

# Newsletter to Parents



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Week 8 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

25 NOVEMBER 2015

A wonderful week was had by Year 5 and the Support Unit students from 7W at the Great Aussie Bush Camp experience. It was a pleasure to see our students endure some challenging quests conquer their fears, and to see the enjoyment first hand was amazing. It was a shared agreement that the abseiling wall was extremely challenging for the majority of students, however, encouragement, perseverance and a positive attitude often saw our students accomplish anything. Well done to those students who pushed through their personal boundaries to achieve success and thank you to our dedicated staff and parents who guided our students perfectly through some difficult personal challenges.

Our PBL topic for the next fortnight is "Recognising and valuing the achievements of others!" This topic is important at this time of year with Presentation Day, Sports Presentation, Year 6 Farewell, 2016 Councillors, House Captains and reports just around the corner. Students need to feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when receiving an award and learn to be humble in their accolades. On the flip side, it is important for students to recognise the achievements of their peers and congratulate them on their awards. Unfortunately not all students will receive awards or badges over the next few weeks but remember to be true to yourself and keep working hard as you really can accomplish anything!

Our School Captain, Jules is competing this week in Touch Football at the Pan Pacific Games held in Adelaide. Jules has been training extremely hard since her selection in the NSW team which has included individual training, sprint training and attending state camps in Sydney. The NSW team so far has had three convincing wins against South Australia, Northern Territory and Western Australia however they went down 5-2 against Queensland. We look forward to hearing all of the results next week.

A fantastic opportunity is nearly upon our Aboriginal students who will be off to Wollombi for their cultural excursion this Friday. It will be a great eye opener for students to listen and learn from local Aboriginal elders, hear about their culture and connect with country. We are all looking forward to the stories that are told on their return.

Our dedicated team of teachers and SLSO's will be holding a half day staff development day this Thursday after school. The theme will have a PBL focus with Psychologist Majella Dennis presenting in tandem with Clive Kerrigan the Assistant Principal from Muswellbrook South PS. The presentation will focus around the function of the brain in children so that we as teachers can enhance student learning and growth. Staff will also be analysing our playground data to effectively implement our PBL topics for 2016. We are all looking forward to a very productive afternoon.

Jonathan Russell  
Relieving Principal



Education

### Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday 26 November</b>	Sporting School Concludes for Term 4
<b>Friday 27 November</b>	Aboriginal Culture group excursion to Wollombi Depart 9.15 am and return by 1.30 pm
<b>Monday 30 November</b>	Year 6 Surfing Program 9.00 am - 3.00 pm arrive at 8.40 am and meet in hall
<b>Wednesday 2 December</b>	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm
<b>Thursday 3 December</b>	Year 6 Orientation Day Singleton High School 9.30 am - 2.00 pm walk from SPS K-2 Christmas Concert 9.45 am
<b>Friday 4 December</b>	K-2 Christmas Concert 9.45 am
<b>Tuesday 8 December</b>	Singleton Public School Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 9 December</b>	Stage 2 End of Year Party day
<b>Friday 11 December</b>	Singleton Public School Sports Presentation Day Assembly 12.00 pm <b>Last day of canteen for the year</b>
<b>Monday 14 December</b>	Year 6 Farewell assembly 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm with parents 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Disco
<b>Wednesday 16 December</b>	<b>Last day for students 2015</b>
<b>Thursday 17 December</b>	Staff Development Day
<b>This weeks assembly will be our last for 2015 at the starting time of 12.45 pm. A presentation "The year that was" will be shown.</b>	

## Presentation Day

The school's annual Presentation Day will be on Tuesday, 8 December at 12.00 pm at the Civic Centre. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

## K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

On Thursday, 3 December and Friday, 4 December the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held in the school hall. **The concert will begin at 9.45 am and should conclude by 11.10 am.**

The concert is repeated on both days to allow for parents and family to come on the day that suits them best. The concert will finish with a finale performance by all children in K-2.

Each year the school supports local charities with donations of non-perishable food items for Christmas.

We would appreciate a donation of a food item from those families who attend the K-2 Christmas Concert. The items kindly donated will be used in hampers that will be distributed to targeted families for Christmas by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre.

## Year 6 Formal

On Monday, 14 December, Year 6 will be having their School Formal. This is an exciting way for the students to celebrate the end of their primary school years. The details are as follows:-

Time: 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - A finger food buffet for Year 6 students and their parents will be served.

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm - A disco will take place for the Stage 3 students.

Dress: Smart/Formal

Venue : Singleton Public School Hall

## 2015 Year 6 Canberra Excursion

The Year Six major excursion for 2015 is a 5-day trip to Canberra. The excursion is confirmed for Monday, 14 March to Friday, 18 March 2016. The excursion supports and enhances our study of Democracy and Government, as well as significantly contributing to the children's social development.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00, which must be **paid by 12:30 pm on Friday, 11 December 2015**. Part payments can also be made from the 1 December until the due date in 2016 to spread the cost over a few months. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. The approximate cost of the excursion is \$590.00. This amount includes your deposit of \$50.00, so when you pay a \$50.00 deposit, you will owe \$540.00 approximately. You may pay in weekly/fortnightly instalments if you wish.

The inclusion of parent helpers for the excursion will be limited. Preference will be given to parents of students with specific health/medical needs. Interested parents will be notified after all student deposits have been received and numbers established. The cost to parents will be approximately \$680.00 and successful parents will be notified as soon as possible after numbers are finalised so that they can begin to make payments. Permission notes will be sent home after Tuesday, 1 December.

## Year 6 End of Year Party

On Thursday, 10 December, Year 6 are going to have a party day to celebrate the end of the year.

In the morning students will watch a movie and then eat a packed lunch. They will then walk to the Bowling Alley for a game of bowling at 12:30 pm. Year 6 will then return to school for a variety of activities planned for the afternoon. At approximately 6.00 pm we will have a pizza for tea. We will then enjoy our night games until pick up at 10.00 pm.

Total cost for the bowling, party food, pizza and drinks will be \$15.00 per child (cash only please). Money and permission notes for this activity are to be handed TO THE CLASS TEACHER by Friday, 4 December.

Notes have been sent home.

Thanks again for all of your support throughout the year.

## Aboriginal Cultural Group Excursion

On Friday, 27 November the Aboriginal Culture group are going on an excursion to Wollombi. The students will depart at 9.15 am and will return to school by 1.30 pm. Children need to wear full school uniform, hat, sunscreen and bring lunch and drinks.

**Cancer Council NSW** SunSmart Snippet

# The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in spring.

Did you know that during spring you need to protect your skin from the sun every day?

In most parts of NSW, the UV level is 3 or above during spring. This means that even on cooler days, you need to protect your skin in five ways: **slip** on sun-safe clothing; **stop** on SPF30+ or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; **slap** on a broad-brim hat; **seek** shade; and **slide** on sunglasses.

Slip Stop Slap Seek Slide

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

How do you know if the UV level is 3 or above in your area?

Download the SunSmart app! The app provides recommended sun protection times, a calculator to check if you're using enough sunscreen, and a tracker to find out if you're getting enough UV exposure to help with your vitamin D levels.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your school's SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

**SUNSMART**

### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2015

Mon 30/11/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammie Cox, 1 more helper please  
 Fri 4/12/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee MacDonald, Rebecca Hobbs

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2015

Mon 30/11/15 Penny Clancy, Lyndal Barry  
 Tues 1/12/15 2 more helper please  
 Wed 2/12/15 Pam Dicks, Brenda Bell  
 Thurs 3/12/15 Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh  
 Fri 4/12/15 Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, 1 more helper please

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

### Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight's focus is:-

**“Recognising and valuing the achievement of others”**

### Information from the DEC

#### Choosing a book for your child

What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

### Credit Card Payment Slip - Singleton Public School

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? ..... Date .....

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: .....

## Severe Weather Event Policy

Due to the recent storms in the area, the school's WHS committee has created a Severe Weather Event Policy at the end of the school day so that staff, students and parents/carers know the procedures the school has in place in the event of a severe storm. The Policy is below:-

### Severe Weather Event Policy at end of school day

Our school will post the event on our Singleton PS App as soon as possible.

Teachers should allow students to pack bag ready for home as they return from recess, so as to avoid both disruption and rush at the end of the day.

Two bells will ring if the Storm Procedure is to be in place.

At the bell, bus students will be directed to the cola / hall to await their bus.

Kindergarten students who do not catch the bus will stay in their classrooms. All other students are to wait for collection under the shelter of the nearest down stairs verandah.

Teachers on duty may not be able to man the crossings due to the danger the weather event poses to their safety.

Teachers who are on duty are to buddy up with another teacher who will remain on the verandah until the last student leaves.

After 2:45 pm parents/carers will be allowed to pick up their child at their classroom prior to the bell after collecting a stamped slip from the office to hand to the teacher (no need to sign out). If your classroom is a long way from the office, eg Year 5, you may use your discretion if you would like to allow parents/carers to pick up children without the pink slip.

Parents/carers need to be aware that after 3:30 pm remaining students will be under minimal supervision in the hall.

## Canteen

The canteen is urgently after helpers, if you have any spare time please contact Nicole at the canteen.

The canteen will be closed in the last week of term. The canteen's last day for 2015 is Friday 11, December.

## Administration - End of Financial Year

The school's end of financial year is on Monday, 30 November and is quickly approaching. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or P&C levies for 2015 that they are paid before this date.

**The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Monday, 30 November or on Tuesday, 1 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.**

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2016 invoices for School Contribution and the P&C levies ready for payment by mid-December for those families who like to pay in December and in readiness for Term 1, 2016.

## Sporting Schools Program

Tomorrow, 26 November will be the last day for Sporting Schools for 2015.

## Student Health – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

There has been reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackievirus) within the school community. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. Good hygiene helps prevent infection. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

### What are the symptoms?

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease may have no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Blisters usually last for seven to 10 days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two. Very rarely, the coxsackie viruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heard, brain, lungs or eyes. **How is it spread?** Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact ie, contaminated hands, secretions from the mouth or respiratory system and director contact with the fluid from blisters. It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before the blisters appear. **How long do children need to be excluded from school?** Please exclude children from school until all of the blisters have dried.



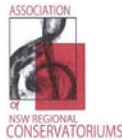
## 2016 enrolments open

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music is offering music lessons at school

Lessons are available during school hours in the following instruments:

Piano, Drums, Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone), Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French Horn, Tuba)

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**Singleton COUNCIL**  
Vacation Care January 2016  
Bookings, enquiries and information: 6571 5780

<p>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January Arts and Craft Face Painting Messy Twister</p>	<p>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> January YR 3-6 Cards and Board Games @ Singleton Library 11.30 - 1pm</p>	<p>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January Wacky Water Day Slip n Slide Paint Bombs</p>	<p>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> January Pegasus Petting Zoo \$12 pp</p>	<p>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> January Dress Up day - Come dressed as your favourite character</p>
<p>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> January Youth Venue Visit Sound recording, Drama, Games and more</p>	<p>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> January \$8.00 pp Ten Pin Bowling Includes Lunch Party Pies/ Hot Chips</p>	<p>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> January \$14pp 12nd Magician Show</p>	<p>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> January K-2 Library visit 11am Yrs 3-6 movie games @OOSH</p>	<p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January Mad Science day Old clothes nec. You may get slimed</p>
<p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January Scavenger/Treasure Hunt</p>	<p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January Petting Zoo Visit to OOSH \$12pp</p>	<p>Friday 22nd January Australia Day Festivities Sausage sizzle lunch Laminations Craft Games</p>	<p>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> January Make your own movies Drama Day</p>	

**Singleton OOSH**  
Before / After School & Holiday Care

## Singleton Public School Staff Profile



Respect | Responsibility | Quality

The school is introducing one staff member each week so that parents and carers can get to know our dedicated staff. This week we are introducing:-

**Name:** Jo Whalan  
**Class:** 7W  
**How long have you been teaching at SPS?:** 3 years  
**Favourite Colour:** Blue  
**Favourite Sports Team:** St George Dragons  
**Favourite Movie:** Avata  
**Favourite Dessert:** Chocolate  
**Favourite Song/Band:** Adele  
**Favourite Subject:** N/A  
**Do you have any pets, and what are they?:**  
 A cat Rosie, a dog Shady and a galah Jacko.

**Hobbies:**  
 Gardening, reading and chillaxing!!

**What do you love about working at SPS?**  
 All of the staff and students at Singleton Public School.





## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 7 2015

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Isabella Ewan	<b>KL</b>	Andrea Erin
<b>KS</b>	Nate Hayden	<b>1E</b>	Bailey Jazz
<b>1H</b>	Clancy Campbell	<b>1/2P</b>	Siaan Keanu
	Jhy		
<b>2B</b>	Sophie Riley	<b>2L</b>	Charli Kingston
<b>3A</b>	Lachlan Marcus Jack	<b>3S</b>	Nicholas Harry Lucas
<b>3/4J</b>	Leon Ava Tupou	<b>4A</b>	Rylan Brendan Mav
<b>4Z</b>	Jordan Holly Ruby C	<b>4/5E</b>	Aussie Bush
<b>5I</b>	Aussie Bush	<b>6D</b>	Simon Barney Kate
<b>6M</b>	Maddie	Jack	Ethan
<b>7B</b>	Kaiden	<b>7W</b>	Noah

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Ewan	<b>Stage 1</b>	Siaan
<b>Stage 2</b>	Adam	<b>Stage 3</b>	Caroline

#### Super Citizens

<b>KS</b>	Arli	<b>3/4J</b>	Kaeli
<b>1/2P</b>	Charlotte	<b>4Z</b>	Seth
<b>3A</b>	Lachlan	<b>6D</b>	Avril

Classwork by 3/4J

