

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 8 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

18 JUNE 2014

We truly have had an active time at school this week with the Commonwealth Games Day on Monday followed by our annual school athletics carnival. I would like to acknowledge the organisers for both events Mrs Black and Mr Andrews for their wonderful contribution to our school. These events are wonderful as they provide our students opportunities to participate in physical activity, support their peers, and most importantly have fun.

Our teachers are burning the midnight oil preparing, editing and publishing reports for the end of semester one. Many hours of assessment and considered thought goes into each report comment. The format that our school utilises provides a summary of the many educational outcomes that are addressed in each subject as well as providing further descriptive dialogue regarding the strengths and areas of development for our students. It is the aim of the school to have all reports distributed on Wednesday 25th June.

All parents and interested people are invited to come along to the fete committee meeting that will be held from 2.30 pm on Friday 20 June. The meeting will be held in Mrs Bunnemeyer's classroom (behind the canteen) and all assistance would be warmly welcomed. The school fete is our biggest fund raiser and a great open day for the school. A date for your diary – **SCHOOL FETE – Friday 5th September.**

Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are filling quickly with over 50 children already registered for possible enrolment at our school. If you have a child ready for Kindergarten please contact the office to register your interest so that we can ensure you receive an invitation to our Information Night and other relevant materials.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Thursday 19 June	Band Eisteddfod After school sports concludes
Friday 20 June	Hunter Rugby Union Fete Committee Meeting - 2.30 pm in Support Unit (7BD)
Monday-Friday 23-27 June	NAIDOC Week
Monday 23 June	Debating
Wednesday 25 June	Student reports to go home
Thursday 26 June	School NAIDOC Day - activities and an assembly Deposit due for Year 5 Aussie Bush
Friday 27 June	Hunter Softball Supercitizen lunch Last day of Term 2
Monday 14 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15 July	First day of Term 3 for students
Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 final excursion payment due - total cost \$175 (less \$50 deposit = \$125).
Friday 18 July	Payments due for Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover)
Thursday 24 July	Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover)
Thursday 31 July	WOMBAT STEW EXCURSION - Limited seats available for K-2 students
Friday 15 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion final payment due
Friday 5 September	School Fete

**This weeks assembly is hosted by 1A
at the 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.



**Education &
Communities**

Year 1 Corridor

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. The corridor is pictured below where the students are already using the area for reading groups and other activities.

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Head Lice

There have been a few reported cases of headlice in the school. We ask that all parents check their children's hair regularly and if you suspect anything please see your local pharmacist for advice on the correct treatment. Head lice are a regular occurrence in schools and are not a problem if treated quickly and efficiently. Even if children only have eggs they should still be treated and all eggs removed.

For some great advice check out Associate Professor Rick Speare's head lice information sheet available on the internet. The sheet can be accessed at www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinfo1.htm which is on the James Cook University website.

Following are just a couple of useful tips:-

- * Apply conditioner to dry hair and then comb through thoroughly with a nit comb. The conditioner slows down the adult lice.
- * Always re-treat seven days after the initial treatment to kill any juveniles that have hatched from eggs after the first treatment. Two weeks after the first treatment put conditioner in the hair, comb with a fine-tooth comb and check for lice.

Year 6 Zoo Project

Congratulations to all Year 6 students for their fabulous zoo displays. The winning project voted by the students will be displayed on the front office as of next week. Above is just a few of the final displays.

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Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to eat more fruit & veg

Did you know that eating the right amount of fruit and veg is essential in the fight against cancer?

Try to make them part of every meal, to make sure you get your 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of veg every day.



At brekky, add some mushrooms or spinach to your eggs. Eat a piece of fruit at morning tea, and then add a salad to your lunch. Serve vegies with dinner, and have fruit and yoghurt for dessert.

To make lunch boxes as healthy as possible:

- Pack some veggie sticks, like carrot or cucumber
- Cut up fruit into small pieces
- Freeze fruit like grapes and add to the lunch box
- Include left over baked vegies.

For more information visit www.eatitbeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatitbeatit

Eat It To Beat It

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9, Term 2 2014

Mon 23/6/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry, Amy Warton
 Fri 27/6/14 (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 2 2014

Mon 23/6/14 Sally Menere, Anna Adamthwaite
 Tues 24/6/14 Leane Knox, Rebecca Hobbs
 Wed 25/6/14 Tammy Cox 9-12pm, Shaelie Carrol
 Thurs 26/6/14 Mary Franks, Anne McSweeney
 Fri 27/6/14 Carmen Lee Williams, Kathy Lamph, Renee Mouser

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

Information from the DEC

Helping with homework

How much should you help your child with homework? When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier.

Learning to read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

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:

Touch Footy

Congratulations to our girls touch football team who defeated Muswellbrook PS 4-1 in the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition. The girls next match is against Denman PS on Friday at 1pm at Civic Park. Good luck to all players.

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2P Parent / Teacher Interviews

Mrs Price will be conducting Parent / Teacher Interviews in Term 3. Notes will be sent home by Mrs Price this term.

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.

Uniform Shop

The P&C wish to advise that there has been a small price increase to two items only. The Sloppy Joe or V Neck jumpers are now \$20.00 and the girls stockings are now \$10 per pair. Copies of the price list and order form showing the new prices can be found on the school website or are available at the school office.

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.

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

To become a member of the P&C costs a measly two dollars! We have a strong committee in place that welcomes other parents to come along and share ideas and discuss concerns. We would especially like to see more K-2 parents come along. Don't worry – you will not be shanghaied into a job! School aged children are welcome to come along and use the school computer lab during the meeting if required.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Respecting and Valuing the Individual Qualities of Others - Many of our students do this on a regular basis as they play with their peers. Our school has an unique mixture of personalities, abilities, and characteristics. Another aspect of our school which is special is the **high level of acceptance, tolerance and support our students display towards one another. Take the time to ask your child about their friends and learn about the individuals that contribute to your child's daily interactions.**

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.

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.

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, visiting 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.

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 31st 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



In celebration of NAIDOC Week

Singleton Public School is

inviting you to a

NAIDOC

day of Celebration

on Thursday 26th June 2014.

Please come along and help us celebrate.

There will be a variety of cultural activities for all!

Opening ceremony begins at 9:15am



Commonwealth Games Day

A great day of fun and activity was had on Monday. The children had a wonderful time and behaved beautifully. Well done to the Year Six students who were flag bearers, name bearers and torch carriers. Mick Taylor did a great job reading the oath. Thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs Pfeifer and the Singleton High School Work Experience students who ran or helped at stations. It was lovely to see so many parents come to watch and support the children. You really added to the spectacle of the day!

Cathy Black, Organiser

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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 7, 2014

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Harley Miley	KM	Sophie Luke
KS	Kayley Campbell	1A	Alex Amber
1G	Taj Talan Regan	1DL	Laila Koia
2B	Kristie Sam	2P	Gabby Joshua
2Z	Hamish Harry	3H	Portia Ciara Hamish
3P	Georgia Harry Adam	3/4S	Gwenice James Bill
4A	Sam Kate Bree	5E	Hunter Life Van
5RV	Olivia Avril John	6D	Reece Zaynab Thomas
6M	Chloe Claire Andrew Callum	Support Unit	Arnold

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1 Jacob

Stage 1 Gillian

Stage 2 Claire

Stage 3 Chelsea

Super Citizens

KM Lily

3P Lucy

1DL Tyla

5E Healthy Harold

2P Gillian

6M Tess



Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

To coincide with NAIDOC week, children will learn about Australia's Indigenous culture through craft, games and interactive activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 8 July 2014

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

Free Sausage sandwich for children only, \$1 each for adults.
Drinks available for purchase. No bookings required.

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

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

FOR CHILDREN TURNING 8 - 13 YEARS IN 2014

Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?

Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.

ALSO OFFERING AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR NETBALL PROGRAM IN 2014

~ REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN ~

For children turning 8-13 in 2014
(only 10 positions available per age group)



For further info contact email: jula@pivotnetball.com.au
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contacting the school office
emailing eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au
visiting www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register
or phoning (02) 4923 0704



Class work from 7W

7W have been studying the unit "Growing and Changing"

We have been exploring the ways that people lived years ago compared to how we live now. We have also looked at how we have changed and grown since birth. 7W planted grass seeds and watched how they grew over a period of weeks. The students glued faces on them and are going to give them a haircut before they leave school and take residence in their own homes.

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