

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

11 JUNE 2014

We have two special days coming up next week with our whole school - Commonwealth Games celebration day on Monday 16th followed by our annual school athletics carnival on Tuesday 17th. Both days are lots of fun and allow our students to get out and be physically active.

Two years ago we had a Summer Olympics Day which was a lot of fun with the students dressed up in team colours; working together at various challenges and games; and supporting each other. The Commonwealth Games day will be very much the same. If you would like to come along and support your child's "country" please sign in at the Office before entering the sporting arena. The cost for this activity is a \$2 contribution per child with the school offsetting the balance.

On Tuesday our students in Year 2-6 will participate in the Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights. ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING will need to be at school by 9.00 am for an early rollcall before being transported to the oval by bus. Parents and other family members are required to assist with various jobs on the day therefore volunteers are welcomed. A \$2.50 bus fare needs to be paid at school by this Friday, 13 June.

A general reminder to all families to ensure that all school clothing is clearly labelled or can be identified when it becomes lost. It is staggering how many jumpers and jackets our students lose each week without a name on the label. If you think about losing twenty dollars (plus) each time, there is a lot of money going to waste.

The corridor of the Year 1 area (above the Library) is looking fantastic. It is amazing what a new coat of paint, fresh fixtures and some new furniture can do to improve a learning space. I am very pleased with the end result and am confident that the teachers and students will make good use of this area once again.

Enjoy the week.

David Crowe  
Principal

### 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.

### Calendar of Events

<b>Friday 13 June</b>	Payment due for Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival Payment due for Year 1 Wollombi excursion
<b>Monday 16 June</b>	<b>Commonwealth Games Day - see information in this newsletter (students bring \$2.00 on the day)</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 June</b>	Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival
<b>Wednesday 18 June</b>	Year 1 excursion to Wollombi
<b>Thursday 19 June</b>	Band Eisteddfod After school sports concludes
<b>Friday 20 June</b>	Hunter Rugby Union
<b>Monday-Friday 23-27 June</b>	NAIDOC Week
<b>Monday 23 June</b>	Debating
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	School NAIDOC Day - activities and an assembly Deposit due for Year 5 Aussie Bush
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	Hunter Softball Supercitizen lunch <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
<b>Monday 14 July</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b>	First day of Term 3 for students
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	Year 3 final excursion payment due - total cost \$175 (less \$50 deposit = \$125).
<b>Friday 18 July</b>	Payments due for Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover)
<b>Thursday 24 July</b>	Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover)
<b>Thursday 31 July</b>	<b>WOMBAT STEW EXCURSION - Limited seats available for K-2 students</b>
<b>Friday 15 August</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion final payment due

**This weeks assembly is hosted by Support Unit  
at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

**Uniform Shop** - a new price list and order form has been released. Updated copies can be obtained from the school's web-site or the school office. The changes were small pricing increases.



**Education &  
Communities**

## Student Health - PLEASE READ

There is a child from a family in our school community that is currently undergoing chemotherapy. The school would like to remind parents and carers that we ask that families report any contagious illnesses to the office - especially any instances of Chicken Pox.

Could the families in 3/4S be particularly vigilant with keeping any sick children at home and advising the school of any contagious illnesses suffered by students (including vomiting or diarrhea).

It is Singleton Public School's usual policy that parents/carers advise the school if their child suffers with infectious diseases including but not limited to: chicken pox and shingles, mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), meningococcal and whooping cough (pertussis).

## Student Supervision

There is an alarming amount of students starting to arrive early at school and/or stay later at school. Please be aware that supervision for children starts at **8.40 am** of a morning. **The school cannot guarantee that students that arrive before this time are supervised.** Similarly the school cannot provide supervision for students that are not collected promptly after the 3.10 pm bell. Although many staff are at school at these times, there will be occasions where other commitments mean that staff will need to leave school on time.

## 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. Any items that have been there for several weeks will be washed and donated to the Uniform Shop to be sold as second hand items.

## Commonwealth Games Day

The school will be hosting a Commonwealth Game Day on Monday, 16 June. Please see the full page information flyer later in this newsletter. Students are asked to bring in \$2.00 on the day and wear sports clothes and shoes.

## Girls and Boys Soccer

On Wednesday our Boys' and Girls' PSSA Soccer teams played against King Street Public School in their second round matches. The girls played first and started strong with an early goal putting them in the lead. The girls played a great game, working well as a team and keeping the talk positive. They moved the ball around the field well and are starting to gel very well as a team. The girls went on to win their match and now progress onto Round 3.

The boys played second and also started strong, nearly scoring twice inside the first five minutes. Our boys played very well against a strong King Street team, only conceding 3 goals to a team that had scored 7 in the game before. Many of our boys do not play soccer on the weekend and picked up the skills of the game very quickly. Well done on a great two games boys.

Joel Andrews  
Soccer Coach

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## Wombat Stew Excursion - limited spots still available!

K-2 students have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle to watch a performance of 'Wombat Stew' on Thursday, 31 July. A chance such as this does not come up very often, so make sure you get your note and money into school as soon as possible. Details are on the permission note in the newsletter dated 28 May or is available on the school's website. The return slip also appears later in this newsletter.

As there are limited spaces available, places are on a 'first in, best served' basis. There are still plenty of spaces available for students in years Kindergarten to Year 2 HOWEVER if there are still spaces available in Week 9, the excursion will be opened up to Year 3 students! (Please note: this excursion is for students only, no parents are required to attend).

Envelopes and money are to be handed in to class teachers (\$30.00). Credit card slips are featured on Page 3 of this newsletter should you wish to use this payment method.

## P&C Points of Interest

**Cancer Council NSW** Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to use legumes

Did you know that legumes are classified as a vegetable?

Legumes include: **baked beans, kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, cannellini beans and split peas.**



They're high in protein, fibre, B-group vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorus, zinc, magnesium, folate and anti-oxidants.

*Basically, they are really good for you!*

Besides their nutritional value, the great thing about legumes is that they're very cheap, readily available and easy to use.

Chickpeas make a great addition to casseroles, soups and pasta sauces. Add lentils or kidney beans to minced meat in bolognese, chilli con carne and nachos. Hummus (pureed chickpeas) makes a healthy snack in a lunch box. Or simply serve baked beans on toast that even the fussiest eater will love!

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 8, Term 2 2014

Mon 16/6/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Hobbs

Fri 20/6/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kathy Lamph, Leane Knox

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 2 2014

Mon 16/6/14 **2 Helpers please**

Tues 17/6/14 Nadia Brown, Nicole Furness

Wed 18/6/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald

Thurs 19/6/14 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss

Fri 20/6/14 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward

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

### Information from the DEC

#### Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk>

#### Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the week-ends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult : <http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0>

### 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: .....

The schools' P&C is the organisation responsible for providing direct support to your child's school. Our P&C provides financial assistance, funds special projects and helps to promote the profile of the school throughout the community. Your involvement is required to ensure that all that can be done for our children does occur. Please come along to our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6th August.

President: Syed Alam – daughters in 6D and 2B

Vice Presidents: James Skinner – son KL & Rebecca Hobbs – daughter KM and son in 1G

Secretary: Kathy Lamph – daughter 6M

Treasurer: Donna Croft – son 2B

At the last meeting, our P&C committed funds to the following projects across the school:

- install stage curtains in the hall;
- purchase new reading assessment programs and resources;
- purchase new furniture for the Library.

## Volunteers required

The Garden Club is looking for volunteers who would like to help to keep the Garden Club area weed free and watered. If you are interested in helping, perhaps while waiting for the afternoon bell to ring, please see Miss Moon.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

### Demonstrating QUALITY personal organisation.

This behaviour is one that we should be instilling into our children every day. Simple things like educating our children the sensible way to have a morning routine – i.e. eat breakfast, brush teeth, pack school bag with lunch, etc. There are many parents that continue to do these things for their children in Year 6 and even High School. The sooner our children have these behaviours incorporated into their daily routine the easier it will be for them to develop better organisational skills such ....ummm....study sessions in Year 11. (That's a personal fight that I won't go into! Oh well).

## Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** at Alroy Oval. Both track and field events will take place on the day. Students need to assemble under the COLA at 9.00 am with their class teacher (Students on late arriving buses will join their classes on arrival). We will leave school at 9.10 am, ready to start at 9.40 am sharp. **This Athletics Carnival is for all children in Years 2-6.**

All children will travel to and from Alroy Oval by bus and the cost will be \$2.50 (due by Friday, 13 June). **All children must come to school, have their name marked off the roll and then travel on the bus to Alroy Oval at the allotted time.**

## Year 1 Excursion

On Wednesday, 18th June Year 1 students will have the opportunity to participate in a History excursion to Wollombi as a conclusion to their unit of work on "Past and Present Family Life". Students will travel by bus to Wollombi. The cost of the excursion is \$14.00. The bus will depart at 9 am (children must be at school at 8.40 to ensure they don't miss the bus) and will arrive at the school before the 3.10 pm bell at the end of the day. Students will need to be in full school uniform including a hat and jumper as well as bring recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack or school bag. Permission notes have been sent home with students or can be found on the school website.

## Year 5 Aussie Bush

The major excursion for Year 5 is to "The Great Aussie Bush Camp" at Tea Gardens for 4 days from Tuesday, 18 November to Friday, 21 November, 2014 (Week 7, Term 4). A list of requirements for camp and the permission note has been sent home.

The cost of the excursion is \$300 for students and \$320 for accompanying parents (who will be balloted). This includes bus fare, accommodation and all meals.

A \$50 deposit must be paid to the school office by **Thursday, 26 June** for all students. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. Balance of all money must be paid by Friday, 31 October 2014 for students and parents. You can start paying by instalments now.

## 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.

## KS Craft Stall

With winter now here and less time spent outdoors, it's that time of year to busy those fingers and tap into those creative juices. Yes! Mrs Scoles is asking for craft items for her stall at this year's fete. All donations are gratefully accepted from now on. Please leave them at her class.

## Eat it to Beat It Workshop at our school!!

Date: Wednesday 6th August

Time: 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm

Venue: Singleton Public School library

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:-

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending.

Registration is essential. To book your place, please register by 1/8/14 by emailing [eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au](mailto:eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au), visiting [www.cancerCouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register](http://www.cancerCouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register) or phone 02 4323 0704.

## Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra Aboriginal Show

We are thrilled to announce that charismatic, vibrant and captivating Indigenous artist Sean Choolburra will be performing at our school for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 on **Thursday July 24, 2014**.

The visiting show complements both the school's cultural program as well as the Australian National Curriculum.

There will be a performance at 12.35 pm for students in K-2 and 2.00 pm for students in Years 3-6.

The cost is **\$5.50** per student which should be returned to the class teacher with the permission note by **Friday, 18 July 2014 (Week 1, Term 3)**.

**Please note this visiting show is NOT covered by Supercover.**

Note - Permission notes and money for all events must be sent to the class teacher before or on the return date. Please forward these to school early to avoid disappointment. The office does not accept any payments after 12.30 pm on any day.

Permission notes have been sent home this week.

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## PERMISSION NOTE -Wombat Stew

Return to the office asap

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Wombat Stew excursion on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014. I understand travel will be by bus leaving at 8.30am and returning at approximately 3.10 pm. I enclose \$ 30 as the total cost of the excursion.

My child has the following medical / special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

Date





**SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY**  
**MONDAY 16TH JUNE**

**Aims**

- To make a special, active and educational day for the students.
- To give the students a real taste of the Commonwealth Games by participating in the Opening & Closing Ceremonies.
- To give the students a greater understanding of the Commonwealth Games Ideals.

*“Humanity, Equality & Destiny”*

**Timetable**

**9:15 -- 9:45am** Opening Ceremony

**9:45 – 11.10am (85mins)** Infants Events

**11:10 – 12:00am** Lunch

**12:00 – 1:30pm (90mins)** Primary Events

**1:30 -- 2:00pm** Recess

**2:00 -- 2:30pm** Closing Ceremony



The children are to wear sports clothes and shoes preferably in the colours of the country they are representing. They will be informed of their country this week.

The cost of the day is \$2 which is to be given straight to the class teacher on the day.

Cathy Black  
Organiser

## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 6, 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KL</b>	Leo Jack	<b>KM</b>	Stirling Ashton Yongi
<b>KS</b>	Sophie Ewan	<b>1A</b>	Jackson Shilah
<b>1G</b>	Ella Donny Harrison	<b>1DL</b>	Liam Byron Koia
<b>2B</b>	Emma Blake	<b>2P</b>	Ivy John
<b>2Z</b>	Kaeli Max	<b>3H</b>	Emma Lucy Matthew
<b>3P</b>	Lily Ava Joel	<b>3/4S</b>	Liliana William Jack          Meghan
<b>4A</b>	Hunter Life Van	<b>5E</b>	Dan Erin Georga
<b>5RV</b>	Barney John Olivia	<b>6D</b>	Will Cheyanne Konnor
<b>6M</b>	Jeremy Cody Gracie	<b>Support Unit</b>	Tomeeka Amber Ashton

#### Singleton Stars

**Early Stage 1** Lilly KL, Jhy KL

**Stage 1** Donny 1G

**Stage 2** Lucy 3H

**Stage 3** Brandon 6M

#### Super Citizens

KL Jasmine

3H Emma

1A Shilah

4A Amelia

6D Jessica



## Class work from 5RV



Olivia



Sophie



Jaidyn



Olivia



Chloe



Natalie