

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

25 JUNE 2014

All students will be receiving their Semester One reports on Wednesday afternoon. Many hours of assessment, consideration of data and identification of strengths and weaknesses have gone into the production of these documents. I thank our wonderful teaching staff for their dedication towards the preparation of the reports. As always, parents are welcome to arrange an appropriate time to discuss any matters with their child's teacher by contacting the school office.

I would also like to extend a welcome to all members of our school community to come along and participate in this year's NAIDOC Day celebrations to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Ms Sullivan, Ms Whalan and Miss Parker have been planning a special day for all students to develop a greater understanding of our Aboriginal history, the cultures and traditions, and to have a great day to celebrate our inclusive society.

I am looking forward to Friday when I will be preparing a sausage sizzle lunch for all of our Semester 1 Super Citizens. I will be inviting all of the amazing students that have received this wonderful award so far this year to join me and the other members of staff to celebrate a great achievement.

Grandparents Day has been included as part of our Education Week celebrations over the past few years. In 2014 we will be opening our school to our Grandparents on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. This is always a special day when different generations can come together and share the joy of learning as well as a few 'old' stories. Please note this day down in your diaries and let Grandma and Grandpa know to plan for the day.

I trust everyone will have a wonderful rest over the school holidays. Our students return to school on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. As always, next term will be a busy and hectic period with many fantastic learning opportunities organised for all of our students. Regular attendance and a positive, supportive attitude both at home and school will lead to greater acquirement of knowledge and skills.

Stay safe and enjoy the time together.

David Crowe  
Principal



**Education & Communities**

### 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>Monday-Friday 23-27 June</b>	NAIDOC Week
<b>Wednesday 25 June</b>	Student reports to go home
<b>Thursday 26 June</b>	School NAIDOC Day - activities and an assembly. Students to come out of uniform (see information below) Deposit due for Year 5 Aussie Bush
<b>Friday 27 June</b>	Hunter Softball Super citizen lunch <b>Last day of Term 2</b>
<b>Monday 14 July</b>	School Development Day - office will be closed due to training
<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) Science Show Years 3-4 PSSA State Cross Country
<b>Monday 21 July</b>	Active After School Sports Starts
<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-3 students</b>
<b>Friday 15 August</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion final payment due
<b>Thursday 4 September</b>	Last day of Active After School Sports
<b>Friday 5 September</b>	School Fete
<b>There is no assembly this Friday. There will be a NAIDOC assembly on Thursday at the starting time of 9.15am</b>	

### NAIDOC DAY - THURSDAY 26 JUNE

Tomorrow our school will be celebrating NAIDOC Day with a special assembly in the morning followed by guest speakers and activities through the day.

**Students can come OUT OF UNIFORM in the colours of either the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags.**

## Singleton Public School App

Next term, Singleton Public School will have an app available for download on your mobile device.

The app will allow the school to instantly communicate with parents with pop-up messages and instant alerts to remind you of upcoming events or changes. This will mean that the school will be able to send out reminders for payments, advise of cancellations or even provide an update or expected arrival time of buses from excursions. The app will also allow parents and caregivers the option of being able to advise the school if your child is away from school.

Another advantage is that through the app you will be able to access the school's newsletter and calendar as it will have direct links to our website.

The app will be available for download for all Apple and android devices.

Details on how to download the app will appear in a newsletter next term when the app has been finalised.

We look forward to utilising this exciting new app and hope you do too!

## Found

There was a red jacket left at the hall after last Friday's assembly. If any parents/carers have lost their jacket please contact the office.

## 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

HELP – our P&C is currently in the planning phase of our annual school fete and your assistance would be welcomed. Do you have any talents, skills, or even time to assist with the conduct of a great school community day? We would love to hear from people with busking skills, talents as a face-painter, or willingness to whip together some candy-floss. Every bit of support contributes to a successful day. If you can assist please forward your details to Mrs Bunnemeyer through our School Office.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Respecting and Valuing the individual qualities of others – As we celebrate NAIDOC Week this value is extremely timely because it is important to recognise all of the great attributes all of our friends have. It does not matter if our friends' skin is white, black, pink or green; whether they are tall, short, slim or large; males or females! What matters is the quality of their behaviour towards each other and their approach to life in general.

## 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.

## NCCD (National Collection of Consistent Data)

The Federal Government is collecting data from all schools on the numbers of students that are supported to maximise educational achievement. Basically, if our school does something special to aid your child learn or engage in school, they would like to know the figures. To assist us in the collection of this data, identified students will be taking a letter home for their parents. If parents DO NOT wish their child's data to be included they need to return the "do not include" slip. Neither names nor identifying material will be collected it is purely a numerical data collection system.

## School Development Day - 14 July 2014

Staff will be participating in training on Monday, 14 July 2014 as part of the School Development Day. This includes all teaching, office and learning support staff. As a result the office will be closed on this day.

**Cancer Council NSW** Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make fruity muffins

This recipe is a fun way to add more fruit into your child's lunch box. Remember that you can add any type of dried fruit you like to create a new flavour!

**Ingredients**

- Olive or canola oil spray
- 1½ cups self-raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tbs caster sugar
- ½ cup bran
- ½ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup sultanas
- 1 apple, core removed and diced, skin left on
- ¼ cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
2. Lightly spray muffin tins with oil or line with paper cases.
3. Sift flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda into a large bowl, returning the husk remaining in the sieve to the bowl.
4. Add sugar, bran, oats, sultanas and apple and mix until well combined.
5. Place buttermilk, egg and mashed bananas in a bowl and mix with a fork.
6. Pour banana mixture into dry ingredients and gently fold together until just combined.
7. Spoon into prepared muffin pan.
8. Bake for 15 minutes for mini-muffins or 20 minutes for larger muffins until firm and a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean.
9. Allow to cool in tin for 5 minutes then turn onto a wire rack.

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

**Eat It To Beat It**



### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 1, Term 3 2014

Mon 14/7/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Staff Development Day

Fri 18/7/14 (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 1, Term 3 2014

Mon 14/7/14 School Development Day

Tues 15/7/14 Nadia Brown, Nicole Furness

Wed 16/7/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald

Thurs 17/7/14 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss

Fri 18/7/14 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward

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

### Information from the DEC

#### Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: <http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G>

#### 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: .....

## School Band

Congratulations to our small but wonderful band who travelled to Muswellbrook last Thursday for the Muswellbrook Eistedford. We came equal second in our section....a great result as we have only 7 members at the moment. Miss Moon was very proud to take them and they were a credit to our school. Thanks also to the parents who drove us all there.

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## Good Luck Keelie!

Good luck to Keelie at the State Soccer Championships at Nelson Bay this week.

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## Rugby Report

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June our rugby team played their 4<sup>th</sup> round match against The Junction at Lorn. It was a tough match with The Junction starting strong and scoring early. The boys stayed within a try for most of the game but ended up losing by 2 tries. The boys have done very well to have made it this far and were in the final 16 for the NSWPSSA Competition. Well done on a great competition, boys.

Joel Andrews  
Sports Co-ordinator

## Athletics Carnival Photos

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### NAIDOC Art Competition

Our Aboriginal students participated in the 2014 NAIDOC Art Competition. This competition is open to all students in the Singleton community and winning works are chosen by local Aboriginal artists. SPS students have worked throughout Term 2 to complete individual artworks for entry into the competition. Winners were announced this week and we are thrilled to inform you of the following success by our students.



Liliana and Kobey (Stage 2)

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Tyla (Stage 1)

All of the paintings completed will be on display at Singleton Town Library throughout the school holidays. We encourage you and your family to visit the library and view the works of our next generation of artists. A special thank you to Miss Parker for her ideas, effort and time in preparing these special artworks.




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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):

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Parent Signature

Date





In celebration of NAIDOC Week  
Singleton Public School is  
inviting you to a

# NAIDOC

day of Celebration

on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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



## Skills for Work & Training

This is a **FREE** COURSE FOR WOMEN thinking of returning to the workforce or pursuing further education. It is designed specifically for women who want to upgrade their skills, establish career goals and develop confidence to achieve them.

Students will develop computing and job seeking skills, as well as brush up on communication, mathematics and green science in a fun, cooperative and supportive environment. This course also includes one week of Work Placement and the opportunity to obtain a First Aid Certificate.

Classes run for 3 days a week within school hours.

An information/enrolment session will be held at 10am on Monday 23 June, 2014 in LG1 at Singleton TAFE. If unable to attend at this time please phone Maree at Singleton TAFE on **65 787 128**.

**Under 12's Futsal**

**REGISTER TODAY 6573 1517**

The YMCA Singleton Heights Sports Centre is now taking nominations for Under 12's Junior Futsal for Term 3.

**Date:** Term 3, starting 15th July—15th September

**Time:** 4-6pm Tuesday afternoons, 2 x 13 minute halves

**Cost:** \$6.50 per child per game

**Nominations Close 1st July**

YMCA Singleton Heights Sport Centre  
http://www.ymca.org.au/centres/singletonstadium  
https://www.facebook.com/ymcasingleton  
contact@ymca.org.au

Singleton COUNCIL YMCA

## Holiday Tennis Clinics

HTA Hunter Tennis Academy Singleton

### July 2014

**WEEK 1 CLINIC**  
Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd July 2014

**WEEK 2 CLINIC**  
Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th July 2014

**AGES 3 - 16 yrs**

- Fun games
- Learn the basics
- No tennis experience required
- Racquets available if needed

**PRIZES**

**BOOK NOW!**  
[www.huntertennisacademy.com.au](http://www.huntertennisacademy.com.au)  
Phone Kate on 02 6572 3889  
Info@huntertennisacademy.com.au  
Boundary street, Singleton NSW

Half Day Clinic: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
\$35 per day OR  
\$89 for the 3 day clinic

Full Day Clinic: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
\$55 per day OR  
\$149 for the 3 day clinic

**MLC HOT SHOTS A**

## **Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival**

On Tuesday 17th June, our annual Athletics Carnival was held at Alroy Oval. The students had a great day and showed good sportsmanship as they cheered on their peers.

All events were completed on the day including the 100m and 200m finals and the house relays.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who assisted on the day. Without your help the carnival would not have been able to run as smoothly and quickly as it did.

Students who made it through to zone will receive their notes early next term.

Ribbons and medallions will be handed out at an assembly next term. The date will be in the newsletter.

Thank you again to all who helped out on the day.

Joel Andrews  
Sports Co-ordinator

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## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 8, 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KL</b>	Jhy Lilly	<b>KM</b>	Hunter Hayley
<b>KS</b>	Chad Polly	<b>1A</b>	Shilah Brianna
<b>1G</b>	Chloe Lachlan	<b>1DL</b>	Alison Shayla
<b>2B</b>	Lachlan Jakob	<b>2P</b>	Lucas Gillian
<b>2Z</b>	Abbie Jack	<b>3H</b>	Hunter Essie Danika
<b>3P</b>	Elyse Harry Isaak	<b>3/4S</b>	Brodie Hannah Lachlan Tairawa
<b>4A</b>	Amelia Ethan Shae Adrian	<b>5E</b>	Jules Ethan Simon
<b>5RV</b>	Jasmine Ryan Harry	<b>6D</b>	Kye Ella Cameron
<b>6M</b>	Ben Cambell Andrew	<b>Support Unit</b>	Tomeeka Arnold

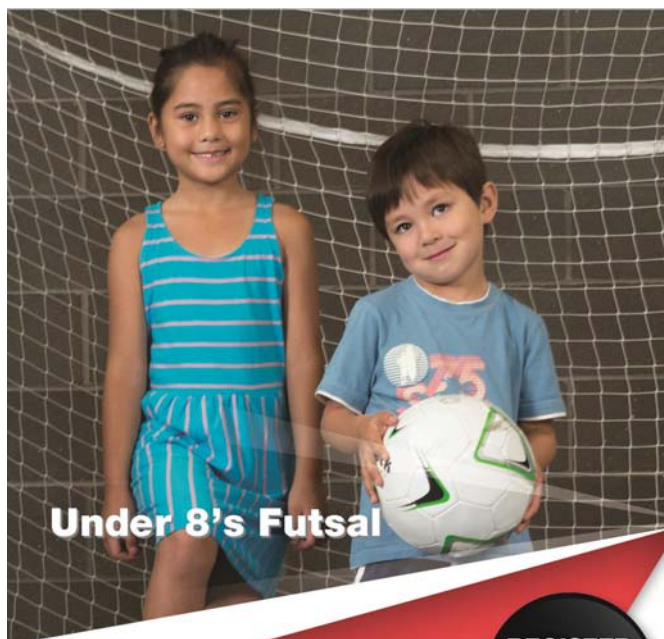
#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Briony	<b>Stage 1</b>	Laila
<b>Stage 2</b>	Teaghan	<b>Stage 3</b>	Evan

#### Super Citizens

<b>KS</b>	Danny Boy	<b>3/4S</b>	Sarah
<b>1G</b>	Donny	<b>5RV</b>	Wairua
<b>2Z</b>	Tom	<b>5E</b>	Joshua
<b>S.U</b> Ashton			





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## July school holidays @ your library



**Bookings are  
essential for all events.**

**More information over  
the page.**

**Learning new card games**  
Tues 1 July, 2pm – 3.30pm

**CWA Winter Craft  
Afternoon**  
Wed 2 July, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Manga Drawing Workshop**  
Thurs 3rd July, 1.30pm – 3pm

**Wii and Pizza Afternoon**  
Fri 4 July and 11 July  
2pm – 4pm

**Teen Writing Workshop**  
Mon 7 July, 2pm – 3pm

**Board Game Afternoon**  
Tues 8 July, 2pm – 4pm

**Murphy's puppets  
Harlequin Puppet Theatre  
The Frog Prince**  
Wed 9 July,  
12.30pm – 1.30pm

**Calligraphy workshop**  
Thurs 10th July,  
10am – 11.30am

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**The simplest way**  
to improve the health of your  
family and save money

## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 3:30pm until 5:00pm

**Venue:** Singleton Public School

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**

**Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 01/08/14 by:**

contacting the school office  
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 phoning (02) 4923 0704



**Eat It To  
Beat It**

## Class work from 2Z

2Z have been reading "My Place" by Nadia Wheatley.

The children wrote a piece from one of the character's perspectives.

I am Johanna. I live with Granny Sarah because my mum died. One morning I jogged to the creek it was hot but I didn't mind I was sweaty after it. So I thought I would dangle my feet in the creek.

By Jack

I am Johanna. One morning I skipped down to the big tree, but Mr Owen spotted me. He didn't say anything but he gave me a very angry look. But then he just stomped away. Then I saw a little bird it was a love bird. It was so beautiful I nearly fell out of the tree. It was a mummy. It was so pretty. There were 3 eggs in the bird's nest. They were all white but one. It was black with blue spots. I climbed up to the bird's nest. The black and blue spotted one wiggled a little.

By Kaeli

Sarah's diary : Working

Hi my name is Sarah. I am nine. My mum died in 1807. I've been selected to be a servant. My job list today is to whip the convicts if they are naughty and harvest the crops. Sam is hunting down the escaped convicts. He has a shot gun I sometimes get to shoot it. I once shot a convict there was blood every where. Then we at home and the bones went to the crushing machine. Then I went to harvest the crops. I have a sword and then I cut the wheat. Then I put it in the crusher. I get so hot I use the crusher. When I'm not supposed to. I love it when it hit's Mr Owen. I use the grinder gear so it spits out the grinded crops. There is three stages in the crusher. I will tell you them. There is the shooter. You throw them in and it goes threw to the middle of the crusher. That leads me to stage two. The crops get binded in two cutters. It get's mushed up and comes out the other end. Stage three. It comes out the back of the crusher mushed up. THE END.

By Hamish

One morning I walked down to the vegetable patch. I picked some carrots for lunch. I'm going to the big tree. Oh Mr Owen is coming. He found me in the tree but he said "get down!" I did. "Lunch time " said Granny Sarah. I had my lunch and ran down to the creek. Then I ran from the creek to the house and got a bucket. I took the bucket to the vegetable patch and picked some potatoes, carrots and tomatoes too. I then took them back to Granny Sarah.

By Abbie

My name is Sarah and I'm nine. This is my place. I was born in Sydney but my mother came from England on a convict ship. Last year she died so Mrs Owen took me as a servant. She doesn't beat me much but you should see all the work I have to do. Mrs Owen lives here too of course, Alice and the baby John. Mr Owen's mainly in Sydney doing his work.

By Hugh