

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 2 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

19 OCTOBER 2016

Regular Attendance

On a weekly basis the school produces an attendance report which shows students with an attendance rate below 85%. This statistic includes justified and unjustified absences from the commencement of the year. The names of fifty-four students appear on the latest report from across the school which equates to more than 10% of our population.

Whilst family events, holidays and occasional illness can add up, it is important to remember that your child's regular attendance at school is very important not only for their academic progress, but also for their social and emotional wellbeing; engagement in physical activity; and interaction with current affairs and topics.

Congratulations to Year 3 that has the smallest percentage of students on the report with only three names being highlighted!

Let Me Show you the World...

A full coach travelled to Sydney on Wednesday morning to take students to the stage production of Disney's "Aladdin".

This is the third year that our school has undertaken this activity as a means to heighten students' awareness and appreciation of quality artistic and cultural events. The program is designed to provide all students the chance to see a professional, "big time" show; an opportunity that some may miss out on if entire families needed to attend. It is a huge endeavour, and it could not be possible without the enthusiasm and support of our staff and volunteer parents.

Good Luck Ethan & Kaitlin

Today and tomorrow the NSW Primary School Sports Association conduct the annual Primary Athletics Carnival at Homebush. This year both Ethan and Kaitlin have earned the right to represent the Hunter Region at this event competing in the shot put competition. We all wish them the very best of luck and hope that they are able to achieve a personal best in their events.

Have a great week
David Crowe

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 19 October	State Athletics Aladdin Excursion departs 7.50 am and returns approximately 7.15 pm (selected Years 3-6 students)
Thursday 20 October	State Athletics
Friday 21 October	Author Visit at Singleton PS sponsored by Coal & Allied P&C meeting in the Library at 2.00 pm Book Club money and orders due by 12.30 pm
Monday 24 October	Intensive Swimming Year 2 students and selected Year 3-6 students for 2 weeks
Tuesday 25 October	Canteen opened for lunch until 12.00 pm
Friday 28 October	Final balance due for Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Monday 31 October	Pantomime tickets on sale on the Parsonage verandah from 8.30 am - 9.10 am at \$6.00 each School Magazine pre-orders 8.30 am - 9.10 am on Parsonage verandah \$15.00 each
Tuesday 1 November	Pantomime tickets on sale on the Parsonage verandah from 8.30 am - 9.10 am at \$6.00 each School Magazine pre-orders 8.30 am - 9.10 am on Parsonage verandah \$15.00 each Canteen opened for lunch until 12.00 pm
Wednesday 2 November	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in the school Library
Friday 4 November	Intensive Swimming concludes School Magazine orders and payment due back at school (cash only)
Wednesday 9 November	Pantomime performance for KSPS and SHPS
Thursday 10 November	Pantomime performance 6.30 pm
Friday 11 November	Pantomime performance 6.30 pm
Monday 14 November	2017 Kindergarten information night #2, 6.30 pm in school Library
There is no assembly this week due to the visiting author.	

The Canteen will now be opened on Tuesdays until the end of lunch at 12.00 pm.



Education

Collection of students

Of an afternoon, children are dismissed promptly at 3.10 pm. Arrangements should be made for all children to be collected at this time. Children are not to be playing on play equipment after this time. Please write a short note to your child's teacher if you have arranged alternate travel or collection plans to assist us in caring for your child. **The gates on Hunter Street can be closed as early as 3.20 pm depending on staff commitments and the gates on Elizabeth Street are closed after the last bus leaves the school.**

Active After School Sports

The Active After School Sports program will not be running in Term 4.

P&C Canteen News

We are very lucky to have wonderful canteen volunteers and canteen managers (Nicole Gray and Kim Carter) who work hard to provide students with a wide of variety of menu items each day, and also make a profit for funding of extra school equipment. Over the last two years we have found that we just don't have enough canteen volunteers to operate efficiently every day. This means that sometimes we don't provide a timely lunch service and that some people are volunteering one or more days a week to cover the volunteer shortfall. In particular I would like to thank Sally Menere for often coming to the rescue on busy days. A group of P&C members have spent a lot of time and effort reviewing many options to provide the best service possible to our school. The good news is that the canteen will reopen on Tuesdays during Term 4 for lunch service only. The canteen will not be open for recess/afternoon break on Tuesdays. We are hoping that since volunteers on Tuesday will only be needed from 9.00 am - 12.00 pm, this may attract more volunteers. Every morning from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm is our busiest time, so if you can help out any day until 12 pm that would be appreciated. Please contact Nicole or Kim in the canteen if you can volunteer on Tuesday mornings or any other mornings.

Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the canteen menu and how we operate the canteen to make it more efficient. We will communicate any changes via the newsletter and the school App.

Remember that if you want to have a say in how the P&C runs the canteen and uniform shop and provides extra resources to the school, come to a P&C meeting. We are having a meeting this Friday at 2.00 pm in the library to discuss operation of the uniform shop. The next P&C general meeting is Wednesday 2 November at 7.00 pm in the library.

James Skinner

President – Singleton Public School P&C Association

Selective High School Placement 2018

The application process for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018 has begun.

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 9 March 2017.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2018, you need to do so soon. You will need to **apply on the internet** using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on **11 October 2016** and closes on **14 November 2016**. **No late applications will be accepted.**

There are no paper application forms. You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

Important dates are as follows:

Tuesday, 11 October 2016: Online applications opened

Monday, 14 November 2016: Online applications close (late applications will not be accepted)

Thursday, 9 March 2017: Selective High School Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Good for Kids good for life**LONGER DAYS = MORE OUTDOOR PLAY!**

Outdoor play gives children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and have adventures! Now that daylight savings has started children have even more opportunity to get outside before school, after school and on the weekends.

Make the most of the sunlight by having some outdoor activities planned in advance. Consider installing a basketball hoop for summer evenings or planning to build a cubby house on the weekends. Playing outdoors with neighbourhood play mates is a great after school activity. Family activities could include a bushwalk or beach cricket day.



Health
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Local Health District

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Uniform Shop Roster - Week 3, Term 4 2016

Mon 24/10/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Julene Gunn

Fri 28/10/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Volunteer required please

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

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 4 2016

Mon 24/10/16 Myffany Laurie, 1 more helper please

Tues 25/10/16 Rebecca Tutt, 1 more helper please

Wed 26/10/16 Brenda Bell, Susan Henderson

Thurs 27/10/16 Tammy Cox (1/2 day), Felicity Murray

Fri 28/10/16 Maxine Kolinos, Lisa Krammers, 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:-

“Respecting the school environment”

Parent Online Payment Advice - send to school office

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Total Paid: _____

Date: _____

Description of Payment: _____

Online Payment Receipt number: _____

Where applicable, please ensure that you also send the permission note back to the class teacher.

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:

Book Club

Book Club payments and orders are due back at school by Friday, 21 October. Please have all orders to the office by 12.30 pm on this date or use the new scholastic payment system.

Pantomime Tickets for Sale

Singleton Public School will proudly present the Pantomime 'Peter Pan' on Thursday, 10 and Friday 11 November 2016.

Time: 6.30 pm

Cost: \$6

Tickets will be on sale on Monday and Tuesday in Week 4 (31 October and 1 November 2016) from 8.30 am – 9.10 am from outside the Parsonage.

Please come along to see our fantastic pantomime and have a night filled with joy and laughter!

Statement of Accounts

During the first few weeks each school term, the school sends home Statement of Accounts. These accounts have been sent home last week and may include outstanding voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levies. Other items that may be listed on these Statement of Accounts throughout the year include excursions, intensive swimming, sports carnivals, visiting shows, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The invoices were printed on Friday, 23 September so please disregard them if you have made any payments since this time.

Kinder Information Evening

The second 2017 Kindergarten Information Evening will be held on Monday, 14 November at 6.30 pm in the school library.

Donations of Second Hand Uniforms

The school is in need of donations of second hand school shirts, particularly in sizes 8-12. If you have any spare, clean second hand shirts, please send them into the office.

Appointments with Teachers

Due to the many commitments of our teaching staff before and after school, it is asked that if you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the office to leave a message for your child's teacher to contact you.

Please do not talk to teachers whilst they are on duty as it distracts them from the task they are performing. This is particularly important for teachers on crossing duties.

Intensive Swimming Program

All students in Year 2 and selected students in Year 3-6 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (Monday, 24 October until Friday, 4 November 2016). 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 \$85.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes and payment back to school before Friday, 14 October 2016. Permission notes will be sent home last week.

Please note: Session times are at 1.00 - 1.45 pm and 1.45 - 2.30 pm. Students are to bring clothing to wear in the pool for Safety Day on the Friday of intensive swimming and will be assessed on the Thursday.

Late arrivals or early collection of children

If your child is late to school or needs to be collected from class before 3.10 pm, parents/caregivers must first report to the school office to sign the Student Leave Register and sign in as a visitor to the school. You will then be issued with a late slip/child collection slip to be taken to your child's teacher. This shows the teacher that your child has been signed in or out at the office in line with DoE school attendance requirements. **Please note that students cannot be signed out ahead of time. This is both a Department of Education and legal requirement.**

Meeting of the Minds

Selected Year 6 students were to attend the meeting of the minds day at Singleton High on Tuesday this has now been cancelled.

Year 6 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Last term all Year 6 students received an information package for the option of bringing their own devices to school on a Tuesday for Term 4 only for their library lesson. Devices are restricted to a minimum of an 18cm / 7 inch screen size and students are entirely responsible for the security and repair of the device. By facilitating Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Singleton Public School will empower students and give them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning. The use of personal mobile devices at school will deepen learning, will be personalised and student-centred, and will meet the expectations of teachers, students, parents and caregivers. Enhancing learning in this way will lead a better result for the community in which the students resides. The information package included the Singleton PS BYOD Policy, Mobile Device Policy, BYOD Device Requirements, BOYD Equity Policy, BYOD Student Responsibilities and the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Student Agreement return form which must be signed and returned before they can bring their device. Please be aware that the school does have tablets and computers that will be available for students to use.

Benita Van Der Wel - Librarian

Aurora College

The virtual selective school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's first virtual selective school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes. The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora offers selective classes in English, mathematics and science to gifted and talented Year 7-10 students from rural and remote areas across NSW. Students connect with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment.

The college also gives Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study subjects not available in their own school. For details please visit our website.

Aurora College offers students expanded career options through innovative partnerships with businesses and with scientific, cultural and tertiary education institutions.

Students in the selective stream are chosen in the same way as students in all other selective classes in NSW government schools.






Applications for entry to Year 7 in 2018
OPEN 11th OCTOBER 2016 AND
CLOSE ON 14th NOVEMBER 2016

Visit Selective High Schools website
<http://bit.ly/shsyear7>

For further information about Aurora College, visit our website
www.aurora.nsw.edu.au | or phone 02 9886 7560

EXTRA EXTRA!!!!!!

**Only available by PRE-ORDER,
\$15 each, due Friday Nov 4th**

Send in this form with \$15/MAGAZINE, CASH ONLY, in an envelope to School Office.


I would like to Pre-Order a 2016 School Magazine

Student name (s): _____


Student Class (es): _____

Total sum of money enclosed: _____

All payments will be receipted. Magazine will be delivered in Wk.10



**Singleton Public School
Magazine
2016**



Author and Illustrator Visit

This **Friday** Newcastle author and Illustrator, **Katrina McKelvey** and **Kirrili Lonergan** will be visiting our school. There will be 3 sessions throughout the day for various grades. Other schools will also be attending. The book *Dandelions* can be purchased through the following website:
<http://www.exislepublishing.com.au/Dandelions.html>

This event is proudly sponsored by Coal and Allied and we thank them for providing our students with this great opportunity.

About the author and illustrator:

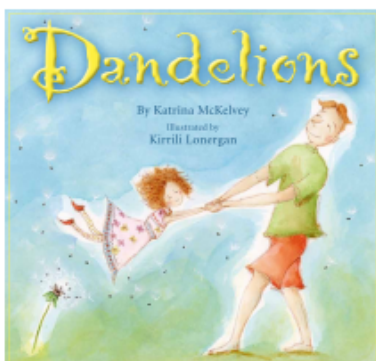


Katrina McKelvey is an author, former primary school teacher, and mother of two. She is the President of the CBCA Newcastle sub-branch, and on the committee of the Newcastle Writers Festival. She also enjoys being a Books In Homes Volunteer Role Model. *Dandelions* is Katrina's first picture book.

Kirrili Lonergan is a children's book illustrator, former paediatric nurse and mother of four. Her illustrations display a profound understanding of the needs of children. She is also the Vice President of the CBCA Newcastle sub-branch and the co-creator of the *Lessons of a LAC* program.

Dandelions

by Katrina McKelvey and Kirrili Lonergan



Dandelions is the story of a little girl who one day notices her father mowing the lawn — in the process destroying her favourite flowers: the dandelions. She rushes out to stop him, but she's too late, they're all gone. There's nothing for it: she's just going to have to sit outside and wait until they grow back!

Exquisite watercolour illustrations combine with lyrical text to create a story that's perfect for readers of all ages. This is a book that will be cherished by families and recommended by teachers and librarians, exploring as it does the resilience of nature, the art of forgiveness, and the love between a parent and child.

HAVE YOU HAD A 715 HEALTH CHECK

What is a 715 Indigenous Health Check?

A health check is an overall check of your well-being. There are health checks for certain ages and there is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health check, this is the 715 Indigenous Health Check for children, adults and Elders.

Having a 715 health check helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive primary health care that we match to their needs. It involves a holistic check on your health including your physical, social and emotional well-being.

These checks assist in early detection, diagnosis and intervention for common and treatable conditions that cause a disease and/or early death.



Please call Ungooroo GP & Health Services on 6571 5111 to make an appointment or go to www.ungooroo.com.au to find out what other health services Ungooroo offers.

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Singleton Public School Student Profile



Respect | Responsibility | Quality

The school is introducing two student leaders each week so that the school community get to know who they are. This week we are introducing:-

Name: Whyatt

Role: Library Monitor

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Colour: Pink

Best thing about school: Get to learn a lot of things.

What I like about SPS: I get to see friends.



Name: Charlotte

Role: Library Monitor

Class: 5E

Favourite Subject: Every subject

Favourite Colour: Fluro Lime-green

Best thing about school: There is something for everyone.

What I like about SPS: The community is friendly.



2016

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
OCT 1	10 Staff and Students return to School Summer Dress Collection	11 KS Preschool Visit	12 7.00 pm P&C Meeting	13	14 First Kindergarten Transition Day 2 sessions 9.30am and 12.30pm 9 am- 12 pm band rehearsal KSPS Intensive Swimming payment due	15
						16
OCT 2	17	18	19 State Athletics Aladdin Excursion	20 State Athletics	21 Author Visit at SPS	22
						23
OCT 3	24 Intensive Swimming starts	25 Selected Year 6 students Meeting of the Minds at SHS	26	27	28 Final balance for Year 5 Aussie Bush due	29
						30
OCT / NOV 4	31 Panto Tickets on sale 8.30 am Parsonage	1 Panto Tickets on sale 8.30 am Parsonage	2 P&C Meeting 7pm	3	4 Intensive Swimming Concludes	5
						6
NOV 5	7	8	9 Pantomime performance - King St and SHPS	10 Pantomime performance 6.30 pm	11 Pantomime performance 6.30 pm	12
						13
NOV 6	14 2017 Kindergarten Information Night #2 6.30 pm in Library	15	16	17	18	19
						20
NOV 7	21	22 Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion departs	23 Christmas Scripture Service K-6 in hall 12pm Year 5 Aussie Bush	24 Year 5 Aussie Bush	25 Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion returns Summer Dress Order Due	26
						27
NOV / DEC 8	28 Year 6 Sun Surf Safe program	29	30	1	2 Aboriginal Culture Group Excursion	3
						4
DEC 9	5	6 Year 6 Orientation Day at SHS	7 P&C Meeting 7pm	8 Year 6 Party Day K-2 Christmas Concert	9 Students reports go Home Sports Presentation Day Last day of Kindergarten Transition K-2 Christmas Concert	10
						11
DEC 10	12 Presentation Day at Civic Centre	13 Year 6 Farewell 12pm Assembly 6pm Dinner 7pm-8.30pm Disco	14 Hunter Sports Awards	15 Last Day Canteen	16 Last day for Students	17
						18

Singleton Public School



2016 Magazine

SALE PRICE of \$15 - CASH ONLY

Pre-order forms will be sent home during Week 2

Available by Paid Pre-order till end of Week 4 (Nov 4th)

Class photos

Classwork

Excursions

2015 Awards



Events

Sports

Clubs

How to Pre-order and Pay:

Week 4 — Monday and Tuesday:

Pre-order in person from Magazine Sale Desk next to Panto Ticket Sales, 8:30am to 9:00am.

Week 2 to 4 — Any day:

Send Magazine Pre-order forms to School Office with Student Name, Class, Sum of Money. If ordering for multiple students, please list all names and classes, and total sum of money.

Parent online payment option not available due to the school magazine being run by the P&C
All payments will be receipted.

Magazines will be distributed to students by Wk. 10.

Class work by 4/5B

Sketches of the HMS Endeavour

