

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 10 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

29 JUNE 2016

Reports due on Thursday

I have had the pleasure to read the reports of all of our students over the past few weeks and I must admit I am extremely pleased by the levels of commitment and effort that our students continue to display. Our reports attempt to provide you with a picture of the range of topics and elements covered in class, as well as how each individual is progressing. A lot of what teachers do nowadays is individually based for each student, therefore it is important that you do not compare your child's report against another as effort and progress levels may differ. Celebrate the successes of your child, and work together to identify and focus on areas for improvement.

Stewart House Fun-Raiser

Thank you to our fantastic Student Council for their organisation of the multi-day last Thursday. Just over \$480 was raised for Stewart House which is a great effort. Thank you so much for supporting this great cause.

School Photos

MSP have delivered our 2016 school photos and I must say they are pretty spectacular. Thank you to all families for the efforts that went in to have each and every one of our students so well presented. The formal Year 6 photo looked very professional and reinforced just how big our senior students have become. I hope that you enjoy looking at the photographs when they get home to you.

So Long, Mr Russell

I refuse to say good bye to Mr Russell as he leaves Singleton Public School to become the principal of Muswellbrook South Public School. In my mind, he is not leaving; he is progressing to the next stage of his professional career. Jono's contribution to Singleton PS has been quite significant over the past three and a half years. On Thursday afternoon, students and staff, will be holding a special farewell assembly for Mr Russell. As I said, I am not saying good bye Jono, but saying welcome to a new principal colleague! Congratulations Jono, and on behalf of everyone at SPS, thank you!

I hope that everyone has a safe and restful break over the next two weeks. Students return to school on **Tuesday 19th July**.

David Crowe
Principal



Education

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 29 June	Sporting Schools concludes for Term 2 Life Education van at school - 7B, 2L and 2P
Thursday 30 June	Life Education Van at school - 4Z and 1FL Student reports to go home
Friday 1 July	Athletics Carnival Years 2-6 Last day of Term 2
Saturday 2 July	Election Day - P&C Sausage Sizzle
Monday 18 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19 July	Students return for Term 3
Wednesday 20 July	Netball NSW Schools Cup at Rose Point Park P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library
Friday 22 July	Stage 3 Smart Science Day (University of Newcastle)
Wednesday 27 July	Band Workshop at Scone Public School
Friday 29 July	NAIDOC Day at school Buck Tucker Garden Opening
Monday 1 August	Education Week Debating Day
Tuesday 2 August	ICAS-English
Wednesday 3 August	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library
Thursday 4 August	Book Fair
Friday 5 August	Zone Athletics Final payment due Year 4 Sydney Excursion
There is no assembly this week due to the Athletics Carnival.	

The Singleton Public School P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at the school on Saturday 2 July for the Election Day.

Rugby Team Report

On Monday, 27 June the Singleton PS rugby team played East Maitland Public School. The boys played extremely well but unfortunately we were defeated by East Maitland PS. The boys should be congratulated for their great sportsmanship. You have done SPS proud. Thank you to Mr Duff for stepping into the role as coach.

Julie Foster
Rugby Co-ordinator



Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday, 21 June our school Public Speaking competition was held. Thank you to Rebecca Williams and Robert Ball who volunteered their time once again to adjudicate, a very challenging task which took most of the day. The competition was very close across all stages and a large variety of topics were presented. Congratulations to all children who were selected to represent their class in the competition.

Stage 1 - 1st Jasmine and Abby

Highly Commended - Campbell, Isabelle and Thomas

Stage 2 - 1st Sienna, 2nd Lachlan

Highly Commended - Tyla, Brianna, Hamish and Erin

Stage 3 - 1st Amelia, 2nd Amber

Highly Commended - Lucie, Lucy and Hannah

Pictured are Amelia, Lucie, Hannah, Amber, Lucy, Abby, Isabelle, Hamish, Lachlan, Thomas, Jasmine, Sienna and Brianna. Absent Tyla and Campbell.

Healthy Harrold

Over the last week Singleton PS students have been attending the Life Education Van. The students have thoroughly enjoyed all sessions. Pictured are 7W enjoying their session last Friday.

Mufti Day

The Student Council would like to give a big **Thank You** to our wonderful Singleton Public School community for the fabulous effort everyone put into dressing in their mismatched style last Thursday for Stewart House. We are very proud to announce we raised \$480.50 to donate to this wonderful charity. Well done Singleton Public!

Student Council

Power FM

On Thursday, 23 June Power FM hosted their breakfast show from our school grounds. The children were excited with breakfast being provided and some lucky students interviewed.

It was wonderful to see so many parents coming in to share the morning and from all reports, the noise broadcasted projected a lively and busy atmosphere.



Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to serve up 2 and 5.

It is important to aim for a minimum of two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day, for good health and to reduce cancer risk.

So how much is a serve? Here is a quick and easy guide:

How much is 1 serve?

For recipe ideas and inspiration visit:
eatittobeatit.com.au
[facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)
[instagram.com/cancercouncil/easy-fruit-veg](https://www.instagram.com/cancercouncil/easy-fruit-veg)

150 grams of fresh FRUIT or:

1 medium piece (e.g. apple) = 2 small pieces (e.g. apricots) = 1 cup chopped or canned fruit

75 grams of fresh VEG or:

1/2 cup cooked veg or legumes = 1/2 medium potato = 1 cup salad or veg

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

Eat It To Beat It

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 1, Term 3 2016

Mon 18/7/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Staff Development Day

Fri 22/7/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Jasmine Payne

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

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 3 2016

Mon 18/7/16 Staff Development Day

Tues 19/7/16 Melissa Muddiman, Sarah Land

Wed 20/7/16 Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns

Thurs 21/7/16 Mary Franks, one more helper please

Fri 22/7/16 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Maxine Kolinos

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:-

“Quality listening & learning in different environments”

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

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Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

CSV ____ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder Contact Number:

Year 3 Tocal Excursion

On Friday, 24 June Year 3 spent a very cold and windy day experiencing life from 150 years ago at Tocal Homestead. We did the washing, played games, dressed up, pretending to be working horses, and toured the homestead and farm. Despite the wild weather we all had a fabulous day and particularly enjoyed learning about Captain Thunderbolt and the prized race horse he stole from the farm.



Mrs Alaban
Organising Teacher



School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council Photos

Sample photos of the 2016 School Captains and Leaders, House Captains, Year 6 photo and School Council are now available to view below or at the school office. A personalised order sheet with further details have been sent home with the children who had their photos taken in these groups. **Please do not misplace this form.**

Should you wish to place an order, please complete the form sent home with your child from MSP Photography. Payment can be made with the order form with the correct cash, the credit card slip on the order form placed in an envelope and sent to the school office. Payments can also be made at MSP online but please let the school know if you have placed an order. Payments and orders need to be placed by Sunday, 24 July 2016. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PHOTOS.**



Staff Carpark

The **staff carpark** in Hunter Street is **strictly no pedestrian access**. This is for the safety of all students and adults.

Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property building up in the Lost Property Tub near Uniform Shop. Please ensure that you label ALL items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes. The cool mornings and warmer days mean that many jackets and jumpers are being taken off and left lying around. If you have lost any items of clothing, please check the tub as clothing without any names on them cannot be returned to the rightful owner.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

“Quality listening and learning in different environments” – there are a number of special activities happening throughout these next two weeks including environmental shows, Life Education and Library visits. These provide a great opportunity to remind

Support Unit Donation

Thank you to the P&C for the donation of this wonderful bike for the Support Unit. The kids are loving it !



Student Reports

The student reports for semester one will be sent home tomorrow.

School Photos

School photos were sent home at the beginning of the week. Please keep an eye out for them.

Backyard League

Year 3-6 have been enjoying the backyard league program that has been at school fortnightly for the last 6 weeks. Here are 3/4R and the Support Unit enjoying their session.



Work Experience

Last week we had the pleasure of having some previous students from the class of 2012 complete work experience throughout the school. Pictured here is Nick Watson with Lochie K/1L and Bill 5I during buddy time.



Farewell Mr Russell - memories at SPS



What's New on the School Website

Parent Online Payment

Our Parent Online Payment system is up and running! A new tab has been added to the school website under "Our School" called "Parent Online Payment" - <http://www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/parent-online-payment>.

This tab explains the use of the new Parent Online Payment system including some instructions and a payment advice.

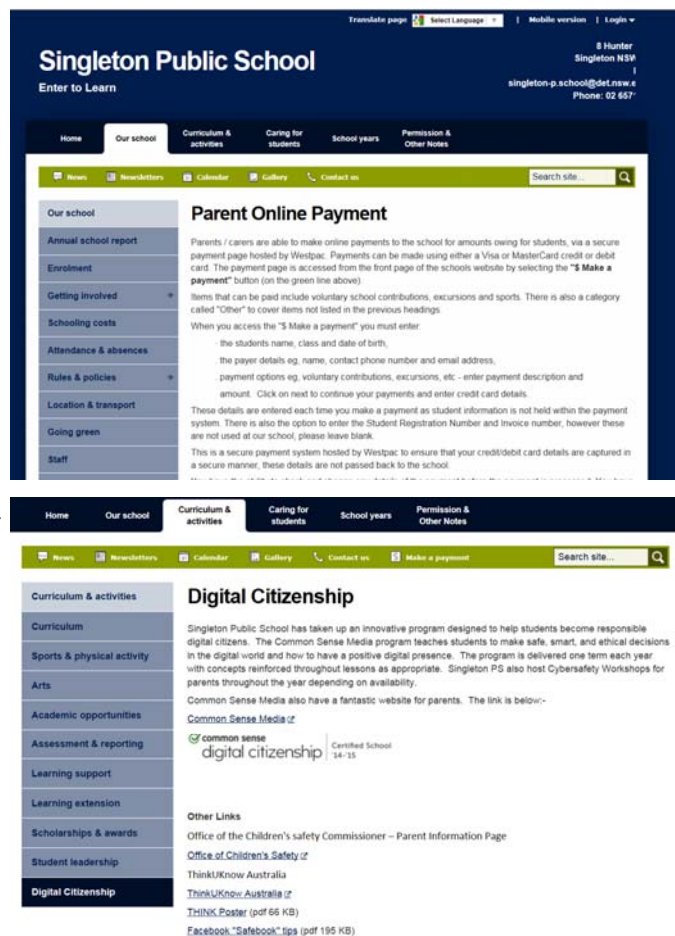
Please remember that some payments cannot be done through the system such as first in best dressed excursions, payments to the P&C such as the movie ticket fundraiser, payments for the school group photos for MSP Photography, etc.

Digital Citizenship

Another new tab has been added to the school website under "Curriculum and activities" called "Digital Citizenship" - <http://www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/digital-citizenship>.

Singleton Public School has taken up an innovative program designed to help students become responsible digital citizens. The Common Sense Media program teaches students to make safe, smart, and ethical decisions in the digital world and how to have a positive digital presence. The program is delivered one term each year with concepts reinforced throughout lessons as appropriate. Singleton PS also host Cybersafety Workshops for parents throughout the year depending on availability.

Common Sense Media also have a fantastic website for parents. There are also some useful links on the website.



Canteen Volunteers Needed

The canteen are calling for volunteers, if you can spare a day a month we would greatly appreciate seeing you.
Nicole Gray
Canteen

NSW Netball Schools Cup

The school netball team will compete in the Netball NSW Schools Cup at Rose Point Park on Wednesday, 20 July. The day will be begin at 9.00 am with the first game and will finish by 3.00 pm (exact finishing time is dependent on the number of teams attending the event).

Students will walk to and from Rose Point Park accompanied by Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben. The students will leave from the Parsonage at 8.00 am to be able to register at 8.30 am. Please do NOT be late. Players will be required to wear their school sports uniform i.e school polo shirt and navy blue shorts. NB: No jewellery is to be worn; earrings must be removed NOT taped. Children will need a water bottle (with a name on it), sunscreen, a hat and food for the day. It will cost \$3.50 to participate in this event. Please return the permission slip and money to the office by the Thursday 30 June 2016.

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au

PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

PCYC Singleton KidzCare
Vacation Care
Commencing Monday July 4th 2016
Enrol now to secure your spot
Week 1: July 4th – 8th
Week 2: July 11th – 15th

Activities:
Craft
Cooking
Group Games
FUN!!!

Government Rebate & CCB Approved Centre

PCYC SINGLETON
Ph. 6572 1653
High Street Singleton

NAIDOC Week 2016

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Saturday, 2nd July, 2016
10am-2:30pm
Singleton Civic Centre Green

Activities Include:

Welcome to Country, Flag Raising, Barbecue, Aboriginal Dance Group, Jumping Castle, Funky Junk Markets, Karaoke, FREE Health Checks, & MUCH MORE!



Upper Hunter NAIDOC Week Awards 2016

Friday, 8th July 2016
6:30pm – 9:30pm
Club Singleton, William St.

Tickets \$20 Advance, \$25 at the door

Thanks to all the sponsors:



For more info contact Council's Community Development Officer Reina Stalker on 02 6578 7216

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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- Receive a Netball NSW goodie bag, and Certificate of Participation

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When: Tuesday 13 July, 2016
Time: From 9:00am – 12:00pm with Registration at 8:30am
Where: Maitland Netball Association
Address: Maitland Park, Maitland
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat

For further information or to register visit letsplaynetball.com
Call (02) 9951 5000 or email netball@netballnsw.com



let's play netball



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: Emily
Role: Lawson Vice Captain
Class: 6D
Favourite Subject: Sport
Favourite Colour: Aqua
Best thing about school:
Learning new and interesting things.
What I like about SPS:
I like how the teachers help you understand things.



Name: Ethan
Role: Lawson Vice Captain
Class: 6D
Favourite Subject: English
Favourite Colour: Red
Best thing about school:
When we do sport outside and break times.
What I like about SPS:
How there are lots of people and friends, and we have a big range of sport opportunities.



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 9 2016

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Liam Meika	1/KL	Niko Eva
KS	Will Carson	KJ	Liam Kobi
1FL	Olivia Ava	1/2H	Archie Seth
1E	Kayden Isabella	2L	Molly Chad
2P	Sam Mia	3A	Total Excursion
3S	Total Excursion	3/4R	Total Excursion
4Z	Harrison Alicia Tommy	4/5B	Max Hugh Samuel
5I	Sofia Nathan	5E	Seth Hamish Emma
6D	Kobey Jack Emily	6M	Memphis Haley Hannah
7B	Kaiden, Sean	7W	Healthy Harold

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Ellie-Ann	Stage 1	
Stage 2	Hugh	Stage 3	Ocean

Super Citizens

KM	Hannah	3/4R	Kristie
1FL	Jackson	5E	Laura
2L	Miley	6D	Samuel

Class work by KJ

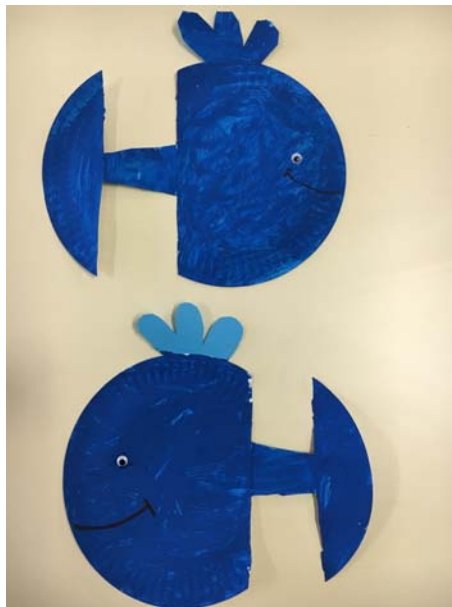


J for Jack in the box artwork

Where is the Green Sheep



W for Whale artwork



Stories by Lucy and Ila

