

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 10 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

14 DECEMBER 2016

Presentation Day

Congratulations to all of our students that were recognised on Monday for their achievements throughout the year. It was very impressive to see the variety and quality of awards being presented. I was extremely proud to see our combined band performing 'en-masse' with such skill and enthusiasm.

It was also a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new captains, vice-captains and counsellors for 2017. Congratulations to Miller, Lucie, Hamish, Holly, Grant, Portia, Nathan, Charlotte, Seth and Emma on taking up your new roles within our school.

Year Six Farewell

After seven years of primary school, our Year Six class of 2016 will be 'graduating' from Primary School at the end of the week and move on to secondary education. These kids have grown into delightful, thoughtful students who will take with them many fond memories and solid skills developed through their time at Singleton Public School.

I hope that they all enjoy the experiences and challenges that High School will bring them, whilst remembering the core values that they have honed whilst here. Good luck Year Six!

Staff Farewells

At the conclusion of the year, Mrs Kaylee Lamon our relieving School Counsellor will return to retirement after assisting our school for the past two years. Her dedication in driving from the Central Coast each week, along with her professional advice and guidance, will be sorely missed. Thank you Mrs Lemon!

Mrs Jenny Moore is the local Home School Liaison Officer based at our school. Jenny has been with us for several years now and assists local schools and families to address issues with attendance. After a long career, both as a classroom teacher and in her current capacity, Jenny has decided that it is time to stop work and join the ranks of the retired. Congratulations and thank you Mrs Moore for your wonderful efforts for the students of NSW.

2017 Dates

Staff will be returning to school on Friday, 27 January for a School Development Day. Year 1 to 6 will resume school on Monday, 30 January. Kindergarten 2017 will commence Best Start assessments on the Monday and Tuesday with all students commencing school on Wednesday 1 February. Until then, I hope that you have a wonderful time with your families during the Summer Holidays and have a relaxing and joyful Christmas and New Year period.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 14 December	Hunter Sports Awards Kindergarten Party Day
Thursday 15 December	Year 5 Party Day Stage 2 and 5B Party Day
Friday 16 December	Last day for Students for 2016
Friday 27 January	Staff Development Day
Monday 30 January	Student on Years 1-6 return for 2017
Wednesday 1 February	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in the school Library
Thursday 3 February	Medical forms due back at school
Tuesday 7 February	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

There is no assembly this week.



Congratulations to the Major award winners for 2016.



Education

Band

Last Monday, 5 December the Concert Band, Glee and Year 2 Panto singers provided some entertainment for the Our Care Services Christmas Party. The children sang and played beautifully and were very well received by the audience. They were treated to a cup of drink and lolly pop for their time and effort.

Thankyou all for your great behaviour.

Kristy Dibley and Katrina Hackett

Organising Teachers

Sports Presentation

Congratulations to all students who received awards last Friday, 2 December at the annual sports presentation.

Coaches Awards

Sport	Recipient
PSSA Boys' Cricket – Coach Mrs Van Der Wel	Seth
PSSA Girls' Cricket – Coach Mrs Van Der Wel	Ruby
PSSA Netball – Coach Mrs Dibben	Macy
PSSA Boys' Soccer – Coach Mr Ison & Mr Johnson	Logan
PSSA Girls' Soccer – Coach Mr Ison & Mr Johnson	Sofia
PSSA Boys' Touch – Coach Mrs Black	Ryan
PSSA Girls' Touch – Coach Mrs Black	Emily
PSSA Rugby League – Coach Mrs Black	Troy
Knights Knockout – Coach Mrs Black	Tairawa
PSSA Rugby Union – Coach Mrs Foster	James
PSSA Tennis – Coach Mr Ison	Emma

Major Award Winners & School Blues 2016

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medallion	Tairawa
Sportsperson of the Year	Ethan
Champion House 2016	Lawson
NSWPSSA Representative- Cricket	Ethan
NSWPSSA Representative -Athletics	Ethan, Kaitlyn
NSWPSSA Representative - Tennis	Ethan
NSWPSSA Representative - Golf	Ethan
NSWPSSA Representative - Rugby League	Tairawa
NSWPSSA Representative-Rugby Union	Tairawa
State Representative- Rugby League	Tairawa

House Captains 2017

House	Boy Captain	Girl Captain	Boy Vice Captain	Girl Vice Captain
Kendall	Harry	Laura	Oliver	Elyse
Lawson	Bill	Ella	Flynn	Georgia
Gordon	Cooper	Lilly	Brandon	Emilia
Paterson	Rylan	Jordan	Nathan	Ella

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to plan the week's lunches.

The year is almost over - that's a lot of lunches you've had to pack!



Finding the time and inspiration to create a healthy lunch box five days a week can be a chore. Planning ahead can ease the pain.

Make it even simpler and head to the "for parents" section of eatittobeatit.com.au for ideas for five healthy lunch boxes.

Make them all, or pick and choose the items your child will love to eat.

Just remember to include a combination of breads and cereals, meat and alternatives, veg and salads, fruit, dairy and a drink of water.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 1 2017

Mon 30/1/17	Renee Mouser, Tammy Cox (1/2 day)
Tues 31/1/17	1 more helper please
Wed 1/2/17	Sarah Land, Melissa Muddiman
Thurs 2/2/17	2 more helpers please
Fri 3/2/17	Paula Stokes, Maxine Kolinos, 1 more helper please

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has now relocated to Lowes at Singleton Square. They are currently selling uniforms in-store and will be introducing an online system in the future.

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:-

“Valuing the achievements of others.”

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.

Singleton Pubic School Details	
Phone	02 6571 2250
Fax	02 6572 3076
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

Class organisation for 2016

Students in Years 1- 6 in 2016 will start back at school on Monday, 30 January 2017. On this day, students can come to school and place their bags at their 2016 classroom. There will be an assembly held in the morning and the students will not be placed in their 2017 class groups until our school numbers can be confirmed. The reason for this is because there are often a lot of changes to enrolments over the school holidays, eg students leaving and new ones arriving.

Home Readers

Can all families return their home readers for the year please. They will now be sorted in readiness for 2017. If your child still has home readers at home, please send them into school as soon as possible.

Invoicing

The 2017 school financial year began on Monday, 1 December 2016. All families have now been invoiced for the 2017 Voluntary General Contribution, P&C Levy and Supercover. Payments can be taken at the school office. Please note, payments for 2017 Kindergarten children cannot be made until Week 2, 2017.

Supercover

The school has once again decided to implement the "Supercover" system in 2017. Supercover will only be available to those families who have paid their voluntary school contribution at the beginning of the year (\$60.00).

What is Supercover?

"Supercover" is an **optional** fee that can be paid at the start of the year for each student. (Individual payment for the shows and excursions that Supercover includes, is still possible as the events occur through the year should you choose not to take the Supercover option.)

The cost is \$25.00 which can be paid in advance for the following shows and includes a discount per child:-

- Hunter Life Education Van;
- 2 x Visiting Shows;
- Military Museum Excursion.

The system is much easier for both parents and carers and for the administration staff because there will be less money coming in small amounts and less permission notes. Please note: Permission notes will still be sent home to all children. It will state on the permission note if the event is covered by Supercover. If you have paid Supercover, there will be no need to return the permission note. Please note, there are no refunds available under the Supercover scheme.

When will Supercover need to be paid?

Supercover will need to be paid before Tuesday, 7 March 2017.

The following permission note will need to be filled out to give your child permission to attend Hunter Life Education Van, the visiting shows and the Military Museum Excursion.

School Supplies

In 2017 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 a ruler, erasers, 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 2017.

Welcome to our new Captains, Vice Captains and Counsellors for 2017 (pictured right)



K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert



Uniform Shop News

At the P&C meeting on Wednesday, 7 December final approval was given to allow Lowes to sell our school uniforms. As you know this has come about after much discussion and careful consideration. As final approval was only given at this meeting we apologise for not letting everyone know sooner however to keep to Lowes timeline we have packed up our stock on Thursday, 8 December and Lowes is now in possession of our stock. This means that the Uniform Shop will no longer be open.

I would personally like to thank the many volunteers that have helped in the Uniform Shop over all the years we have run the Uniform Shop and particularly those that have helped the past 3 years while I have been co-ordinator, my job was made easier knowing I had such wonderful, dedicated volunteers helping out. Your help has been so appreciated by me personally and by the P&C who have always tried to make the best decisions for the uniform shop, we truly hope the move to Lowes will prove to be an excellent decision for both the school and the school community.

If at any time you encounter any issues with the transfer to Lowes or with uniforms please contact the P&C as we are still maintaining responsibility for the uniform sales. You can always message our Facebook page, email the P&C - singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or leave a message at the front office to get in touch with one of us.

Thank you
Nicole Furness
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

P&C News

At last Wednesday's meeting which was attended by a handful of dedicated members and a few other interested parties, we voted to advertise the role of canteen manager and canteen assistant. Hopefully you will have received a flyer advertising the positions of SPS Canteen Manager and Canteen Manager Assistant. The positions will also be advertised in the wider community.

There are generally only a handful of members in attendance at any one P&C general meeting. These few members struggle to cope with the range of issues that they need to manage – not just canteen, but uniform shop, band, fete, allocation of funds, secretarial and treasurer duties, governance issues and many other issues that arise. If you have a genuine interest in the P&C and would like to help with the running of the P&C all you have to do is attend a meeting and join up. New members are always welcome (membership only costs a gold coin). The more members we have, the more the load can be shared, and the more voices we can have in making decisions together, in the best interests of our children at our wonderful school.

The P&C would like to thank the teachers and school staff for their dedication to our students in 2016. We are also very grateful to the people who volunteered in the canteen, at Breakfast Club and in the Uniform Shop this year. Thank you.

The P&C would also like to thank you all for the enormous support that the school community has provided over the past year and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

James Skinner, P&C President

Please feel free to contact me, via the school office or email singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Stage 2 Party Day

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Christmas Party will be held tomorrow, 15 December. The students will be walking to and from Majestic Cinemas to watch "The Trolls". At conclusion of the movies the children in 3/4R and 3A will be walking to Rose Point Park for lunch. Children need to bring lunch and drinks. 3S, 4Z and 4/5B will be returning to school after the movies. They will have lunch on their return to school. They may also bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea. Children can wear comfortable casual clothes, appropriate closed foot wear for walking and a hat. Please see more details in the note that was sent home last week including the cost of the movies.

Year 5 Party Day

Year 5 Party Day will be held on Thursday, 15 December. Students will be having a picnic day together at school with water activities and pizza at school. A note has been sent home.

Canberra Year 6 2017

Year 6 teachers have booked the 2017 excursion to Canberra from 15 May – 19 May, 2017.

Expression of interest notes for the 2017 Year 6 Canberra excursion have been sent home. Permission notes and a \$50.00 deposit are due in by end of term. APPROXIMATE COST: Students - \$590 Parents - \$680

Di Merrick and Robyn Dibben
Year Six Teachers

Book Award Recipients 2016

KM	Brendan	1/2H	Sabine	4Z	Jackson
KM	Cailin	1/2H	Ella	4/5B	Joseph
KM	Seth	2L	Roman	4/5B	Matthew
KJ	Joseph	2L	Thomas	4/5B	Portia
KJ	Kristy	2L	Arky	5E	Abby
KJ	Lucy	2P	Isabelle	5E	Charlotte
KS	Carson	2P	Jack	5E	Brandon
KS	Arlo	2P	Leo	5I	Rylan
KS	Carter	3A	Charlie	5I	Pin-Chi
K/1L	Hamish	3A	Sophie	5I	Samuel
K/1L	Hannah	3A	Maegan	6D	Caroline
K/1L	Aeryn	3S	Tyler	6D	Brodie
1E	Tayla	3S	Caitlan	6D	Kobey
1E	Mackenzie	3S	Indi	6M	James
1E	Jai	3/4R	Lauren	6M	Ruby
1FL	Mitchell	3/4R	Chelsea	6M	Callan
1FL	Olivia	3/4R	Jesse	7B	Dre
1FL	Arli	4Z	Kaeli	7B	Kaiden
1/2H	Ashton	4Z	Lachlan	7W	Aiden
				7W	Jett

Certificate Recipients 2016

KJ	Nate	1FL	Max	3S	Riley	5I	Emilia
KJ	Levi	1FL	Ewan	3S	McKayla	5I	Max
KJ	Vincent	1FL	Eustachius	3S	Riley	5I	Ruby
KJ	Jamila	1FL	Abubakar	3S	Brianna	5I	Bill
KJ	Ila	1FL	Mackenzie	3S	Jacob	5I	Lilly
KM	Eric	1/2H	Cohen	3/4R	Phoebe	6D	Emily
KM	Pin-Ling	1/2H	Keyori	3/4R	Sam	6D	Kowhai
KM	Hannah	1/2H	Ciah	3/4R	Talan	6D	Mikayla
KM	Flynn	1/2H	Jhy	3/4R	Cooper	6D	Zoe
KM	Karlie	1/2H	Sheridyn	3/4R	Liam	6D	Ethan
KS	Jake	2L	Sophie	4Z	Max	6M	Ashlee
KS	Zahra	2L	Jack	4Z	Ivy	6M	Macy
KS	Will	2L	Kayley	4Z	Kaylar	6M	Sophie
KS	Amelia	2L	Alyssa	4Z	Abbie	6M	Bree
KS	Aiden	2L	Miley	4Z	Sam	6M	Hannah
K/1L	Harry	2P	Alisha	4/5B	Thomas	7B	Sean
K/1L	Lincoln	2P	Ariel	4/5B	Hamish	7B	Damian
K/1L	Eva	2P	Amelia	4/5B	Maya	7B	Brodie
K/1L	Tristan	2P	Cameron	4/5B	Samuel	7B	Coleby
K/1L	Lochie	2P	Evan	4/5B	Kaitlyn	7B	Stevie
1E	Kayden	3A	Lachlan	5E	Lexie	7W	Anakin
1E	Rhyley	3A	Erin	5E	Thomas	7W	Harley
1E	Jayke	3A	Caleb	5E	Xander	7W	Amber
1E	Khloe	3A	Bailey	5E	Josephine	7W	Sakura
1E	Connor	3A	Taj	5E	Holly	7W	Noah

2017 School Captains, Vice Captains and Year 6 Councillors

School Captains	Lucie, Miller
Vice Captains	Holly, Hamish
Year 6 Councillors	Lucy, Seth, Emma, Grant, Portia, Nathan

Singleton Public School 2016 Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients in 2016

DUX		Samuel
CITIZENSHIP AWARD donated by Saxby's Bus & Coaches		Braedyn
ENTER TO LEARN AWARD	Stage 1 - Stage 2 - Stage 3 -	Seth Lillyan Tahlia
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS AWARD donated by Liddell Coal		Angus
SCIENCE AWARD donated by AGL Macquarie	Yr 3-6 Yr K-2	Aaron Oscar
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD		Logan
LIBRARY AWARD		Whyatt
INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARD		Liliana
INSPIRATION AWARD		Amelia
SPORTSPERSON		Ethan

Thank you to the very kind supporters of our school who generously made donations towards the prizes for our school presentation:

AGL Macquarie, Saxby's Bus Coaches, Liddell Coal, and the Federal member for Hunter The Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon, Singleton Public School P&C. Thank you and congratulations to the performers in the School Band and the Vocal Movement Group.



Workshop on reading with children presented by your Library



Reading with children in their preschool years is the single most important activity parents, carers or grandparents can assist with to help build skills essential for reading success and for developing good literacy skills in adult life. Presented by library staff, this workshop will focus on enhancing the enjoyment of reading for children and hopefully setting them on the path to be lifelong readers.

Sessions can be conducted either at the library or at a venue of your choice.

For further information or bookings contact Rob Stewart, Singleton Library Programs and Learning Coordinator.

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FREE ABORIGINAL BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM

- Participants receive a **FREE helmet & basic Bike Service.**
- **FREE snacks and refreshments.**
- **Just bring your bike and wear comfortable clothing for the 3 hour bike skills program**

Singleton Youth Venue, Bathurst St, Singleton

Saturday 17th December

9.00am to 12.00noon

For bookings or further information:

Email: info@bikeandfitness.com.au

Or call 0411260 735



Christmas Lunch in Singleton

Come along to the Senior Citizens Centre and celebrate the Joy of Christmas with us. There will be plenty of good food, friendship and entertainment.

25th December 2016
Join in The Fun from 11am

Senior Citizens Centre
Bathurst Street, Singleton

Thank you to our major Sponsors
Rix's Creek Mine & Glencore Mt Owen Complex

For more information contact Alison Stevenson on 0427 633 731
or email: singletonchristmaslunch@samaritans.org.au
Just turn up on the day - transport available.



Santa will be making a special visit with his bag full of presents

Our Christmas elf wants your company!

We are all friends and together we can celebrate Christmas...



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

Thursdays will be a clinic for beginners and a Junior comp day for more experienced players

AGES 5 AND UP
ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME

[BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!!!](#)

CONTACT US AT THE PRO SHOP ON 65724875

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

Singleton Youth Venue

January 2017 - WEEK 1 & 2

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Youth Venue OPENS for 2017!	4 Pool Competition	5 Board games & Card games Dungeons & Dragons	6 TGIF On The Youth Lawn!
10 Laser Tag excursion	11 Props & Mask making Indoor soccer	12 Band Camp & FREE Afternoon tea	13 Safe Self Defence workshop OOOSH visit

For more information, contact us
youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au
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Singleton Youth Venue



2016 the year that was.....

