

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

16 JULY 2014

Welcome back everyone for another fantastic term at Singleton Public School. I am really pleased to be back at school and am looking forward to catching up with our students to share holiday stories. Having spent Monday with our staff, I am aware that many of them spent time at school in the holidays preparing lessons and activities for our student... great dedication!

There are a number of highlights on this term's calendar including the Year 3 and Year 4 excursions to Morisset and Sydney respectively. Our school fete will be held on Friday 5th September – always a great day. We will be celebrating Education Week during the five days commencing Monday 28th July which will include Grandparents Afternoon (Wednesday 30th July), the K-3 cultural excursion to Wombat Stew as well as hosting Power FM's Breakfast program on Thursday 31st July.

Please keep those Kindergarten enrolments coming in. We have quite a few names on our books already for 2015 but would encourage all families with children ready for Kindergarten next year to contact the office as soon as possible to ensure you receive all of the details about parent information sessions and enrolment procedures. We are hoping to have three Kindergarten classes again in 2015 with a limit of 20 students in each class.

I hope everyone has a productive Term 3 and enjoys the many opportunities our great school (and its community) has to offer.

David Crowe
Principal

Singleton PS New App available!!!

See Pages 2 and 7 for full details.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 final excursion payment due - total cost \$175 (less \$50 deposit = \$125) P&C Meeting 7 pm in School Library
Thursday 17 July	Netball NSW—School Cup, Rose Point Park
Friday 18 July	Payments due for Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover) FREE Science Show Years 3-4 PSSA State Cross Country
Monday 21 July	Active After School Sports commences for Term 3
Thursday 24 July	Visiting Show - Sean Choolburra \$5.50 per child (not covered by Supercover) Chess Competition
Monday 28 July –Friday 1 August	Education Week
Wednesday 30 July	ICAS (NSW) English Test Grandparents Afternoon
Thursday 31 July	WOMBAT STEW EXCURSION - Limited seats available for K-3 students Science Day Power FM broadcasting at Breakfast
Friday 1 August	Zone Athletics at Alroy Oval
Friday 15 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion final payment due
Thursday 4 September	Last day of Active After School Sports
Friday 5 September	School Fete

This weeks assembly is hosted by 3H. At the starting time of 12.45pm.



**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.

“ ‘Appy Days are here!’”

With the start of the new term our school also enters a new world of instant information with the launch of our new school app. Now parents, carers and interested community members can find out what is happening at school by using their smart phones and tablets.

Parents will be able to receive travel and other notifications; location guides for school events; provide absentee notes, access the newsletter and school calendar and much more.

To get the app on to your device you need to go to your App store and search for Singleton Public School. Please see Page 7 of this newsletter for full information for downloading the App.

Major Art Project

Through the support of The Song Room program, the students and staff of our school will be working together to produce a major art-piece for display within our school. There will also be opportunities for our community to become involved but at this moment that help we need is in relation to the collection of resources:

Tile, tiles, and more tiles – the more colour the better – in all conditions – full/broken

Broken pottery with interesting colours and designs

Empty, clean 3 litre milk cartoons (washed, lids removed)

Our goal is to create a mosaic mural to bring colour and interest to a bare area of our playground. Your assistance to make this goal into a reality will be greatly appreciated. Bags and boxes of tiles can be placed on the verandah at the back of the staffroom. Milk bottles can be delivered direct to your child's classroom.

Collection of Children

A reminder to all parents/carers that children should only be collected early from school where necessary. Teachers organise lessons during the day including in the afternoon in which they need to engage the children and retain their attention. Interruptions can disturb the learning of all of the children in the classroom.

Students at the Waratah's Rugby Game

On Sunday 6th July students from our school's rugby team, accompanied by Mr Russell and myself, were lucky enough to be a part of the Waratahs' guard of honour. As a part of this the students received tickets to the match and stood out on the field and cheered on the players as they ran onto the field for the start of the match. The students then got to watch the match and run out on the field at the end of the game. The boys had a great time and it was a fantastic experience for our students. I would like to thank all the parents and Mr Russell who drove to Sydney in the holidays to attend this event.

Joel Andrews
Sports Co-ordinator.

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Grandparents Afternoon

Save the date for this year's Grandparents Afternoon as part of Education Week! Activities with grandparents will be starting at 1.15 pm when grandparents can spend time in their grandchild's class followed by spending recess together. Another activity will be planned for 2.00-3.00 pm.

Year 3 Excursion Outdoor Experience

Year 3 final excursion payment is **due today (Wednesday 16/7/14)** - total cost \$175 (less \$50 deposit = \$125). If you still have an amount outstanding please ensure you send payment to the office **as soon as possible**.

Notes will be sent home this week with some forms for completion and information regarding what to take.

PBL Post-It

Responsible Behaviour on verandahs and stairs – it makes sense when you are older to take your time and walk carefully in public thoroughfares. However, when you are six, seven, and eight or there about; the day needs to be taken at 100 miles per hour. Please encourage your children to think about safety when moving around busy places. Encourage them to consider what may happen if they run into someone elderly and a very young child. Being responsible is a core value of our school and in this case also assists with safety for everyone.

Many Canteen Helpers Required!

The Zone Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 1 August. Our school is hosting the carnival so our canteen is urgently requiring helpers to prepare food on the Thursday, 31 July as well as additional helpers on the day. Please let Nicole know if you are able to help, even if it only for a few hours.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to grow your own mandarins

- Mandarins are a small growing tree to around 3-4m in height + width, perfect for smaller backyards
- They are hardy + easy to grow, great for kids
- Prefer sheltered areas but tolerate windy sites
- Ideal in full sun for maximum fruit production
- Need regular watering when young + when fruit is forming



It's Springtime!

Get into your gardens + start planting fruit, veg + herbs to grow yourself.

If you don't have room for a tree, try planting punnets of vegies into large pots...getting your kids involved will make them happier to eat what they've grown!

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 2, Term 3 2014

Mon 21/7/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry, Amy Warton
 Fri 25/7/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kirsten Roxburgh, Sally Menere
 Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 3 2014

Mon 21/7/14 2 more helpers please
 Tues 22/7/14 Leane Knox, Rebecca Hobbs
 Wed 23/7/14 Tammy Cox (1/2 day), Shaelie Carrol
 Thurs 24/7/14 Mary Franks, Anne McSweeney
 Fri 25/7/14 Carme Lee Williams, Kathy Lamph, Renee Mouser

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

Information from the DEC

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.

Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.

Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

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:

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all of the students selected to represent their class in our school public speaking final. They confidently spoke on a wide range of topics from “Kelpies” and “Lego” to the “3,5 or 10 Second Rule”. Thank you to Rebecca Williams and Stewart Ison for adjudicating the competition, they were impressed with originality of the speeches which were presented with humour and enthusiasm.

Results

Early Stage 1

Highly Commended-Phoebe, Logan, Jasmine, Lily, Jakob, Sophie , Tommy , Amelia , Clancy

Stage 1

1st-Hamish , 2nd-Haajrah , Highly Commended-Brianna, Shilah

Stage 2

1st-Lucy , 2nd-Ruby , Highly Commended-Phoebe, Amelia

Stage 3

1st-Chloe , 2nd-Zaynab , Highly Commended-Dan, Avril

Good luck to Hamish, Haajrah, Lucy, Ruby, Chloe and Zaynab who will represent Singleton Public School at the Zone Finals this term.

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Wombat Stew Excursion - limited spots still available - now open to Year 3!

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 spaces available for students in years Kindergarten to Year 3 (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 Bunнемeyer 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 towards 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. To assist us in the collection of this data, identified students will be taking home/have taken home a letter for their parents. If parents DO NOT wish their child's data to be included they need to return the "do not include" slip THIS WEEK. Neither names nor identifying material will be collected, it is purely a numerical data collection system.

Second Hand Soft Toy Fete Stall 3H

Once again 3H are running a second hand soft toy stall. We are looking for the donation of soft toys of all sizes, shapes and styles to sell to new loving owners at the school fete on Friday 5th September. Donations can be left at the office where 3H class members will collect them or placed in the large box outside 3H classroom.

Over the years this has been a popular stall with many children enjoying obtaining a new soft toy friend to take home. We have been fortunate previously to gain hundreds of soft toys and hope to continue this. We look forward to all donations.

Trash and Treasure Stall 3/4S

3/4S and Miss Sullivan are excited about running the trash and treasure stall for the school fete. We are looking for wonderful and exciting items, please no electrical we are not allowed to sell it at the fete. However books, dvds, cds, baskets, toys, stationary, and all other wonderful varieties of treasure are accepted. Donations can be left at the office for collection by 3/4S class members or delivered and left outside 3/4S classroom located in the double room building near the enter to learn gate.

Showbags and Lucky Dips

3H are running the Showbag and Lucky Dip stall as part of Show Alley. The showbags this year will be only available on the day and closer to the fete the types will be outlined.

Lucky Dips are always a fun novelty at the fete. Should you find you have party favour toys, Mcdonald toys or other small items eg stationary, kids jewellery that you no longer use or want these would be gladly accepted as donations.

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

NAIDOC Day

On Thursday 26th June, the school celebrated NAIDOC Day. The students were busy during the day with many activities and the school had some wonderful visitors. They students were even lucky enough to get some NAIDOC Day cake!

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Singleton Public School's App Is Live

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has some great news to share with you. Our school smartphone mobile app is now available on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. These instructions will help you:-

How to Install Our School App

On Apple

- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play

- On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly



To Open Our School App

- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- **When prompted select OK to use your current location and OK to send you Push Notifications (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)**
- Read the information on the screen, and swipe to the left and click on Get Started. You will now be able to select the icons at the bottom of screen to view the School Calendar, Newsletter, Messages and other features.

If you encounter troubles;

- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact www.activeschoolapps.com.au/support for help within 48 hours.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 9, 2014

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Jasmine Abby Dax	KM	Oscar Alisha Lilly-Rose
KS	Clancy Bailey	1A	Dominic Charli
1G	Taj Hamish Ashton	1DL	Trisha Daniel
2B	Haajrah Aleix	2P	Jacques Clancy
2Z	Abbie Tom	3H	Matthew Laura Oliver
3P	Lucy Lilly Phoebe	3/4S	Jonas Harry Ruby
4A	Hannah Kobey Jenna	5E	Amy Makayla Mia
5RV	Tiani Jaidyn Jasmine	6D	Braedan Patrick Grace
6M	Chelsea Riley Madison	Support Unit	Amber Sakura Coleby Harley

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1 Arthur

Stage 1 Ella

Stage 2 Jonas

Stage 3 Louis

Super Citizens

None presented in Week 9



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

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Wednesday 6th 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
visiting www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register
or phoning (02) 4923 0704



You are invited to the **BULGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE'S**

FAMILY 'CRACKER NIGHT'

Supported by

**BULGA
COAL**
GLENORE

On **SATURDAY 19th JULY 2014**

at the **BULGA FIRE STATION,**

Putty Road Bulga.

The night begins at **5.30 pm** and

the fireworks display begins at **7pm.**

The cost is **\$20** for a Family (school aged children)

\$5 for Adults (single ticket)

\$5 for full time students (single ticket)

We are **NOT** catering on the night, but a 'gold coin' donation

will get you a generous serving of hot,

home made Soup and Damper .

Tea, coffee and BBQ facilities are provided.

BYO Meat, Salad, Nibbles

A fun night for the family...come prepared to party!

Brigade policy is **NO DRINK DRIVING** and

a **NOISE CURFEW APPLIES**

Contact : Mick Bendall 0409 321379

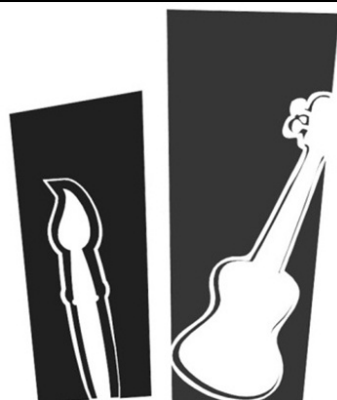
GIRLS QUICK KICKS

Register Now for Quick Kicks

A fun, relaxed football experience for **GIRLS ONLY** aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you **receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.**

Registrations open 1st August
Visit www.quickkicks.com.au

NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL



**SINGLETON
mini
FESTIVAL 2014**
Painting | drawing | music | sculpture

18/07/14 - 22/07/14

32nd Singleton Art Prize

18/07/14 - 22/07/14

**Australian Hunter Sculpture Region
Inc. Exhibition**

19/07/14 - 20/07/14

Weekend Water Colour Workshop

20/07/14

Swingin' at the Convent

Feat. Lisa Kinna and the Terence Koo Trio

For more information, visit singleton.nsw.gov.au/minifestival

Class work from 3H

3H Writing- Lost or Scared.

In the dark forest I stood alone. All I could hear was the wind whistling and blowing. I started to walk very slowly towards a light which I thought was an opening but it was only a light. Where am I? *L. Murry*

I was all alone scared, cold, lonely, fearful, and frightened. The trees towered over me from every direction. As far as I could see there were trees. I had no idea where to go. *E. Bell*

I was walking alone cold, scared, unaware if someone was in the forest with me. The trees towered over me like thin giants. *P. Mossley*

All alone in the terrifying forest, curious of the darkness and silence. Unwelcome in this gloomy forest. *A. Melamed*

One dark, lonely, pitch black night someone was walking through the woods when he heard a wolf nearby. But then he saw two red eyes. *R. Cameron*

All alone the trees towering over me. Everything is pitch black. The water was filled with fog and the moon hung like a ghost in the sky. *T. More*

I was alone.....and scared. I wanted my Mum and Dad but the thing is there is no way out. It was as cold as ice on the ground. My heart was thumping out of my chest. Snow hung in the trees. Yeties were everywhere with arrows. *M. Della-Ca*

3H enjoyed writing creative stories about either being LOST or SCARED. More are on display outside the classroom.