

Newsletter to Parents



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Week 9 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

2 DECEMBER 2015

Congratulations to Jules who came home from Adelaide on Friday with a silver medal from the School Sport Australia Touch Football event. The NSW team were convincing in all of their pool games against the other states except for Queensland. After two unsuccessful attempts against Queensland, NSW again played them in the grand-final. This time it was a much tighter contest with NSW leading 4 -2 with 5 minutes to go. Jules scored the opening try for NSW and had a hand in the second. However, the Queenslanders snuck home 5-4. Well done again Jules and I'm sure this experience will certainly be a lifelong memory.

This week is very important for our K-2 students who will be entertaining all of us at the K-2 concert. Please don't forget that the entry into the hall is a donation of non-perishable foods that will be donated to the Neighbourhood Centre. We are looking forward to wonderful dancing, singing and acting at this year's Christmas Concert. Our Presentation Day assembly will be held on Tuesday, 8 December at the Civic Centre. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue. This is a day where the whole school community celebrates the successes of 2015 and we announce our new leaders for 2016. We are looking forward to catching up with you all at our Presentation Day assembly.

This past week I have had the pleasure of meeting our 2016 Kindergarten students. The interview process has been amazing with some very delightful, polite and eager Kindergarten students ready to take on the challenges of big school. Each student has drawn a picture of their interests with rainbows for girls and animals for boys being the most popular. We would like to welcome all of our new Kindergarten students and our new families and we are sure you will have a wonderful time at Singleton Public School.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mr Andrews will be leaving our school at the end of the year. Mr Andrews has been appointed as a permanent teacher at Singleton Heights Public School. In his time at SPS he has done a wonderful job on his Year 4 and 5 classes as well as taking some RFF time. He has worked hard at delivering high quality sports programs for the school for the past two years and we are sure going to miss his expertise. We would like to wish him all the very best in his teaching career and he is more than welcome to come and visit.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal



Education

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 2 December	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm P&C Dinner 7.00 pm
Thursday 3 December	Year 6 Orientation Day Singleton High School 9.30 am - 2.00 pm walk from SPS K-2 Christmas Concert 9.45 am bring a non-perishable food donation as entry fee
Friday 4 December	K-2 Christmas Concert 9.45 am bring a non-perishable food donation as entry fee
Tuesday 8 December	Singleton Public School Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm Canteen closed after 11.40 am
Wednesday 9 December	Stage 1 End of Year Party Day Stage 2 End of Year Party Day
Thursday 10 December	Year 6 Party Day
Friday 11 December	Singleton Public School Sports Presentation Assembly 12.00 pm Year 6 Canberra deposit due Last day of canteen for the year
Monday 14 December	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 for students Last day for Uniform Shop for 2015
Tuesday 15 December	Year 5 Party Day (note coming home soon)
Wednesday 16 December	Kinder party day Last day for students 2015
Thursday 17 December	Staff Development Day
Friday 18 December	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 27 January	First Day of 2016 for staff only (staff development day)
Thursday 28 January	First day of 2016 for Students Years 1-6
Monday 1 February	First day of 2016 for Kindergarten

K-2 Christmas Concert 9.45 am Thursday and Friday

**P&C Meeting tonight
6pm in the Library. All welcome.**

Matilda Excursion

On Wednesday, 25 November some students in years 3-6 travelled to Sydney to watch the musical Matilda. All students had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the musical.

School Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday, 11 December. Please take the time to read and explain aspects of these reports to your child/ren. The teachers have spent many long hours assessing, evaluating and monitoring each student to eventually develop these reports.

School Supplies

In 2016 the school will be supplying all students with exercise books and some limited stationery needs. Parents and carers of students in Years 1-6 are asked to supply basic stationery requirements such as rulers, eraser, coloured pencils, lead pencils, pencil case, glue sticks, sharpeners, textas, pens (for older grades), etc and replace these items throughout the year. Parents will be advised of any other requirements when classes are formed in early 2016.

Directional Signs

Our new directional signs are now completed and have been placed around the school. Many thanks to the P&C for the donation of these signs.

Sports Presentation - Friday, 11 December

The school will be holding a Sports Presentation Assembly on Friday, 11 December at 12.00 pm.

The assembly will include:-

- Awards to students for sports participation - any student who has represented the school in PSSA knockout events, gala days, zone, hunter and state carnivals,
- The announcement of house captains for 2016 (elections for these will be on Friday), and
- Coaches Awards - presented to students who have shown great sportsmanship and commitment to the team.

All are welcome to attend.

Presentation Day

The school's annual Presentation Day will be on Tuesday, 8 December at 12.00 pm at the Civic Centre. Students will be transported to the Civic Centre by bus. All parents and carers are welcome to come along. A note has been sent home last week for permission to travel by bus and for any parent that would like to collect their child from the Civic Centre. This note needs to be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday, 4 December.

Stage 1 Party Day

Stage 1 Party day will be held on Wednesday, 9 December students will be participating in water activities/games at school.

Stage 2 Party Day

Stage 2 (Year 3&4) Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, 9 December. The students will be walking to and from Majestic Cinemas to watch "Blinky Bill". Children can wear comfortable casual clothes, appropriate foot wear for walking. Please see more details in the note that was sent home last week.

Year 5 Party Day

Year 5 Party Day will be held on Tuesday, 15 December. Students will be participating in water activities and pizza at school. A note will be sent home in the coming days.



Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to stay healthy in summer.

Here's some fun ways to get your kids eating more fruit + veg this summer...

- freeze fruit or mint leaves into ice cubes to chill + flavour water
- add veggie sticks whenever you have a dip
- throw some veg on the BBQ – e.g. capsicum, tomato + zucchini
- keep a tray of fruit pieces like orange wedges or melon slices in the fridge for quick snacks
- freeze bananas, peeled and wrapped in gladwrap, your kids will love the icecream taste
- make easy smoothies with frozen fruit + reduced-fat milk.

Remember: try to eat fruit + veg at every meal!

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 10, Term 4 2015

Mon 7/12/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) **2 Helpers required please**

Fri 11/12/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Mandy Ward, Janet Wilkie

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

Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 4 2015

Mon 7/12/15 Judy Felton, **1 more helper please**

Tues 8/12/15 **2 more helpers please**

Wed 9/12/15 Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns

Thurs 10/12/15 Mary Franks, **1 More helper Please**

Fri 11/12/15 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, **1 more helper please**

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN 2015

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

Pleasures of free play

Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.

Under scheduling your child: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

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

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

CSV ____ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder Contact Number:

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 catered by the Canteen.

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 2016 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 be made 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 have been sent home.

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.

Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben

Canteen

The canteen is seeking new Volunteers for 2016. Please see attached roster dates for 2016 later in this newsletter. Quite a few of our parents are leaving due to their children finishing at this school. Therefore we are needing to fill in those gaps.

Please see next week's newsletter for the new Menu for 2016. Due to Presentation Day, the canteen will be closed after 11.40 am for the remainder of the day on Tuesday, 8 December 2015. **The last day of Canteen for 2015 will be Friday, 11 December 2015.**

Uniform Shop

Singleton Public School P&C Association wish to advise that we have again received an order of polo shirts that do not meet standards in regard to colour fastness. A small amount of shirts are affected but as we are unable to test the entire batch some shirts sold may experience colour fastness issues. We are therefore selling all polo shirts at \$15.00 and ask that you please:

WASH POLO SHIRTS SEPERATELY IN COLD WATER FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST THREE WASHES.

If the colour in the polo shirts run please return your shirts to the uniform shop within two weeks for an exchange.

We apologise for the inconvenience that the polo shirts continue to cause. We are working closely with the supplier to rectify the situation.

REMEMBER: Only 4 more trading days for the Uniform Shop for this year. That means there are only 4 more days to get your \$15 polo shirts. Stock up as this price will not be around for much longer. Last trading day will be Monday, 14 December 2015.

I would like to extend a massive THANK YOU to all my wonderful volunteers for 2015. Your work and efforts are so much appreciated, an extra special big THANK YOU to Sue Ellen Carmen for all of her extra help this year - you are a true star!!

If anyone can spare the time to volunteer in the Uniform Shop next year please get in touch with me or leave your details at the office.

Thank you

Nicole Furness Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Summer Reading Club

Keep your skills up over the summer holidays and beat boredom by joining our Summer Reading Club. Forms need to be returned as soon as possible to Mrs Van De Wel as borrowing for the holidays starts soon! Everyone gets an activity book and the first 200 to join get a goodie bag. Great prizes to be won in the prize draw in Term 1, 2016. If you need a new form just ask at the library.

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: Sam Duff

Class: 7B

How long have you been teaching at SPS?:

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Sports Team: Sydney Kings—Basketball

Favourite Movie: Kindergarten Cop

Favourite Dessert: Panna Cotta and Chocolate

Favourite Song/Band: Gabrielle Aplin and Madonna

Favourite Subject: Maths

Do you have any pets, and what are they?:

Two dogs Raffa and JT.

Hobbies:

Reading and photography.

What do you love about working at SPS?

Great staff and wonderful kids, and delicious food at the canteen!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Anna Adamswaite		Pam Dicks	Deb Boston	Sarah Land
	1 more helper please	2 more helpers please	Brenda Bell	Kirsten Roxbourg	2 more helpers please
		Public Holiday	Staff Dev Day	28.01.16	29.01.16
Week 1	22.02.16	23.02.16	24.02.16	25.02.16	26.02.16
	21.03.16	22.03.16	23.03.16	24.03.16	Good Friday
	Public Holiday	Staff Dev Day	27.04.16	28.04.16	29.04.16
	23.05.16	24.05.16	25.05.16	26.05.16	27.05.16
	20.06.16	21.06.16	22.06.16	23.06.16	24.06.16
	Staff Dev Day	19.07.16	20.07.16	21.07.16	22.07.16
	15.08.16	16.08.16	17.08.16	18.08.16	19.08.16
	12.09.16	13.09.16	14.09.16	15.09.16	16.09.16
	10.10.16	11.10.16	12.10.16	13.10.16	14.10.16
	07.11.16	08.11.16	09.11.16	10.11.16	11.11.16
	05.12.16	06.12.16	07.12.16	08.12.16	09.12.16
	Judy Felton		Liz Tudor	Mary Franks	Paula Stokes
	1 more helper please	2 more helpers please	Peggy-Anne Towns	1 more helper please	Kim Carter
					Maxine Kollinos
Week 2	01.02.16	02.02.16	03.02.16	04.02.16	04.02.16
	29.02.16	01.03.16	02.03.16	03.03.16	03.03.16
	Easter Monday	29.03.16	30.03.16	31.03.16	31.03.16
	02.05.16	03.05.16	04.05.16	05.05.16	05.05.16
	30.05.16	31.05.16	01.06.16	02.06.16	02.06.16
	27.06.16	28.06.16	29.06.16	30.06.16	30.06.16
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	14.11.16	15.11.16	16.11.16	17.11.16	17.11.16
	12.12.16	13.12.16	14.12.16	15.12.16	15.12.16
	Kristlne Lawrence	Renee McDonalds	Nicole Furness	Melissa Muddiman	Carmen Lee Williams
	1 more helper please	1 more helper please	Claire Elgar	Sarah Land	Renee Mouser
					Kate Howe
Week 3	08.02.16	09.02.16	10.02.16	11.02.16	12.02.16
	07.03.16	08.03.16	09.03.16	10.03.16	11.03.16
	04.04.16	05.04.16	06.04.16	07.04.16	08.04.16
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	29.08.16	30.08.16	31.08.16	01.09.16	02.09.16
	24.10.16	25.10.16	26.10.16	27.10.16	28.10.16
	21.11.16	22.11.16	23.11.16	24.11.16	25.11.16
	Staff Dev Day	Staff Dev Day			
			Nadia Brown	Tammy Cox (1/2 Day)	Sally Menere
	2 more helpers please	2 more helpers please	1 more helper please	Maree Davidson	Maxine Kollinos
					1 more helper please
Week 4	15.02.16	16.02.16	17.02.16	18.02.16	19.02.16
	14.03.16	15.03.16	16.03.16	17.03.16	18.03.16
	16.05.16	17.05.16	18.05.16	19.05.16	20.05.16
	Public Holiday	14.06.16	15.06.16	16.06.16	17.06.16
	08.08.16	09.08.16	10.08.16	11.08.16	12.08.16
	05.09.16	06.09.16	07.09.16	08.09.16	09.09.16
	31.10.16	01.11.16	02.11.16	03.11.16	04.11.16
	28.11.16	29.11.16	30.11.16	01.12.16	02.12.16

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 8 2015

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Jack Ella	KL	Lincoln Hudson
KS	Mitchell Connor	1E	Jasmine Hayley
1H	Jacob Campbell	1/2P	Harrison Taj
2B	Abbey Caleb	2L	Beau Charli
3A	Lucy Emma Shelby	3S	Split Class due to Aboriginal Culture Excursion
3/4J	Kaeli Abbie Sofia	4A	Hunter Josephine Clayton
4Z	Ella Laura Faith	4/5E	Claire Paige Zoe
5I	Shae Ryan Adrian	6D	Amy Georga Erin
6M	Ivy	Leena	Joshua
7B		7W	

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Mitchell	Stage 1	Tyler
Stage 2		Stage 3	

Super Citizens

Classwork by 1/2P

1/2 P enjoying their French Knitting.

