 3 - Year 6 – "Think Twice"

The cost is \$9.00 per child. Permission notes have been sent home. Notes and money must be paid to the class teacher no later than **12.30 pm on Friday, 30 May**. This enables the office staff to compile reports of payment for the class teachers. Please contact the school office if you are in need of financial assistance – all enquiries are strictly confidential.

**HAROLD PRODUCTS** - The separate form is attached to the permission note with a list of the items that children can purchase directly from the van. The money for these purchases must be put in an envelope with their name, class and what they want to purchase and **sent in on their allocated day**. Any separate tax deductible donations, as per the form, (not including the \$9.00 per child entry) is to be by cheque made out to Life Education NSW and attached to that particular return slip. We will forward it on to Life Education and they will forward you a receipt.

The session times are:-

Day/Date	Thurs 5/6	Fri 6/6	Tues 10/6	Wed 11/6	Thurs 12/6	Fri 13/6	Mon 16/6
Session 1 9.30 to 11.00 am	Support Junior Support Senior	2B	2P	2Z	6M	6D	Stand-by
Session 2 12.00 to 1.30 pm	3H	3P	3/4S	4A	5RV	5E	Stand-by
Session 3 2.00 to 3.00 pm	KS	KM	KL	1DL	1A	1G	Stand-by

## 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.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

**Following teacher directions in both the classroom and the playground , at all times**

This is a behaviour that is often easier said than done! We would hope that our children are listening and following all reasonable directions from all adults that they should obey. As adults we also need to teach our children how to politely refuse directions that they believe are not appropriate.

An example of this may be refusing to open the front door of your house to accept a letter or package from a stranger!

## **Canberra Excursion - Year 6**

Last week Year 6 students travelled to Canberra.

We had a fantastic time visiting lots of exciting and spectacular attractions, but we couldn't have done it without the parents:

Marc Justen, Ali Brown, Heath Purvis, Owen Howe and Melinda Grant.

Thank you so much for coming with us!

Thank you also to our wonderful teachers and principal: Mr Crowe, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Dibben and Mrs Varney.

Bridget Smith 6M

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## Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at:-

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

## Zone Touch Trials

Congratulations to the boys and girls touch teams who competed at the Zone Touch trials at Aberdeen on Monday Night. Both teams played well over the course of the evening. Sophie, Claire, Tess and Jules were chosen through to the possibles and probables game.

All four girls had dominant games however, Tess and Jules were selected to represent the Upper Hunter Zone at the Hunter trials next week. Congratulations and good luck.

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## Knockout Touch v Muswellbrook PS

Good luck to our girls touch team who are off to play Muswellbrook PS in the first round of the Knockout competition in the coming weeks.

## Library and Information Week

This week is Library and Information Week. The theme is "Join the Dots". We have created a display showing children how we can link information. Some of our senior classes have thought of some other amazing links to the display.

Part of this week is also National Simultaneous Storytime which will be held this Wednesday at 11am. All around Australia people will be reading and sharing the fantastic book 'Too many elephants in this house' by Ursula Dubosarsky. As part of this our library has been invaded by about 150 elephants, most of them kindly made by Mrs Van Der Wel's mum. Children are invited to come to the library to see if they can find the elephants and have the opportunity to enter a lucky draw if they can find them.

We are also selling bookmarks on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be on sale at lunchtime and recess. They cost either 20c or 50c. Money raised will be used by the library for the children.

We hope you have a great Library and Information Week.

## Overdue Loans

Last week overdue notices were sent home. It is great to see so many children borrowing books to read but it is important they are returned so others can enjoy them. Thank you to all the children who have returned their books on time or have brought in their overdue books already.



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## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Road Safety - Did you Know!?

Children need to be closely supervised when travelling on or near roads until they are 10 years old. Children need an adult to hold their hand when crossing the road until they are at least 10 years old.

### 7. Hold an adult's hand

They might try very hard to observe all the road safety rules, but children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

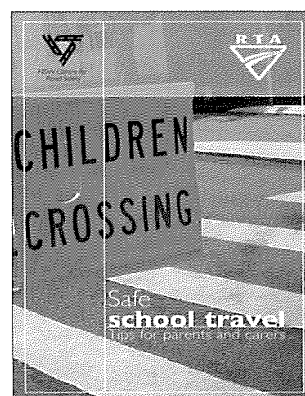
- Talk with your children about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers posed by heavy vehicles which may be entering or exiting driveways.
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
  - On the footpath.
  - In the car park.
  - When crossing the road.

- Between eight and at least ten years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- After school, meet your child AT the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

For a free copy of the brochure, *Safe school travel Tips for parents and carers*, Stock No 4509 2292, contact the RTA.



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## Join the Singleton Scouts!



Scouts is for boys and girls from the age of 6!

You can take part in:

Abseiling, hiking, camping, bike riding, swimming, games, earning badges and awards, cooking, knotting & orienteering

The list is endless!

Scout groups meet through the week during school terms at the Scout Hall, Edward Street, Singleton:

Joeys (age 6 to 8) meet Mondays 5.30 to 6.30pm  
Cubs (ages 8 to 11) meet Thursdays 6 - 7:30pm  
Scouts (age 11-14) meet Wednesdays 6-8pm  
Venturers (age 14-18) meet Tuesdays 6.30 to 8pm

For more information, contact:  
Group Leader Angela on 6572 3422 or  
[scouts.singleton@live.com.au](mailto:scouts.singleton@live.com.au)



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT SUPER EVENT

Our SUPER Girls Night Out Event will include not only an ADVANCED SCREENING of the highly anticipated film *BELLE*, but consultants from Lorraine Lea Linen, Tupperware, Scentey, Kaszazz Scrapbooking, Thermomix and The Body Shop on hand to showcase their great range of products.

We've also got wine tasting and a finger food feast for you to enjoy.

And to top the night off, the Napoleon Perdis representatives from Pharmacy First will be on hand to help you look your best!

Movie Club Members - \$20  
Non Members - \$25

Bookings MUST be made in advanced!

TUESDAY 27TH May from 6pm with the film  
beginning @ 7.30pm.

Tickets are on SALE now at Majestic Cinemas



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

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.

**Family Fun Day**  
**Singleton Golf Club**

★ Jumping Castle ★ Dixie Swing Ride ★  
★ Face Painting ★ Laughing Clowns ★  
★ Food and Drinks ★ Fairy Floss ★  
★ Popcorn Air ★ Brush Tattoo ★  
★ Piccolo The Clown ★ Juggling Show ★

**24 May from 11am**

For more information contact Ruth 0403 404 460  
Or Carmen 0412 437 513





## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 3, 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KL</b>	Sam Charlotte	<b>KM</b>	Jessica Alisha
<b>KS</b>	Hayden Arthur	<b>1A</b>	Jack Chelsea
<b>1G</b>	Cooper Charlotte	<b>1DL</b>	Lachie Kaden
<b>2B</b>	Noah Makayla	<b>2P</b>	Jeremy Emma
<b>2Z</b>	Jake Madison	<b>3H</b>	Toby Lili Kley
<b>3P</b>	Max Teighan Eevie	<b>3/4S</b>	Samuel Caroline Brodie
<b>4A</b>	Charlotte Brock	<b>5E</b>	Evan Leena Olivia
<b>5RV</b>	Avril Jayden Sophie	<b>6D</b>	CANBERRA
<b>6M</b>	CANBERRA	<b>Support Unit</b>	Jett Harley

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Ciah KL	<b>Stage 1</b>	Riley 1G
<b>Stage 2</b>	Braedyn 4A	<b>Stage 3</b>	Willem 5RV

#### Super Citizens

KM	Jacob
2P	Jacques
5RV	Willem

## Class work from KS

