

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 6 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

16 NOVEMBER 2016

Absolutely Brilliant Panto

Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's Panto, "Peter Pan". I have only heard rave reviews from parents, staff and students about this year's show. Even in Queensland, I heard about "the amazing show done by Singleton Public School", this comment from a friend who has no direct relationship with the school.

There is a load of photos from the show included in this newsletter. Everyone involved, in particular the performers and back-stage crew, should be extremely proud of their involvement.

Vomiting Bug

Last week was hectic in the sick bay as numerous students and staff went down with 'the Bug'. It is extremely disappointing to hear of cases where students are telling their teachers that they have been sent to school even though they have thrown up at home that morning.

If your child is displaying any symptoms please keep them at home to minimise infecting others. In the close proximity of 20 to 30 other children these types of 'bugs' rapidly spread resulting in multiple cases.

Sporting Stars

Ethan continues to demonstrate his versatility at a range of sports with his selection in the Hunter Boys' Cricket team for the NSW State Carnival to be held in Sutherland Shire during Week 7, Term 4. Following on from his selection in the Hunter PSSA Athletics team, this is a great achievement. Good luck Ethan!

Also, big congratulations to MJ for her recent efforts in rodeo events across NSW. MJ and her brothers featured in Sunday's Daily Telegraph in a story about 'Cow-Kids'. Great job MJ!

Thinking of our Staff

Without going into specifics I would like to extend our thoughts and best wishes to a number of SPS staff who are facing family grief at the present time. Our wonderful staff contribute so much to our school and it is important that we support them during times of hardship....

With only 5 weeks of school remaining I hope everyone has a positive approach as we head towards

Christmas. Have a great week everyone!

Calendar of Events

Friday 18 November	League Tag Year 6 Surf Fun Safe Life Saving Program money due
Monday 21 November	2017 Kindergarten Transition to School afternoon 2.00 - 3.10 pm Book Club Orders and money due by 12.30 pm
Tuesday 22 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion - arrive at school 8.45 am
Wednesday 23 November	Combined School Christmas Service K-6 12.00 pm in the hall
Friday 25 November	Year 5 Aussie excursion returning approximately 2.00 pm
Monday 28 November	Year 6 Sun Surf Safe Program 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School afternoon 2.00 - 3.10 pm
Wednesday 30 November	End of the school's financial year - no money will be receipted on this day
Friday 2 December	Aboriginal Culture Group Excursion
Monday 5 December	Final 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School afternoon 1.00 - 3.10 pm
Tuesday 6 December	Year 6 Orientation Day SHS
Wednesday 7 December	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm School Library followed by an end of year dinner at 7.00 pm Mamas Kitchen
Thursday 8 December	Year 6 Party Day K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert
Friday 9 December	Report cards to go home Sports Presentation Day K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert
Monday 12 December	Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly 12.00 pm Year 6 Farewell Dinner 6.00 - 7.00 pm Year 6 Disco 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm for Stage 3
Wednesday 14 December	Hunter Sports Awards
Thursday 15 December	Last day for Canteen
Friday 16 December	Last day for Students

This week assembly is hosted by 4/5B at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

David Crowe
Principal

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



Education

Aussie Bush

Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion will be leaving school on Tuesday, 22 November at 9.15 am. Please have all Year 5 students that are attending the excursion at the school hall by 8.50 am. The students are due to return to school on Friday, 25 November at 2.00 pm. Please see the school App for further updates.

P&C News

At the last P&C meeting on 2 November, we accepted the resignation of our wonderful canteen manager Nicole Gray with great sadness. Nicole Gray has been studying hard for some years now and is leaving the canteen manager role to pursue other passions. As a result the P&C formed a canteen sub-committee to review how we operate our canteen. This includes reviewing what days and times the canteen should open, rostering and management of volunteers, the canteen manager responsibilities, and menu items and costs. If you have any questions or comments about the canteen review, please call the P&C Canteen Liaison Robyn Skinner on 0447 392 504.

We are still pursuing the proposal from Lowes to sell our current uniforms through their shop in Singleton and their on-line store, but nothing is confirmed yet. The uniform shop will be operating as normal 8.30 am to 9.30 am Monday and Friday, as well as operating from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on the Kindergarten orientation days. We will keep the school community informed about any uniform shop changes via the Newsletter, App and P&C Facebook page.

We were also very pleased at the last meeting to accept a grant from Glencore for the purchase of three iPads to assist Kindergarten students who have additional language and literacy learning needs. Glencore supported P&C activities in 2015, and we are grateful for their assistance again.

As you may know a very popular piece of playground equipment (the igloo net) broke (due to faulty manufacturing of a connector) and has been out of bounds for weeks. A new net has arrived and needs to be installed. The new net weighs 300kg so this really is a case of many hands make light work! We are holding a working bee on Sunday, 20 November at 10.00 am to install the net and I estimate it will take about 2 hours. Any help would be appreciated.

James Skinner – President
Singleton Public school P&C Association.

Singleton Mixed League Tag Day

Year Six are participating in a non-competitive ' MIXED LEAGUE TAG DAY' (Rugby League without the contact).

Date: Friday, 18 November 2016
Venue: Civic Park, Singleton
Time: Approx. 9.45 am-1.45 pm
Age: Years 5 and 6 – mixed (4 boys and 4 girls on the field)
Equipment: Belts, Tags and footballs will be supplied on each field

The day is aimed at participation and fun in a non-competitive environment. The day is run under the League Tag rules.

The children will walk to and from Civic Park accompanied by Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben. Children may be picked up by parents/guardians at the conclusion of the day from Civic Park provided a note is handed to the accompanying teacher.

Children should wear sunscreen and also have recess, lunch and drinks with them. They may bring money to spend on the day on cold drinks.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and brings their hat and sunscreen for reapplication.


Please return the permission note to Mrs Merrick by Wednesday, 16 November 2016.

Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation days will be held on Monday, 21, 28 November and 5 December. During this time, the Uniform Shop will be open during 1.30 – 3.00 pm.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all children's clothing and personal items are clearly marked with the child's name. This assists in finding an owner for lost property and also saves disputes over ownership of lost items. The lost property box is located near the Uniform Shop at school.


 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add veg to the dinner plate.

Boost the vegetable content of the evening meal with these quick and easy additions to the dinner plate.

Serve a mixed salad with a lean meat accompaniment, going for plenty of variety in the colour of the salad ingredients.



Grate extra veg into mince-based dishes.

Add a rainbow of different coloured vegetables to a stir fry.

Serve homemade pizza, reducing the meat content and loading up the veg.

Blend vegies into sauces.

Add other root veg to mashed potato, such as pumpkin and sweet potato.

For more information visit
www.eatitbeatit.com.au
 or join us at [facebook.com/eatitbeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatitbeatit)



Uniform Shop Roster - Week 7, Term 4 2016

Mon 21/11/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Julene Gunn

Fri 25/11/16 (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 7, Term 4 2016

Mon 21/11/16 Myffany Laurie, 1 more helper please

Tues 22/11/16 Rebecca Tutt

Wed 23/11/16 Brenda Bell, Susan Henderson

Thurs 24/11/16 Tammy Cox (1/2 day), Felicity Murray

Fri 25/11/16 Maxine Kolinos, Lisa Kramers, Sandy Tickell

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:-

“Wearing correct uniform with pride and being a quality student”

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.

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Phone	02 6571 2250
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Principal	David Crowe
AP ES1	Christine Launders
AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Di Merrick
AP Stage 3	Robyn Edgar
P&C Meetings	First Wednesday of the Month

Bell Times	
8.40 am	Play
9.10 am	Morning Muster - class time
11.10 am	Eating in Class
11.20 am	Lunch 1
11.40 am	Lunch 2
12.00 pm	Middle session
1.30 pm	Recess
2.00 pm	Afternoon session
3.10 pm	Home

Peter Pan Pantomime





BE BUS AWARE

Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing



bebusaware.com.au




Book Donation

Singleton TAFE is helping students to learn to read and as their book resources are limited, we are requesting donations of any Learn to read material for ages 5-12 years that parents no longer need.

If you can help with any donations please drop the books at TAFE York Street, Singleton

For further information please contact Margaret Haines on 0265 787114 or margaret.haines1@tafensw.edu.au



**AGES 5 AND UP
ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME**

**BOOK YOUR SPOT
TODAY!!!**

XMAS HOLIDAY CLINICS!

JANUARY
Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th
Tues 10th and Thurs 12th

\$15 per day or \$50 for 4 days if paid by 3rd January.
8.30am-11.30am

CONTACT US AT THE
PRO SHOP ON 65724875

Children need to bring:
Closed In Shoes, Hat,
Drink bottle and food

****This clinic will be a clinic for
beginners only. If you are a beginner please
bring your own equipment.

Beat the Heat

Heatwaves or long periods of extreme heat can have serious health impacts. Babies and young children are among those most at risk. Is your family prepared?

Your family can Beat the Heat this summer by following four easy steps



DRINK PLENTY OF WATER
and avoid alcoholic, hot or sugary drinks

KEEP COOL
do less and avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day



CHECK ON
elderly friends, neighbours and relatives, especially if they live alone

HAVE A PLAN
for how to stay cool when it heats up



Things to remember

- Babies and children overheat and dehydrate quickly in hot weather
- Offer older babies and children extra drinks in hot weather the best drink is water
- Breastfeed or bottle-feed your baby more often in hot weather
- If you are breastfeeding your baby, make sure you also drink plenty of water
- Dress babies and children in cool clothing and protect them from the sun with hats and sunscreen
- Never leave children or pets in the car, not even for a moment.

Learn more about how to Beat the Heat this summer at www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beattheheat



Funded by the NSW Government under the Community Resilience Innovation Program.




Family Fun Night

23rd November 2016

McDonald's
Singleton

6pm to 7pm

PICCOLLAGE

Temporary and Casual Teacher's Aides 2017 (SLSOs)

Throughout the year our school has limited employment opportunities for experienced casual and/or temporary teachers' aides (School Learning Support Officers).

As this is a paid position (approximately \$29.98 per hour for casual employment) we would like to invite suitably experienced or qualified people to provide an expression of interest to the school. In **one page** please outline:-

- Your experience or qualifications to fulfil this position;
- Specific knowledge or understanding of children with additional learning needs.
- First Aid, Working with Children Checks and previous experience are highly desirable.
- Two referees that can attest to your ability to work well with children.
- Written application addressed to the Principal by 3.30 pm on Friday, 25 November.

Any queries, please contact Kerrie Burns in the school office.

Please note you will be contacted by the school if we require further information or if your application has been accepted.

David Crowe, Principal



Singleton High School
extends an invitation for you to attend
Y6-Y7 Orientation Day
Tuesday 6 December 2016
from 9:30am to 2:00pm

- Students will meet in MPC on arrival.
- Please bring food and drinks for recess and lunch.
- Or students can use the school canteen.
- Hot food can be ordered from the canteen in the morning.
- Students will be organised into their Year 7 classes
- They will participate in a range of activities to get to know each other and the high school.
- Parents/carers are welcome to attend the Orientation Morning and are invited to stay for Morning Tea as well as to talk to staff.
- The day's schedule will be forwarded closer to the date

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARK HENDERSON (TRANSITION COORDINATOR) OR
YEAR ADVISERS – VICKI NEECH & KERRIE GREENHALGH BY CALLING 6571 1199.

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Introducer Program with the New- castle Permanent

The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over \$100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous \$600 to our school!

Class work by 1/2H

