

# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 2 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

27 JULY 2016

### Term 3

Wow! Term 3 at Singleton Public School is a very exciting, busy place to be. The children have come back to school with enthusiasm, a readiness to learn and are looking forward to a number of wonderful events ahead this term. At morning muster they all looked very smart and tidy in their winter uniforms. Please help us to keep children in school uniform even though it is cold - only blue school jumpers, blue fleeces or blue jackets are uniform.

I would like to extend a welcome to all members of our school community to come along to this year's NAIDOC Day celebration assembly on Friday, 29 July at 12.15 pm. Ms Sullivan, Mrs Foster, Ms Whalan and Miss Parker have been planning a special day for all students to develop a greater understanding of our Aboriginal history, the cultures and traditions, and to have a great day to celebrate our inclusive society.

We have so many amazing students at Singleton Public School that deserve high fives this week! Congratulations to Zoe, Aaron, Amelia, Ruby, Caroline, Natasha, Brock, Ethan and Samuel for being successful in gaining a place in the Singleton High Enrichment Class 2017. Well done guys!

Panto fever has taken the school by storm and there is excitement in the air! This year's pantomime is 'Peter Pan' and it will be held on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November. For those new to the school, you might not be quite sure what a 'pantomime' is. A 'pantomime' is a type of musical comedy stage production, designed for family entertainment. There are lots of audience participation moments, slap stick humour and it is all centred on a well-known fairy-tale. Pantomime was developed by the English, but has been perfected by Singleton Public students every year since 2010.

The annual panto tries to include as many children as possible. On Monday, Year 2 children 'auditioned' for the Year 2 singing group – Mrs Dibley was super excited with the turn out! There are going to be lots of smiling crocodiles! Also on Monday, Mrs Alaban auditioned for the pirate speaking parts for the Year 3 and 4 children. 'It were an 'arrrrd decision', she told the staff (in pirate talk) in the lunch room.

The Year 5 and 6 dancers will be choreographed this year by a Year 11 student, Michael O'Hara, from Singleton High School. Thank you, Michael for helping us out! Their first rehearsal was yesterday.

Ms Zielder and Mrs Black have chosen a wonderful song for their singing group and the children will be given the words shortly. Rehearsals for the remaining cast will start tomorrow.

For all you parents at home with children in the panto, thank you in advance for helping your child with their lines and costumes. It is going to be a fantastic show!

Have a great day week everyone!  
Di Merrick

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 27 July</b>	Band Workshop at Scone Public School - bus departs school at 8.00 am sharp
<b>Friday 29 July</b>	NAIDOC Day at school - come out of uniform in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander colours Bookclub orders and payments due back at school
<b>Monday 1 August</b>	Education Week Debating Day at SPS
<b>Tuesday 2 August</b>	ICAS - English
<b>Wednesday 3 August</b>	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library
<b>Thursday 4 August</b>	Book Fair Stage 3 Police Liaison visit at 12.00 pm at school Education Week Awards at Singleton High School
<b>Friday 5 August</b>	Zone Athletics <b>Final payment due Year 4 Sydney Excursion</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 August</b>	ICAS – Maths Civic Theatre Production Snugglepot & Cuddlepie for Kindergarten students
<b>Wednesday 17 August</b>	Dion Drummond Performance (rescheduled from Term 2)
<b>Friday 19 August</b>	St Catherine's Netball Gala Day
<b>This weeks assembly will be the NADOC Day Assembly hosted by Aboriginal Cultural group at the starting time of 12.15 pm.</b>	



Education

## NAIDOC Day

Parents and carers are invited to come and celebrate NAIDOC Day at Singleton Public School on Friday, 29 July. The assembly will be held at 12.15 pm in the school hall. This year's theme is "Bushtucker".

Students can come out of uniform in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander colours. A free sausage sizzle will be held at 1.15 pm for all students.

## Year 4 Sydney Excursion

The final cost for the Year 4 Sydney excursion for students is \$320.00, less the deposit of \$50.00 leaving a remaining balance of \$270.00. Final numbers have now been given to the bus company, so no late payments can be accepted.

**Final payment is due back at school by Friday, 5 August.**

## Book Fair in the Library

The annual Book Fair will be held in the School Library on Thursday, 4 August from 8.00 am - 3.45 pm. The supplier for the book fair is Carnival Books. There will be a range of beautiful books and stationery items available for purchase on the day. EFTPOS will be available on the day. Students may attend the fair with their parent or guardian, or may attend during the day with their class. Children will have an opportunity to look at books with their class prior to book fair.

The theme this year is "Australia Story Country" so students can dress up as an Australian story character or similar theme.

There will be Book Week Parade held under the COLA at 10.30 am. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and see the wonderful costumes our students have come up with.

## Playground Squad

As seniors in our school, Year 5 students who are wanting to show leadership in the school, are invited to join Playground Squad in Terms 3 and 4. The commitment is first half lunch Monday to Friday every alternate week, as well as guiding younger students in games and sportsmanship.

Parents and carers are asked to discuss this commitment with their child so they will be prepared to take up this responsibility this week.

Further information to follow.

Kind regards  
Mrs Pearce

## Statement of Accounts

Each term the school office sends home a financial statement to each family. The enclosed statement of account may include "Voluntary Family School Contribution", "P&C Voluntary Levy", payments for excursions, etc.

The "**Family School Contribution**" refers to the voluntary contribution scheme that all public schools operate. This is a very low \$60.00 per family per year. This money goes to providing the everyday resources needed in classrooms - pencils, paper, books, teaching aids, counters, craft supplies, reading books, etc, available to every child. Payment of as little as \$5.00 per week is possible if you prefer.

The P&C Committee has asked the school to collect a \$10.00 per child per term (or \$100.00 per family per year) "**Voluntary P&C Levy**" on their behalf. This is also shown on the Statement of Account. Although it is a voluntary contribution to the P&C, it is shown on the school invoice for bookkeeping reasons. This levy was introduced as a means of fundraising instead of organising stalls such as mothers' day and fathers' day stalls to make it easier for already busy people. In 2015, the P&C have donated funds towards air conditioning, projectors for smartboards in the classrooms, library books and literacy resources.

## Bookclub

Bookclub order forms were sent home last week. Orders and payments due back at school by Friday, 29 July.

## Canteen Volunteers Needed

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

Nicole Gray  
Canteen

 **Nutrition Snippet**

# The simplest way

...to DIY dumplings.

Easy to make, fun to eat!  
Kids will love this do-it-yourself cooking task.



Serves 4.

- Prepare your favourite combination of vegetables for the filling: grated carrot, corn kernels, and finely chopped spinach works well; finely chopped mushrooms, cabbage and capsicum is tasty too.
- Place 16 wonton wrappers (available in packs in supermarkets) on a dry work surface.
- Place a few teaspoons of vegetable filling inside.
- Drizzle with salt-reduced soy sauce.
- Brush the edge of each wonton with water.
- Pull edges together and pinch to secure.
- Steam for about 10 minutes or until cooked.

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

**Eat It To Beat It**

## Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2, Term 3 2016

Mon 01/08/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Julene Gunn

Fri 05/08/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Tutt

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

## Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 3 2016

Mon 01/08/16 Myffany Laurie, one more helper please

Tues 02/08/16 Rebecca Tutt, one more helper please

Wed 03/08/16 Brenda Bell, Susan Henderson

Thurs 04/08/16 Tammy Cox (1/2 Day), Felicity Murray

Fri 05/08/16 Maxine Kolinos, Lisa Kramers, one more helper please.

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:-

**“Responsible student, Ready to work”**

## 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**

.....

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

CSV \_\_\_\_ (last three digits on back of card)

Signature of Cardholder ..... Contact Number: .....

## Snugglepot and Cuddlepie - limited tickets still available

Singleton Public School will be running a Kindergarten only excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Tuesday, 16 August to watch a performance of "Snugglepot and Cuddlepie". The performance starts at 12.00 pm.

There will be 3 teachers attending the excursion who will be responsible for the group of 60 children. The tickets for the children will be allocated on a **'first in, best dressed' basis**. The children will need to return the form and the full payment as soon as possible to ensure a place on the excursion. Please place money in an envelope and hand to the class teachers. It will then be sent to the office in our black bags. No money will be accepted at the front office. Please note: No parent online payments can be accepted either.

Please consider the approximate 1½ hr travel time both ways and the need for children to sit quietly during the hour long performance. There is no interval and no opportunity to leave the performance once it has started.

The excursion will be leaving school at 9.30 am. The bus will head straight to the park near Nobby's Beach for an early lunch. Then we will go to the Civic Theatre for the performance at 12.00 pm, before returning in time for buses back at school.

Children will need to wear full school uniform and hat. They need lunch, afternoon tea, and at least 2 drinks. Please no lollies or soft drinks on this excursion.

Fiona Moon, Excursion Co-ordinator

## Singleton Public School Fete - Support Unit Raffle

Once again the Support Unit will be running a Monster Raffle at our School Fete. We need people to contribute prizes towards the monster raffle so please send any donations to the Support Unit (Classroom with the underwater scene on the windows).

Some suggestions for prizes include gift vouchers, car wash kits packs, Father Days packs, pamper packs, toys etc. We are grateful for your support, thank you.

Support Unit

## Flashback to Term 1 - K-2 Easter Activities plus Easter Egg Hunt

Please see the pictures below of the students enjoying their Easter Craft just before their Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Lindy Harris at One Agency. It was a great afternoon for all students.



## Uniform Shop News

An updated Uniform Shop Roster appears later in this newsletter. Ideally the Uniform Shop runs with two volunteers however there are now days where there are no volunteers! If you are able to help out one day every four weeks, your time would be much appreciated. Please see the roster for Uniform Shop contact details.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

"Responsible student, ready to work" – students can demonstrate this by organising their belongings, being ready to listen, with their mind on the job.

### 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](http://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](mailto:atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au)





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Do you love to sing?  
Are you in primary school?

Represent your school in the Regional Primary School Choir

## Hunter Trebles

Hunter Trebles is the junior choir of the Hunter Singers organisation, celebrating 27 years of music making. Young singers in Hunter Trebles participate in weekly rehearsals at Merewether High School, learning songs and singing technique, music theory, playing games and having fun making music. The Hunter Trebles is conducted by music teacher and Star Struck choir director, Charissa Ferguson.

Hunter Trebles perform in concert with the Hunter Singers once a term, plus additional performances at the Sydney Opera House Festival of Choral Music, Star Struck, and King Edward Park Carols by Candlelight. Membership is open by audition for students in years 3-6 at government primary schools. Hunter Trebles rehearse on Tuesday afternoons at Merewether High School between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. Membership costs are subsidised by the Department of Education and fees are \$90 per term, with a uniform cost of \$90, which includes three performance t-shirts, and performance pants.

Hunter Trebles is holding an information session and audition afternoon on Tuesday, August 2 from 4.30pm-5.00pm at Merewether High School Learning Centre. Parents and students are invited to join us for a brief introduction and overview of the ensemble, and then young singers will participate in a singing workshop, with musical games and informal singing assessment in a friendly environment.

Visit the Hunter Singers website at [www.huntersingers.com](http://www.huntersingers.com) or facebook page [www.facebook.com/huntersingers](https://www.facebook.com/huntersingers) for more information.

Hunter Trebles Information Session and Singing Workshop  
Tuesday August 2, 4.30pm-5.00pm  
Merewether High School Learning Centre (entry from Pokolbin Street, Broadmeadow).

Please register your interest by emailing [admin@huntersingers.com](mailto:admin@huntersingers.com), by messaging Charissa Ferguson on 0407 010 741, or by contacting Annie Devine on 0400 322 081.

# Singleton Preschool 2017 Enrolment Open Days



Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
9.30am-11.30am

## 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:** Kowhai Carroll  
**Role:** Kendall Vice Captain  
**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Sport

**Favourite Colour:** Red

**Best thing about school:**

Meeting new people.

**What I like about SPS:**

Making new friends.



**Name:** Ryan Smith  
**Role:** Kendall Vice Captain  
**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Sport

**Favourite Colour:** Red

**Best thing about school:**

Participating in all sport activities.

**What I like about SPS:**

The sport opportunities and the funny teachers.







**Singleton Public School  
invites you to our:**

# **NAIDOC**

## **DAY OF CELEBRATIONS**

**THEME: BUSHTUCKER**

**Singleton Public School**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Assembly 12:15 pm**

• ***Mufti clothes:***

***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Colours***

**Sausage Sizzle 1.15pm**

**(Free for all students)**

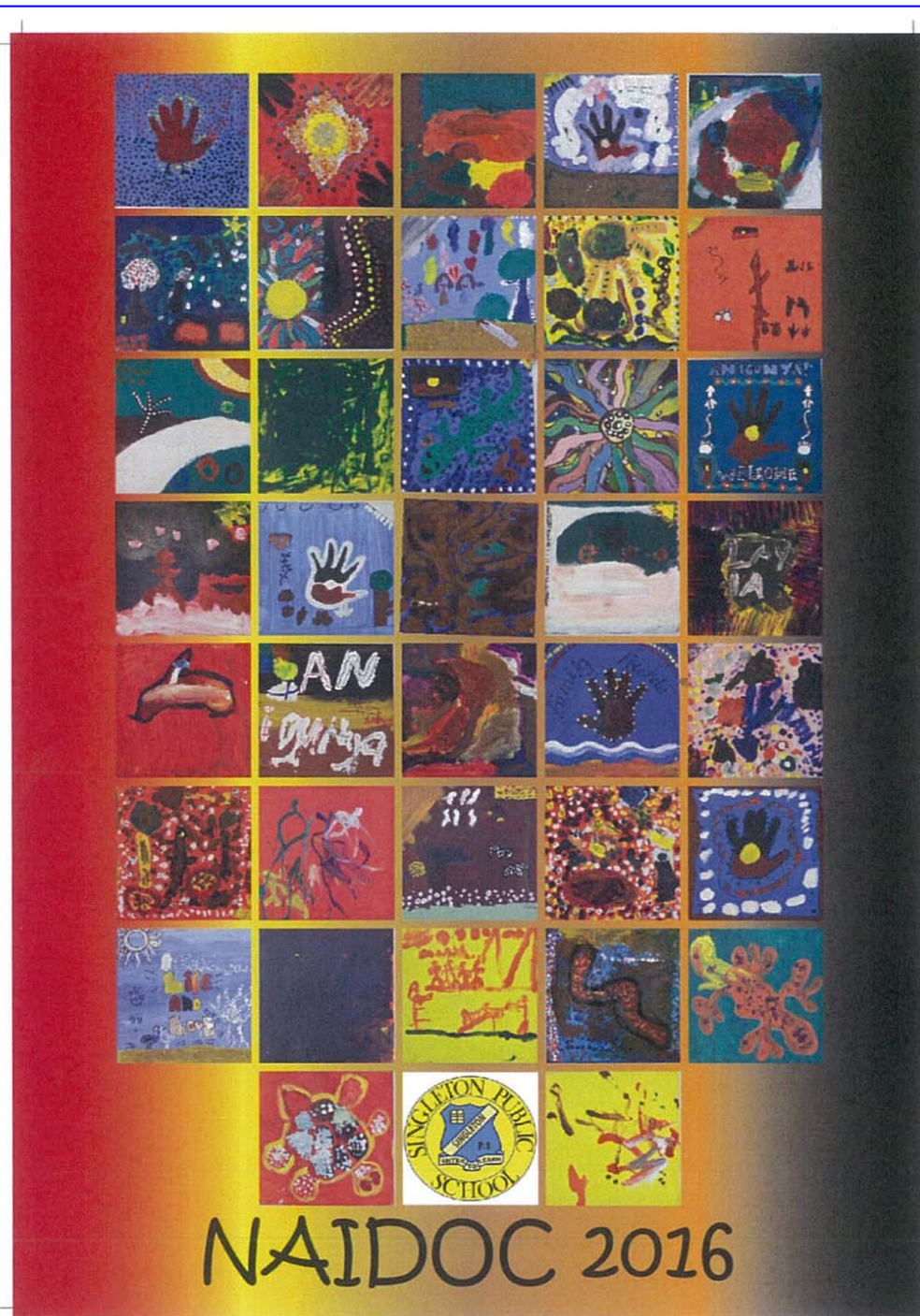


**Songlines:**

The living narrative  
of our nation







Our NAIDOC 2016 poster is a collation of the artworks created for the Singleton NAIDOC Art Competition.

5 winners!

K-2

- 1st Zarleya
- 2nd Alisha

Year 3

- 1st Tyla

Year 5

- 1st Ruby

Year 6

- 1st Lilianna

(3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row)



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data School Students with Disability



# Information for parents and carers

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au).

### WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

### WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and submit data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to

improve target support and resources to benefit students with disability.

### WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au).

### WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

### WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and



programme improvement for students with disability.

### **WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

### **WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

Teachers and school staff will count the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team's observations and professional judgments
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

### **HOW WILL MY CHILD'S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?**

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from [www.education.gov.au/notices](http://www.education.gov.au/notices).

### **IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?**

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit [www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability](http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability).

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at <http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>.

**Singleton Public School**  
**Uniform Shop Roster 2016**  
**Open Monday Friday 8.30-9.30am**

	Monday		Friday	
	Kylie Broadbent		Renee Mouser	
Week 1	22.02.16		26.02.16	
	21.03.16		Good Friday	
	16.05.16		20.05.16	
	Public Holiday 13.06.16		17.06.16	
	08.08.16		12.08.16	
	05.09.16		09.09.16	
	31.10.16		04.11.16	
	28.11.16		2.12.16	
Week 2	Tammie Cox		Volunteer Required Please	
	01.02.16		05.02.16	
	29.02.16		04.03.16	
	Easter Monday		01.04.16	
	23.05.16		29.04.16	
	20.06.16		27.05.16	
	Staff Dev Day		24.06.16	
	15.08.16		22.07.16	
	12.09.16		19.08.16	
	10.10.16		16.09.16	
	07.11.16		14.10.16	
	05.12.16		11.11.16	
			09.12.16	
Week 3	Volunteer Required Please		Renee MacDonald	
			Debbie Hamson	
	08.02.16		12.02.16	
	07.03.16		11.03.16	
	04.04.16		08.04.16	
	02.05.16		06.05.16	
	30.05.16		03.06.16	
	27.06.16		01.07.16	
	25.07.16		29.07.16	
	22.08.16		26.08.16	
	19.09.16		23.09.16	
	17.10.16		21.10.16	
	14.11.16		18.11.16	
	12.12.16		16.12.16	
Week 4	Julene Gunn		Rebecca Tutt	
	15.02.16		19.02.16	
	14.03.16		18.03.16	
	09.05.16		13.05.16	
	06.06.16		10.06.16	
	01.08.16		05.08.16	
	29.08.16		02.09.16	
	24.10.16		28.10.16	
	21.11.16		25.11.16	
If you are unable to work one of your rostered days please call either Nicole on 042 888 9552 or Sue Ellen on 0413 568 235				



## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 1 2016

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Brendan Hannah	<b>1/KL</b>	Grace Tristan
<b>KS</b>	Sybella Isla	<b>KJ</b>	Nate Shania
<b>1FL</b>	Olivia Jaydn	<b>1/2H</b>	Ashton Sheridyn
<b>1E</b>	Logan Khloe	<b>2L</b>	Arky Sophie
<b>2P</b>	Isabelle Clancy	<b>3A</b>	Jaxon Maegan Caleb
<b>3S</b>	Lillyan Donny Regan	<b>3/4R</b>	Jackson Sienna Angela
<b>4Z</b>	Harrison Alex Abbie	<b>4/5B</b>	Ella Miller Joseph
<b>5I</b>	Joel Kley Samuel	<b>5E</b>	Isaak Charlotte Zachary
<b>6D</b>	Tiarna Aaron Ryan	<b>6M</b>	Sam Rowan Natasha
<b>7B</b>	Kaden Coleby	<b>7W</b>	Noah Aiden

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Carson	<b>Stage 1</b>	Siddique
<b>Stage 2</b>	Caitlan	<b>Stage 3</b>	Noah

#### Super Citizens

<b>3S</b>	Keanu	<b>K/1L</b>	Lincoln
<b>2P</b>	Ariel	<b>3/4R</b>	Kaylar
<b>6M</b>	Georgia	<b>4/5B</b>	Hamish

## Class work by KM

KM were "hands on" when they were learning the letter "V".

