

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

27 AUGUST 2014

Monday night was very successful with approximately 50 parents in attendance as Mrs Launder and I presented information about our school. With so many parents in attendance I am confident that we will have three Kindergarten classes for 2015. It is reassuring to hear the level of positive 'word of mouth' that exists in our community about our school. I am sure that come 2015 our new Kindergarten students will be full of excitement and enthusiasm as they enter into formal schooling.

I hope parents are taking advantage of the forthcoming fete and getting plenty of extra jobs completed around the house by little workers keen to earn some extra pocket money. The fete is always a great event within our calendar and I know that Mrs Bunnemeyer and the fete committee have been busy preparing a great event for Friday 5th September. Please endeavour to attend from 10am as we will be opening the fete with a grand performance by our school band, accompanied by members of the high school and town bands.

I would like to encourage parents and interested community members to become active in our P&C committee. The attendance at the last meeting in August was very low and this is a great shame as the P&C is meant to be representative of our school community. All interested parties would be welcomed. Please try to make the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, 3 September in the School Library commencing at 7 pm.

A warm Singleton PS welcome to Jacob (5RV) and Coby (7W) – I am sure that you will make many new friends and have a great time at Singleton Public School.

As stated in the last edition of the newsletter, I will be away from the school for a period of time, and during this time Mr Russell will be the Relieving Principal. I trust that all of our students will continue to maintain their high standards of Respect, Responsibility and Quality.

David Crowe
Principal

Illness at School

We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school 'under the weather'. Common symptoms include high temperatures, lethargy, and headaches. In addition, a number of children have developed quite bad ear-aches. If your child is ill please keep them at home so that others do not become sick. With 20 – 30 children in one room, illnesses can be transmitted very easily.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 27 August	Years 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Thursday 28 August	MSP Photo orders due to office for group photos eg, School Leaders, etc
Friday 29 August	Hunter Athletics Support Unit Intensive Swimming concludes Fete Wristband orders due
Wednesday 3 September	P & C Meeting 7pm Library
Thursday 4 September	Last day of Active After School Sports for Term 3 Band Workshop at Scone - meet at Parsonage at 7.30 am
Friday 5 September	School Fete and Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 8 September	Visiting Show - A Swag of Tales Year 4 Sydney excursion departs 7.30 am
Tuesday 9 September	Year 4 Sydney Excursion
Wednesday 10 September	Year 4 Sydney Excursion returns approximately 5.45 pm
Friday 12 September	K-2 Sports Carnival at Cook Park
Wednesday 17 September	School Disco - Denim Theme K-2 5-6 pm, Year 3-6 6-7.30 pm
Friday 19 September	Last day of Term 3
This weeks assembly is hosted by 1G at the starting time of 12.45pm.	

Vote now for Singleton PS

See details on Page 2 to see how you can help our school win \$20,000 worth of flooring.

LEGO Expo 2014

LEGO Competition, only eight building days to go



Education & Communities

Song Room

On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th August, 28 children attended the Song Room Camp at Singleton Youth Centre. All students participated in Music Making, Song Making, Drumming and Hip Hop. On the Tuesday everyone performed for an audience of proud parents and families. All the students learnt new skills and enjoyed making new friends.

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Book Week 2014

Last week Singleton Public School celebrated Book Week. Tuesday was the main day of celebrations with our parade and book fair. It was amazing to see the effort so many children went to in dressing up. The creativity was remarkable too. Congratulations to the winners from the parade. Congratulations also to the winners of our other competitions which included the Doodle Bug drawing competition, fact linking and book worm guessing competition.

The book fair was very successful. We sold over \$6,000 worth of books on the day. The commission we receive will be put to good use in the library, including the purchase of some wonderful new books for our students. A very special thank you to the many parents who gave their time to help out on the day and to Mrs Holford, Mrs Hackett, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Hamilton for the help in setting up and packing up.

Congratulations to the parade winners (pictured) - Chloe, Zoe, Flynn, Alaura , Shanae, Harry, Luke.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

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Interface Go Greener Grant

The school was successful in obtaining an Interface Go Greener Grant for \$1,000.00 to redevelop the school's bush tucker garden to reinvigorate the area into a hands-on learning environment for all of our students.

We now have a chance to win another \$20,000 but need your help!!!! Interface have now opened up voting for a "People's Choice Award" where the schools attracting the highest number of votes will receive a \$20,000 Interace carpet refurbishment for their school.

To vote, go to http://www.interfaceflor.com.au/Projects/Education/Go_Greener_Grants.aspx. Then scroll down to Singleton Public School and click on Vote Now. Simply fill out the information and then submit.

Thank You

A big thank you to Huntwood Cleaning Services & Huntwood Photography Services, for their kind donation of \$500 for the upcoming Fete.

Permission to Publish Note

The Permission to Publish note is due back at school on Friday, 29th August. The permission to publish is used to publish photos on the school's newsletter and website or in the local papers.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to healthier afternoon snacks

Choose these simple, tasty + healthy snack ideas to give your kids an after-school energy boost.



- Swap full fat ice-cream for reduced-fat yogurt with fresh fruit pieces
- Swap a tin of fruit in syrup for a tin of fruit in natural juice
- Swap flavoured milk for a reduced-fat fruit smoothie (try bananas or frozen berries)
- Swap a chocolate muffin for a fruit muffin

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

Eat It To Beat It

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 8, Term 3 2014

Mon 1/9/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammy Cox, Rebecca Hobbs

Fri 5/9/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Robyn Skinner

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

Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 3 2014

Mon 1/9/14 Anna Adamthwaite, 1 more helper please

Tues 2/9/14 Angela Johnston, Janine Justen

Wed 3/9/14 Pam Dicks, Di Cooke

Thurs 4/9/14 Deb Boston, 1 more helper please

Fri 5/9/14 Nat Moore, Heidi Moore, 1 more helper please

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

Information from the DEC

One common trait all successful adults have is resilience.

The ability to bounce back from disappointment is something we have the opportunity to teach our children every day.

As our kids constantly remind us, life isn't always fair. Is it a parent's role to constantly try to make life fair?

How do we balance the desire to shelter and protect our children with the need to teach them how to cope with life's disappointments?

Resilience doesn't come naturally to all kids - we need to specifically teach those skills.

Always saving your child from failure doesn't give them the opportunity to learn better skills.

To interact effectively with their peers, our kids need to develop resilience.

Commend your child's strengths, and be positive about their abilities to improve their other skills.

Self-esteem comes from conquering challenges, not from constant praise that everything we do is brilliant!

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:

Soccer Report

On Friday our Girls played their fourth round PSSA match against Bolwarra Public School. It was a very exciting and tense game as both teams were so evenly matched. Bolwarra were very tough opponents and had a very strong defence. Mid-way through the first half Annaliese scored a great goal from a long way out to put us in the lead. The game was very even and neither team was able to score for most of the second half. With less than 10 minutes to go Bolwarra scored making it 1-1. Our girls gave it their all and scored a goal in the last 5 minutes, giving us a 2-1 victory.

The girls now play Thornton Public School on Tuesday in the final of our Hunter draw. We started off with 24 teams in our draw and for our girls to make the final 2 teams is a huge achievement.

Well done on another great game, girls.

Joel Andrews
Soccer Coach

Visitors to school

The safety of our students is of paramount importance. Therefore all members of staff wear an identifying badge and all visitors to the school must sign in and wear a visitor's label. This must be done at either the school office, canteen or the classroom if working as a classroom volunteer. A Working with Children Check Declaration must also be completed.

Hunter Athletics

Good luck to the school's competitors at the Hunter Athletics Carnival on this Friday at the Glendale Athletics Complex. We have many students that will be representing the school this year. Remember to take your medical note and the \$5 entry fee.

Intensive Swimming

All children in Year 2 and selected children in Year 3-6 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 4 (Monday 10th November until 21st November 2014). This will occur every school day during these two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 children. We believe that every child should be able to swim at least 25 metres with correct breathing. An intensive swimming program is of vital importance for all children because of our Australian lifestyle and it allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be \$75.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes back to school before Friday, 24 October 2014. Permission notes were sent home last week.

If you are able to help at all or for any session we would really appreciate it. This year the Gym and Swim requires any volunteers to have a current Working with Children Check. If you do not have a check, you are able to apply for one online and then have it completed at a Motor Registry Office (formerly RTA). Simply go to <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>, complete the online application form, selecting the category Volunteer Worker. You will then be issued with an application number. Take this number and paperwork to the Motor Registry with your 100 point check documents (eg Birth Certificate (70 points) and Driver's Licence (40 points)). Once a Working with Children Check number is issued (it may take a few days) please bring a copy into the school. If you have any queries about this see the office staff. Please also sign below if you are able to help.

If you need assistance financing this program please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office. All requests are strictly confidential.

Birthday's at School

Just a reminder about student birthdays at school. Parents and carers are welcome to bring in a cake or cupcakes for their child's birthday at school. Please deliver the cake/s to the classroom before 9.10 on the day to avoid interrupting class time.

Hunter Valley Gardens Butterfly Gallery

3H have designed and created a butterfly poster display for the Hunter Valley Gardens Butterfly Gallery which will be open and on display during the start of Spring. Make sure you keep an eye out if you are at Hunter Valley Gardens during this time.



LEGO Entry Cards for Fete Day LEGO Expo

ENTRY CARD

<input type="radio"/> Stick LEGO entry card to underneath of base plate so name, title etc can be seen	
Name: _____	
Title/Description: _____	

Class (eg 1B): _____	DIY/KIT Please circle
STAGE: _____	
K=Early Stage1, Yrs 1&2=Stage 1, Yrs 3&4=Stage 2, Yrs 5&6=Stage 3	
OFFICIAL USE ONLY Barrel / Home \$1 entry y / n	
Entry Number: _____	

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Father's Day Breakfast

To celebrate Father's Day, the school has organised a Father's Day breakfast for dads and their kids. This will be held on Friday, 5 September - the same day as the School Fete - between 7.00 - 8.30 am.

Breakfast will be supplied by Coles and will include bacon and egg rolls, juice, tea and coffee.

If you are able to come to the breakfast, please fill out the slip below for catering purposes and return to the school office by **Friday, 29 August**.

✂ _____

Return Slip - please return to school office by Friday, 29 August

Father's Day Breakfast

My child/ren _____ of class _____ and I

_____ will be attending the Father's Day breakfast on Friday, 5 September.

I would like to order _____ egg and bacon rolls.

SCHOOL FETE NEWS

Singleton Public School Fete is on Friday 5th September 2014, and this years Theme is **“MAKE BELIEVE”**.

The fete will commence at 10am, with many stalls finishing up at approximately 2 pm.

There is no need to buy new costumes. Be creative and find something in your cupboards or wear costumes that you already own. Here are some suggestions - Fairies, Witches, Butterflies, Lady Beetles, Warlocks, Magicians, Iron Man, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles etc.

However, please take note, do not to wear costumes with obtrusive objects as it could poke into your child or another child while they are playing on the rides. For example, make fairy wings that can be easily removed, before going on the rides.

Please remember to bring your own bags to carry your purchases back to your car - just in case the stall you are purchasing from has run out.

There is more information for individual stalls in this newsletter as well as information on the Wristbands for Rides, Lego Expo and Dog Tag orders.

The following table is a list of the Fete Stalls for this year's fete:-

Classes	Stalls	Donations
KS	Craft	Donations of any craft items such as knitted coathangers, baby items, bracelets, lavender bags, etc.
KL/KM	Cake Stall	Donations of cakes, biscuits, slices, etc to be delivered on the day clearly labelled with ingredients
KM/GARDEN CLUB	Plants and Produce	Donations of fresh produce delivered on the day
1A	Spaghetti and Baked Beans dip	
1DL	Father's Day	Small donations of 'Fathers' Day' style presents to contribute to our stall. Some ideas include: Coffee mugs, chocolates, handy man sets, shower gel/shaving cream, socks, hankies etc.
1G	Lucky Dips	Small novelty items for lucky dips
2P	Gift baskets	Donations of gift baskets such as toiletries/soaps, chocolates, stationery, colouring-in sets, cup of tea baskets, etc. Packs can be in a basket, cup, plate or other.
2Z	Lolly bags	
2B	Bottle stall/ Nail Polish	Glass jars filled with goodies, eg small toys; jigsaw puzzles; ribbons, hair ties and clips; a mini sewing kit eg scissors, needles and cottons; rainbow playdough
3P	Fairy Floss, Popcorn and Slushie	
3H	Show Bags/Packs etc - Side show alley	Donations of soft toys, or party favour toys, McDonald toys or other small items eg stationary, kids jewellery for lucky dips and show bags
3/4S	Trash and Treasure	Donations of books, dvds, cds, baskets, toys, stationery, and all other wonderful varieties of treasure (no electrical items)
4A	Photo Booth	
Year 5	Putt Putt/ Dunk Tank	
Year 6	Ice cream stall	Note sent home to parents of Year 6 students for requirements
Support Unit	Raffle	Contribute to prizes for raffle, eg pamper pack, toy pack, stationery pack
Miss Eyles	Balloons	

Amusement Rides

Once again we will be having some fantastic Amusements rides at our fete. For \$15 you can purchase an unlimited rides pass for the day (if order form is handed back before 29th August). This will get you unlimited access to The Maze, Vertical Bungee, Big Duel Land Slide, Obstacles run and knock down, Jumping Castle with Slide, Medium Jumping Castle.

Unlimited ride passes as well as individual ride tickets can be purchased on Fete day for \$20 at a table that will be set up in the playground on the day. If you have children in different classes please list each child on the form below separately as wristbands will be given out to each child in class the morning of the fete. Extra Wristbands can be ordered for siblings that do not attend SPS, these will be delivered to your oldest child's class the morning of the fete. Please complete the slip below and send in to your child's teacher with the correct cash as the payment and in a separate envelope or ziplock bag.

Order forms are included in this week's newsletter.

2014 Fete Raffle

Singleton Public School will be running a Raffle at this year's school fete. A book of five tickets are being sent home with this week's school newsletter and they will also be sold on the day. Tickets will be drawn at 1:00 pm on the Fete Day. More tickets will be available at the office.

Prizes include:

- Portable DVD player with 3 Popular Children's DVD's
- Official Australian Cricket Shirt
- A House clean by Huntwood Cleaning Services
- Avon products

and many more gifts

Tickets are \$1 each. If you would like to purchase tickets, please write your name and contact number on each individual ticket.

Place all tickets and money in a sealed envelope and write 2014 School Fete Raffle and return to your class teacher before fete day.

Any donations for prizes can be sent to the 7BD classroom - with the flowers on the front window.

Thank you
Elaine Bunnemeyer

Canteen News

At this point we can not order gluten free pies although we still have gluten free nuggets available. Due to various volunteers gaining employment we are after some more volunteers to help out. If you available please ring Nicole or just rock up.

We are in the process of organising the Fete on the 5th September. Another busy day and fundraiser for our school! If you are interested in helping on the day, please contact Nicole in the canteen using the slip below. Your help is very much appreciated.

Nicole
Canteen Co-ordinator

✂ _____

Canteen Volunteer for the Fete - 5th September 2014 (return to Nicole in canteen)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please Circle your availability

Set up & Prep 9am-10am Serve 10am-11am Serve 11am-12pm

Serve 12pm-1pm Serve 1pm-2pm Tidy up 2pm-3pm

We need about 4 Volunteers per time slot!

UNLIMITED RIDE PASS ORDER FORM- Return by August 29th

NAME	CLASS	NUMBER OF WRISTBANDS	TOTAL \$
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$ _____

Year 3 Outdoor Experience Camp

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their time away at camp. They undertook high ropes, multi climb, archery, bush cooking, county fair and the giant swing. All were brave and attempted to push themselves.

Student Comments: "that was awesome", "wish we could stay longer", "I want to do it again", "I can't believe I did that", "that was harder than I thought", "I wish my arrow would hit the target not keep flying over it"the best "this is the biggest sleep over I have ever been on".

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Denim Disco



Theme: Denim

When: Wednesday 17th Sept.

Time: K-2 5-6pm **3-6** 6-7:30pm

Cost: \$4 (includes a drink &
chocolate)

See you there in your DENIM wear!!

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3 Week 6 2014

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KL	Jasmine Miley	KM	Yonggi Hayley
KS	Lillian Thomas	1A	Tyler Erin
1G	Abbey Hamish	1DL	Liam Alison
2B	Haajrah Jesse	2P	Jeremy Jasper
2Z	Tahi Hamish	3H	Alaura Ella Jordan
3P	Pin-Chi Leon Abby	3/4S	Tairawa Meghan Ruby
4A	Whyatt Pania Ashlee	5E	Amy Mea Jamin
5RV	Jaidyn Olivia Chloe	6D	Patrick Jessica Ella
6M	Braeoni Chelsea Steve	Support Unit	

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Ashton	Stage 1	Ella
Stage 2	Leon	Stage 3	Braedon

Super Citizens

KS	Noah	3/4S	Seth
1G	Hayden	5E	Willem
2Z	Max	S.U	Jett



Team registration day is 10th September 2014
At Civic Park/Junior Touch Shelter
4pm -6.30pm

Download forms from
www.singletonjuniors.touch.asn.au

NEW players need a copy of their birth certificate and they need to fill out a new player's form.

Cost \$45 per player

We only have one registration day where you can register teams only, if you are unable to find a team call Julie on 0407 451 149 and leave your name, age and phone number. On registration day there may be teams looking for players.

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**SINGLETON CIVIC CENTRE
OPENS 26th SEPTEMBER 2014**

**TICKETS AT
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Shop 11, 159 John St.
SINGLETON**

Singleton District Junior Cricket Association

President
Luke Knight
0418 121745

Secretary
Maree Knight
0418 733024

Treasurer
Michael Turner
0455 156551

2014-2015 Cricket Registrations

Thursday 28th August 12pm-6pm
Saturday 30th August 10am-4pm
Thursday 4th September 12pm-6pm
Saturday 6th September 10am-4pm

WHERE: Gowrie Street Mall

**COST: Under 13s to under 16s \$100
Under 10s T20 Blast \$99
Milo In2 Cricket \$75**

Under 16s and 13s play Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm

*Under 10s will play a T20 blast on Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm
Starting 24th of October for 8 weeks*

*Milo In2 Cricket starts Monday 13th October for 7 weeks 5pm to
6.15pm at Victoria Square*



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Institute of Family Practice

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ADHD



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Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12pm

October 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

At

SINGLETON FAMILY SUPPORT

Boonal St, Singleton (next to Community Health)

PH 6572 4288 to book a place

Class work from 4A

During NAIDOC Week 4A was lucky enough to have an Aboriginal Elder from our community come into our room and talk to the students about Indigenous art. She showed artworks of her own and explained to the students the way she paints and where she draws her inspiration from. The students then completed a class mural and individual dot paintings expressing their own story.

