# **Newsletter to Parents**

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Week 8 Term 1 16 March 2016 QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

# **Greetings from Canberra**

As you read this week's edition, I am exploring the wonders and sights of Canberra with our Year 6 students. This is an amazing trip and supports a lot of topics that our students have been, or will be, covering in class. Our trip includes visits to the Australian War Memorial, our Federal Parliament, Questacon, and a visit to the Governor General's residence. On Friday morning a visit to the Mint occurs before our journey back home. I encourage Year 6 parents to check the school app for travel updates and our predicted time of arrival back at school.

## Thursday 24 March Fun Day

Our Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday, 24 March commencing at 9:30 am. This is a wonderful activity where all students across the school are encouraged to participate and join in the fun. Parents and family members are invited to come along and support our students as they show off the creations that have been made at home.

We will have recess early in this day commencing at 10:30 am

At 11:00 am, Years 2-6 will walk to Cook Park to conduct our annual School Cross Country event. Being conscious of the strange weather we are currently experiencing, children will be encouraged to 'take it easy', stay well hydrated and not over exert themselves during the event. Students will return near 1.00 pm for a late lunch.

# **Parent – Teacher Interviews**

Our school conducts face to face interviews during Semester 1 to provide feedback to parents on student progress. To limit disruption to class programs we will be holding the meetings during Week 1, Term 2 (April 27-28-29). This is a shortened week with ANZAC Day on the Monday and School Development Day scheduled for the Tuesday.

Booking sheets will be forwarded home in the near future and should be completed promptly to ensure that you are able to meet your child's teacher at a suitable time. Generally, interviews will be conducted between 8:30 am - 4:45 pm on the scheduled day for each class.

### Late arrivals

In our recent audit it was noted that schools should be requesting valid explanations for all absences which includes partial school days. We would ask parents to ensure students arrive at school by 9:10 am or escort them into the front office to sign them in each morning that they are late.

Have a great week everyone! David Crowe - Principal

Calendar of Events			
Mon-Friday 14 - 18 March	Year 6 Canberra - bus is due back at approximately 5.00 pm Friday		
Thursday 17 March	Kinder Breakfast - more information later in this newsletter		
Friday 18 March	Hunter Rugby League Uniform Shop - Winter Dress order form due		
Monday 21 March	Sporting Schools (after school sports) starts for Term 1 - permission notes MUST BE returned before commencing University of NSW tests note and payment due		
Wednesday 23 March	Zone Soccer Easter Service K-6 12.00 pm at school Parent / Teacher interview time slips due		
Thursday 24 March	Easter Hat Parade - 9.30 am Riding for Disabled starts (Support Unit) Cross Country - 11.00 am Year 2 – Year 6		
Friday 25 March	Good Friday		
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday		
Wednesday 30 March	Military Museum note and payment due School Staff Development Activities - CPR and Anaphylaxis Training 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm		
Friday 1 April	Hunter Netball		
Monday– Wednesday 4 April - 6 April	Military Museum Excursion		
Wednesday 6 April	Zone Touch P&C Meeting 7.00 pm School Library		
Friday 8 April	Hunter Soccer and Hockey		
Term 2 - Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day		
Tuesday 26 April	Staff Development Day - office will be closed		
Wednesday 27 April	Students return		
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#### Victory Kelly Trophy - PSSA Tennis

Singleton Public School hosted Round 1 of the Victory Kelly Trophy (Hunter) last Wednesday, 9 March against of Nulkaba.

Singleton Public School was represented by Emma, Kaitlin, Jack and Ethan (pictured below).

Singleton Public School were the victors on the day taking out the boys singles, girls singles, boys and girls doubles and the mixed doubles matches.

All games were played with competitive spirit and included some excellent rallies. Congratulations to Nulkaba for attending and playing some great tennis, and also learning more about the game.

The next match will be between Singleton Public School and Rutherford Public School during the next month.

Well done Singleton Public Tennis Team. "Come on!"

Mr Ison



## **Boys Cricket**

On Tuesday, 8 March

Singleton Public School took on King Street Public School in a twenty five over match. We lost the toss to King Street and we had to go out and bat. The openers were Ethan and Aaron. Unfortunately Aaron was out for a golden duck, then Jack came in third. Then Ethan and Jack both retired and got an outstanding 91 run partnership. At drinks we were one out for 116 runs. At the end of our twenty five overs we finished with 183 runs.

Then Singleton Public School had to go and field. A strong opening spell from Ethan and Jack saw them get two early wickets with some outstanding fielding. Ryan trapped a batter with an amazing lbw and he got one wicket. Great bowling by Callan who got two well deserved wickets. King Street declared with 7 for 77 runs.



The boys would like to say a huge thanks to Mr Smith for taking our bags down and Mrs Van Der Wel for taking us down and organising the game.

By The Boys Cricket Team

#### **Girls Cricket**

On Monday, 7 March, Singleton Public School girls cricket team went to Muswellbrook to play Muswellbrook Public School at Volunteer Park. The girls played exceptionally well getting 105 runs in 25 overs and these girls scored: Ruby 6 runs, Faith 2 runs, Laura, Lexie and Hannah all got 1 run each. For our bowling, Lexie ran out one batter. They had an amazing batter who scored 33 runs off our improved bowling. Faith bowled really well but they caught us 1/109 25 overs. Our girls showed great sportsmanship even though it was a very hot day.

Written By Georgia and Ruby





### **Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9 Term 1 2016**

Mon 21/3/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kylie Broadbent

Fri 25/3/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) **Good Friday** 

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

#### Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 1 2016

Mon 21/3/16 Anna Adamthwaite, 1 more helper please

Tues 22/3/16 Pam Dicks, 1 more helper please

Wed 23/3/16 Nicole Furness, 1 more helper please

Thurs 24/3/16 Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh

Fri 25/3/16 **GOOD FRIDAY** 

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT - RESPONSIBIL-ITY - 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:-

"Moving responsibly around the school"

### Information from the DEC

#### Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-childwith-letters-and-sounds

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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

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#### **PSSA Netball Trials**

On Friday, 11 March seven girls in Year 6 - Kowhai, Meghan, Anika, Ruby, Hannah, Macy and I (Amelia) - went to Rose Point Park to try out for the PSSA Upper Hunter Netball team.

The team was meant to play six games but we only played four because of the boiling hot weather. We played the best we could every game, but unfortunately we lost all of our games.

Congratulations to Kowhai and Macy for making the possibles and probables, and again to Kowhai for making the team!

A big thank you to our coach, umpire and manager on the day Mrs Rodgers.

Amelia Year 6



## Kindergarten Pyjama Day

Last week KS and KJ were learning the letter "P". Here are some photos taken on Friday with the students and teachers in their PJ's celebrating "P" day.





### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday, 23 March to Thursday, 26 March. Please see below the designated days for each class:-

Tuesday, 5 April	Thursday, 7 April	Wednesday, 27 April	Thursday, 28 April	Friday, 29 April	Wednesday, 4 May
K/1L	2P	1E	KM	6D	KS
	4/5B	1FL	KJ	5E	
		1/2H	3A	51	
		2L	3S		
		6M	3/4R		
			4Z		
Location: Parsonage	Location: Connected Classroom	Location: Library	Location: Library	Location: Library	Location: Parsonage

A note has been sent home this week for parents/caregivers to complete and is due back to school by Wednesday, 23 March.

#### **Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Bunny is on its way with hip, hop, hippy hop. Its time to get creative! Students are encouraged to make their Easter Hats at home. The Easter Parade is on next Thursday morning, 24 March, starting at 9:30 am and finishing at 10:15 am. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

#### P & C News

The SPS P&C Annual General Meeting was held on 2 March. At the meeting the President, James Skinner, acknowledged the hard work of the small number of active P&C members over the last year as well as volunteers who had assisted in the canteen and uniform shop. He thanked the skilled and dedicated teachers and staff at SPS for another successful year of working together. The Assistant Treasurer presented the audited 2015 Financial Statements. Mr Crowe thanked the following members for their hard work and support for the school in 2015: President - James Skinner, Vice President and Assistant Treasurer - Donna Croft, Treasurer - Rob Ella, Secretary - Rebecca Hobbs, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Nicole Furness, Magazine Coordinators - Graeme and Sandy Tickell, Band Representative - Jan Fallding, Breakfast Club Co-ordinators - Penny Clancy and El Keulamans, and Canteen Liaison - Robyn Skinner. The following people were voted in to the P&C Executive and other roles for 2016:

- President James Skinner
- Vice President Jan Fallding
- Vice President Rebecca Hobbs
- Secretary Donna Croft
- Treasurer Vicki Ella
- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Nicole Furness
- Band Representative Jan Fallding
- Magazine Coordinators Graeme and Sandy Tickell
- · Breakfast Club Co-ordinators Sandy Tickell and El Keulamans
- · Canteen Liaison Robyn Skinner

At the P&C General Meeting the P&C committed an extra \$5,000 to the covered walkway (giving a total commitment of \$25,000) and also committed funds to the Year 6 Teen Talk, Sunscreen, The School App annual fees, library books, Enter to Learn bursaries, library bags, Garden Club, the Year 6 Farewell function, school band resources, and lunches for teachers and volunteers at some school sporting events.

Our next P&C meeting will be on 6 April at 7.00 pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to join the P&C. Please come along to find out more about our wonderful school and how we can all help to make our children's education even better. Ideas on how we can make further improvements to our school are always most welcome.

James Skinner Singleton Public School P&C President

#### NAPLAN Information

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students in Year 3 and 5 will take the 2016 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

#### Thank you!

A big thank you to Mrs Bailey and the Tickell and Rasmussen families who helped perform some work in the school over the weekend. They worked on the garden outside Breakfast Club and 3S, pruning existing plants, weeding, removing a few dead trees and all the liriope, separating and re-planting agapanthus and bulbs in the garden. The area is now looking beautiful once again!

#### Kindergarten Big Breakfast 17 March 2016

Tomorrow morning, 17 March, Kindergarten students will be attending the Kindergarten Big Breakfast. Students will go to the Breakfast Club area at the following times to sit and enjoy a healthy breakfast snack with their class mates:

9.30 am - KL/KM

9.50 am - KJ

10.10 am - KS

Students will be served fruit, toast, mini scrolls, healthy muffins, water and milk by the friendly Breakfast Club parent volunteers. All Kindergarten parents are welcome to come along for breakfast and help. The aim of the morning is to show Kinder students where the Breakfast Club is and what is available there. The breakfast is complimentary.

Please let your teacher know if you do NOT want your child to attend.

## Military Museum Excursion

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 4 April, Tuesday, 5 April and Wednesday, 6 April. This is the last week of Term 1.

The cost of the excursion is \$6.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and money by 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 30 March in readiness for this excursion.

GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT:

Monday, 4/4/16	-	9.30 am	-	Year 3
	-	11.00 am	-	Kinder
	-	12.40 pm	-	Year 2
Tuesday, 5/4/15	-	9.30 am	-	Year 6
	-	11.00 am	-	Year 4
	-	12.40 pm	-	Year 1
Wednesday, 6/4/15	-	9.30 am	-	Year 5

Support Unit students will be travelling with their appropriate grade.

Each grade looks at, and learns about, different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.

#### **Gastroenteritis**

There have been a few reported cases of Gastroenteritis in the school. At Singleton Public School we follow the guidelines from NSW Health. If your child has Gastroenteritis please exclude them from school for at least 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms.

### **Nut Allergies**

A reminder that there are children in our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts. This includes all nut products including peanut butter and Nutella. Even a trace of peanut butter on another child's breath or coming in touch with some residual peanut butter from eating lunch can be fatal for children who are anaphylactic. Please support these children by not sending your child to school with any nut products.

#### **Tell Them From Me**

Students from Years 4 to 6 will be participating in the Tell Them From Me survey in the next few weeks at school. This survey provides the school with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

#### **School Parking**

Although parking nearby the school can be limited at certain times of the day, we ask that all parents adhere to the Parking Signs that appear at and around the school. The parking rules around Hunter and Elizabeth Streets have been put in place to ensure the safety of all members of our school and broader community. Please do not park or drop off your children in the designated school crossing areas as this area should be kept clear. **The driveway of the Parsonage also needs to be kept clear at all times as it is an emergency entrance and exit to the school.** 

### **School Cross Country**

Date: Thursday, 24 March (Week 9)

To help the school make selections for the Zone Cross Country, all students in Years 2-6 will be taken to Cook Park on Thursday, 24 March to compete in the cross country run. Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance (2km or 3km). Selections for the Zone Carnival will be based on these results for students aged 8 years and above.

Children must bring a bottle of water, hat, sunscreen, medications and appropriate footwear. There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip needed for this event as students should have already handed in their 2016 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

#### Students are to wear school uniform (not house colours).

Please ensure that your child's Medical Information Sheet, which was sent home at the beginning of the year, has been returned to the class teacher. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless this form has been returned.

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Cross Country Parent Helpers	Return Slip (return to class teacher)	
return to your child's class teac	Cross Country Carnival on the day (Thursday, 24 Marcher. The job that is required would be to sit in a designation of the course in the right direction and to provide er	nated place along the track to
I	am able to assist on Thursday, 24 March at the S	School's Cross Country Carnival.
Signed	Date: / / Child's Name	Class
Contact Number		

#### Canberra 2016

Pictured below is a photo of Year 6 just outside of Canberra on Monday for their lunch break, before heading to the zoo for the afternoon.

**University of New South Wales Tests** 

A reminder that the notes and payment for the USW tests are due Monday, 21 March. See form on page 11 for further details.



#### Canberra 2016 continued

On Tuesday morning the Year 6 students went to the War Memorial and had a photo both in front of the memorial and looking back towards Parliament House.





# Staff Development Day - Term 2

The office will be closed for the Staff Development Day in Term 2 - 26 April 2016.

# Introducing..... 7B Kindergarten Students

Welcome to Kaden and Sean our 2016 Kindergarten students in 7B.





# 5E Chalk Pastels on Display at the Bulga Beats Festival

Responding to the work of Albert Namatjira, 5E used chalk pastels to create a landscape. Students were lucky to display their art at the Bulga Beats Festival on Saturday. Pictured are students Seth, Ella, Ruby and Ocean.





#### 2016 Sporting Schools Program

The Sporting Schools program is conducted at Singleton Public School. This program is funded by the Australian Sports Commission so there is no cost to the students. The program runs on a Monday afternoon each week, from 3:10 pm to 4:10 pm. The children will participate in sporting games. In Term 1, this program will run from Week 9 to Week 11 with the first session to start on Monday, 21 March. In Term 2, the program will run from Week 2 to Week 10. The dates that the program will start and finish each term will be advertised in the school newsletter.

The focus of the Sporting Schools program will be on participation and enjoyment. It is open to all children, no matter what age or skill level. As this is organised by the school, normal school rules and discipline will apply. The sessions will be fully supervised and trainers will be provided by the Australian Sports Commission. The children meet near the Support Unit Playground after the bell rings on Monday. Please note that for Term 1, the Sporting Schools program will only be open to students in Years 1-6. From Term 2 onwards, Kindergarten students can then participate in the program.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child to take part in this positive sports program in 2016.

Stewart Ison Sporting Schools Coordinator

\*Please bring appropriate footwear to change into for the afternoon activities.

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# **Sporting Schools (please return to school office)**

I give permission for my child/ren listed below to attend and participate in the activities of the Sporting Schools Program on Monday afternoons at Singleton Public School in 2016.

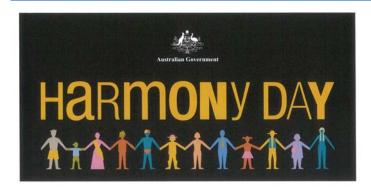
I understand the attendance times are from 3:10 pm until 4:10 pm SHARP.

Child's Name:	of class
Child's Name:	of class
Child's Name:	of class
Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:	
Does your child have any health or medica	
Parent's Name:	
Signed	Date

# Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 7 2016

# CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards					
KM	Layla Eric	1/KL	Emma Harry		
KS	Carson Will	KJ	Nate Kristy		
1FL	Abubakar Baeli	1/2H	Keyori Chloe Hunter		
1E	Hayden Sophie	2L	Miley Arky		
2P	Lily Tyleigh	3A	Sophie Amber Lachie		
38	McKayla Alex Lillyan	3/4R	Lauren Kristie Cooper		
4Z	Jena Sam Tyler	4/5B	Matthew Portia Maya		
51	Claire Nathan Elyse	5E	Ella Dustin Emma		
6D	Whyatt Deckyln Lexie	6M	Logan Samantha Ruby		
7B	Kaiden	7W	Jett		
	Singleton Stars				
Early Stage 1	Hannah	Stage 1	Sheridyn		
Stage 2	Kristie	Stage 3	Cody		
Super Citizens					
KJ	Jamila	3S	Indi		
K/1L	Aeryn	4/5B	Ella		
2L	Jacob	6M	Масу		



# Saturday 19 March 2016

Singleton Library & Civic Green

Join the celebrations from 2pm

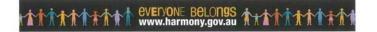
Markets - Music - Dance - Games

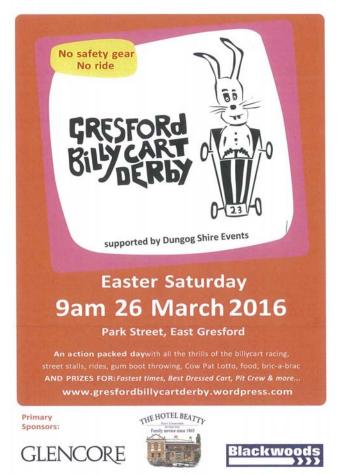
Jumping castle - Kids craft - Hair braiding

Language lounge - Multicultural food

From 5.30pm, join us for Pictures in the Park
showing *The Book of Life* on the outdoor
screen - BYO picnic rug

Our diversity is our strength





# University of New South Wales Tests

Each year the University of New South Wales offers students across the world the opportunity to participate in a number of tests across a number of curriculum areas for children in Year 3-12.

These tests are the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and occur through the year. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by our team of subject matter experts.

All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student's school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions.

This year we are offering for any interested children from Years 3-6 the chance to participate in the following UNSW competitions:

- Digital Technologies (Computer Skills): Tuesday, 17th May
- Science : Tuesday, 31st May
- English: Tuesday, 2nd August
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 16th August

Each of these tests costs parents \$8.80. If you would like your child or children in Years 3-6 to participate in any of the tests please complete the form below and **return it to the school by Monday, 21 March**. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late entries.

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Childs Name	Child's Class	(return to office by Monday, 21 March 2016)
Tests I would like my child	to participate in:	
English / Mathematics / So	cience / Computer Skills	
(Please cross out whichev	er is not applicable)	
Each tests costs \$8.80	Total enclosed: \$	Signed:

# Class work by K/1L

# Paper Bag Monster.

# By Year 1

I am a monster. I have oval ears and green hair. My eyes are red and my nose is crimson. My mouth is like a shark. I like to go fishing. Lincoln

I am a monster. I have smelly ears and yucky hair. My eyes are red and my nose is a fan that has spikes. My mouth is a triangle with square teeth. I like to eat snails. Ewan McGuire

I am a monster. I have pointy ears and snake hair. My eyes are red and my nose is pink.my mouth has thick teeth. I like to fly in the air. Eva

# Weekend Events with Kinder.

On the weekend I went to the pool with my family and played games. Niko

On the weekend I played with Emma. We played inside with the toys. Rorie

On the weekend my friend Rachael came to my house for a sleep over. Emma



