

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

23 NOVEMBER 2016

Hello Mother, Hello Father...

Year 5 are off again to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens for their annual 4 day excursion. They will be having a wonderful time climbing hills, shooting arrows, and surviving the real mud challenge. The kids may even be entertained by Ms Edgar singing some of her favourite camp fire songs.

This is a great opportunity for these students to develop a greater bond of friendship and companionship as they support each other to overcome challenges both physical and mental. I am sure that come Friday there will be many tired and worn out bodies climbing off the bus...and that will just be our staff and parents helpers!

Vomiting Bug

Principal colleagues have been sharing tales of similar symptoms across their schools. While the number has dropped at SPS, there is still a steady trickle of children reporting to the sick bay with pale faces and upset stomachs. Hopefully we are over the worst of the bug, however I encourage everyone to remain vigilant and stay health conscious.

We are full!

At present, our school is not taking any new out of zone enrolments due to full classes. As we head towards 2017, I would ask that any families that know that they are moving from the Singleton area please advise the Office as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. We have a growing list of families on our waiting list seeking enrolment at our school.

P&C Thanks

Huge kudos to everyone that assisted with the installation of the 'spider's web' over the weekend. It has been quite a while since this piece of equipment broke. Thanks to the P&C, and in particular James Skinner, for his efforts to have the repairs made. I would also like to extend thanks to all of our volunteers that assist in so many ways with the various programs that the P&C coordinate across the school including helping in the Canteen and Breakfast Club, our Band Program and the Uniform Shop. Your contribution to the school is wonderful and helps to make our school the wonderful place that it is!

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Friday 25 November	Year 5 Aussie excursion returning approximately 2.00 pm
Monday 28 November	Year 6 Sun Surf Safe Program departs 8.15 am from school and return at approximately 3.00 pm. 2017 Kindergarten Transition to School afternoon 2.00 - 3.10 pm Uniform Shop open 1.30 - 3.00 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 Uniform Shop open 1.30 - 3.00 pm Glee Club and Band to perform at Ourcare 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm
Tuesday 6 December	Year 6 Orientation Day SHS - students will walk to SHS at 9.15 am
Wednesday 7 December	Year 6 Party Day P&C Meeting 6.00 pm School Library followed by an end of year dinner at 7.00 pm Mamas Kitchen
Thursday 8 December	K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am to 11.00 am
Friday 9 December	Student report cards will be sent home Sports Presentation Day 12.00 pm K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am to 11.00 am
Monday 12 December	Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm Deposit and Expression of Interest notes for Canberra Year 6 2017 due today by 12.30 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 weeks assembly is hosted by 1E at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

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



Education

Aussie Bush

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 pleased to announce that last week we received a grant from Yancoal for the purchase of a new domestic freezer for the canteen! The extra freezer will help us run the canteen more efficiently by allowing us to cook and freeze more items. Yancoal assisted us last year by donating funds to purchase two new ovens for the canteen, and we are grateful for their assistance again.

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 to 9.30 am Monday and Friday, as well as operating from 1.30 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.

The "Spiderweb" is fixed!! Many thanks to Felicity and Jason Murray, Brendan Plum, Geoff Burns, Ethan Burns and Mrs Herman for helping to install the replacement net for the "spiderweb" on Sunday. Many thanks also to Mrs Burns and the other office staff for their efforts to organise the replacement net and its delivery.

James Skinner
President Singleton Public School P&C Association.



Singleton Mixed League Tag Day

Year 6 students participated in the mixed league day on Friday, 18 November at Civic Park. Although it was a hot day, the students all had a great day playing 4 games against St Catherine's Catholic College. All students showed great sportsmanship and represented SPS with pride.



Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...grow your own.

Want to get kids excited about vegetables? Then plant the seed!

A veggie patch is a great spring or early summer project and just one way to help entice fussy eaters to sample something from the garden.

Plant some vegetables or herbs in the yard or grow them in window boxes or small pots.

Seeing the plants grow makes them much more interesting to eat.

Want to know more about enticing fussy eaters and preparing fruit and veg-filled family meals?

Ask your school to book a **Fruit & Veg Sense** workshop for parents, or find a workshop in your area at eatittobeatit.com.au.

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



Uniform Shop Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2016

Mon 28/11/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kylie Broadbent

Fri 2/12/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee Mouser

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

Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2016

Mon 28/11/16 Anna Adamthwaite, 1 more helper please

Tues 29/11/16 Julie Thomas

Wed 30/11/16 Nicole Furness, Peggy-Anne Towns

Thurs 1/12/16 Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 more helper please

Fri 2/12/16 Lisa Kramers, Rebecca Cooke

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:-

“Demonstrating awareness that our playground and classrooms are shared spaces, requiring cooperation.”

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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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

Science News

Early Stage One Science have experimented with angles in the On the Move unit. They enjoyed creating their vehicles and comparing speed at differing slopes.

Stage 1 have experimented with paper helicopters, predicting and discussing the effects of the forces of Gravity, Weight and Air pressure.

Wendy Pearce



Year 1 Museum Excursion

Year 1 students walked to Burdekin Park Museum last week to learn about the local history of Singleton. The excursion was enjoyed by all the students.



Administration - End of Financial Year

The school's end of financial year is on Wednesday, 30 November and is quickly approaching. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or P&C levies for 2016 that they are paid before this date.

The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Wednesday, 30 November while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2017 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, 2017.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, 6 Week 2016

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Bella Addison	K/1L	Matthew Eva
KS	Molly Will	KJ	Zarleya Elena
1FL	Rachael Ava	1/2H	Ella Logan
1E	Chloe Sophie Avah	2L	Lillian Roman
2P	Lily Lilly	3A	Jade Abbey Ella Caleb Amber
3S	Trisha Beth Harrison	3/4R	Hayden Hannah Brayden
4Z	Sam Lachlan Lachlan	4/5B	Emma Ruby Edie
5I	Ruby Bill Rylan	5E	Dustin Lexie Flynn
6D	League Tag	6M	League Tag
7B	Sean	7W	Aiden, Sakura

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Niko	Stage 1	Tristan
Stage 2		Stage 3	Amber

Super Citizens

K/1L	Harry	3A	Sophie
KJ	Liam	3S	Tyler
KS	Kayla	4Z	Sam
1/2H	Ruby	4/5B	Matthew
1E	Riley	5I	Oliver
2L	Jack	6M	Madison
2P	Campbell	S.U	Amber, Sean

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



Merry Christmas
on John Street
Friday 25 November 2016
from 4pm

John Street will light up with a Christmas bang!
You and your family are invited to join the celebrations.

Santa | Fireworks at 8.00pm | Carols
Markets | Entertainment | Kids Crafts
Camel Rides | Animal Nursery | Kids Fancy Dress



Wheeling & Able
making kids mobile



Come and join **Wheeling & Able** on our annual 'no bus' shopping trip in Singleton. All proceeds help buy equipment for children with physical disabilities in our local area.

Saturday, 26th November from 8.30am – 1.00pm* (depending on store opening hours)

* Tickets available for use on Friday 25th November at the Friday Night Markets in participating stores from 4 – 6pm as well as Saturday 26th November.

A \$30 ticket enables you to get discounts at the following shops. The ticket price includes Coffee and Cake at Poppy's.

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| * 30% off at Poppy's | * 10% Singleton Hi Fi (Toys & Jaycar Products) |
| * 30% off at All 4 U | * 30% off at Evidence |
| * 30% off at Sports Power | * 20% off at Hunter Jewellers (for Jewellery up to \$1,000) |
| * 30% off at Johnston's Shoes | * 30% off at Worn Out Wares |
| * 30% off at Singleton Photo Centre | * 20% off at Moss & Twine |
| * 10% Redbournberry Clothing | * Please note: some exclusions apply |

Tickets can be booked at **Moss & Twine, 127a John Street Singleton**, and collected on the day at **Poppy's**.

All tickets go in the draw for a lucky 'ticket' prize. Further information is available from Jeannie Hicks on 65733893.

Come and help us support our local businesses and a great local charity which has been helping our local kids for over 80 years.

Don't miss out!!

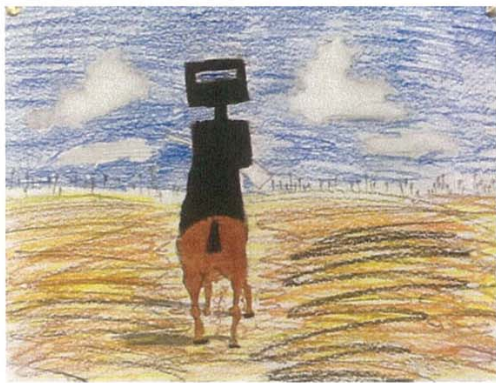
Class work by 5I

5I – A Study of Ned Kelly and Sir Sidney Nolan's Art

In 5I we have been examining some of Australia's pioneering artists. We have been studying the works of Albert Namatjira and Sir Sidney Nolan. Students examined the famous interpretation of Ned Kelly by Sir Sidney Nolan and we discussed the "block-like" and impressionist style used by the artists. All students examined proportion and spacing as part of their art as well as the detail and colour used. Well done everyone.



Original work by Sir Sidney Nolan



Work by: Faith



Work by: Ruby



Work by: Max



Work by: Emilia



Work by: Joel



Work by: Elyse