

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 3

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3 AUGUST 2016

Heads up everyone, we have a busy few weeks coming our way. Education Week is being celebrated this week and a highlight will be the annual Education Week Awards evening to be hosted by the Singleton Learning Community at Singleton High School, on Thursday evening. Commencing with a catered reception by SHS catering students, the evening recognises the achievements of students, staff and volunteers. It is a 6:00 pm arrival time for a 6:30 pm start. All are welcome to attend this special event and show your support to our local schools.

We are also celebrating Book Week on Thursday with the theme "Australia! Story Country". Mrs Van Der Wel is encouraging all students to dress as an Australian author, story or character from one of the many much loved Australian books we have read. Stories include "Snugglypot and Cuddlepup", "Possum Magic" or even Ned Kelly to name a few. There will be a parade starting at 10:30 am under the COLA to allow the students to 'strut their stuff' and show their imaginative costumes. The book fair begins at 8:00 am and will finish at 3:45 pm in the library. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who will be helping to make our fair so successful. We have such a wonderful school community that we have volunteers who no longer have children attending our school.

Last Friday, we celebrated NAIDOC Day. Thank you to all our wonderful helpers and volunteers who made this day such a success. There were many activities happening in and around our classrooms. Year 5 and 6 wrote some fabulous acknowledgements that hopefully we will get to hear at our weekly assemblies. There were also many coolamons from the other grades, being proudly shown around the school. The 'Harmonisers' sang beautifully at the special assembly and Mr Mackenzie played the didgeridoo exceptionally well, thank you. We were also treated to a display and talk from an archaeologist who works within our area. Thank you to Mary Franks for organising this for us. Congratulations to Ms Sullivan, Miss Parker, Ms Whalan and Mrs Foster for another great NAIDOC Day.

On Monday, our school hosted the second debating day this year. We welcomed King Street and Kirkton Public schools to our hall, where all teams worked extremely hard to debate at their best. I'd like to say well done to our teams, who included, Amelia, Ruby, Hannah, Ashlee, Lucie, Hamish, Samuel and Charlotte. Well done!

As I mentioned before we have many, many activities and events happening throughout this term. Just this week alone we have Education Week, Book Week, Debating, NSW Netball and Zone Athletics. A great way of keeping on top of all the happenings in our school is keeping the newsletter handy and having our app on hand. This Friday, at our weekly assembly we will be having percussion demonstrations from our school band in hopes of luring more students into the band fold. As always it will begin at 12:45 pm and we hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful week!  
Robyn Dibben

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 3 August</b>	P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in the library Netball NSW at Rose Point Park - students to meet at the Parsonage at 8.00 am
<b>Thursday 4 August</b>	Book Fair 8.00 am - 3.45 pm in the library Book Week Parade 10.30 am under the COLA Stage 3 Police Liaison visit at 12.00 pm at school Education Week Awards at Singleton High School at 6.30 pm
<b>Friday 5 August</b>	Zone Athletics (\$1.50 levy to be returned to school) <b>Final payment due Year 4 Sydney Excursion</b>
<b>Monday 8 August</b>	Girls Soccer at Howe Park
<b>Tuesday 9 August</b>	Girls Touch vs KSPS (time to be advised)
<b>Monday 15 August</b>	Science Week - to celebrate Science Week there will be an aerodynamics competition through the week. Students will be advised when it will be held.
<b>Tuesday 16 August</b>	ICAS - Maths Civic Theatre Production Snugglypot & Cuddlepup 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>Monday 22 August</b>	Year 1 Library Visit 11.30 am - 12.30 pm Kindergarten 2017 Information Night 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 23 August</b>	Year 3 Library Visit Boys Cricket Vs Denman PS
<b>Wednesday 24 August</b>	Year 4 Library Visit Years 5-6 Newcastle Perm Maths Competition
<b>Thursday 25 August</b>	Kindergarten Library Visit 11.30 am - 12.30 pm
<b>This weeks assembly will be hosted by Band students with a special percussion performance by music teachers Kerrie and Lauren at the stating time of 12.45 pm.</b>	



Education

## Touch Football

The boys and girls touch teams both played Singleton Heights Public School in their round one game of the PSSA Knockout. Both games were extremely close with all teams playing very well. The girls' game was tied up with thirty seconds to go, when we managed to score. This means the girls' team will now play King Street in the second round next Tuesday.

The boys' game was also very close. At the end of the game the scores were tied. Therefore we went into 'drop off' meaning each team can only field five players and they play for two minutes. At the end of this time the scores were still tied so the teams had to drop down to four players for two minutes. Still no score! Finally each team drops down to three players and play until one team scores. Unfortunately for us, despite tight defence, The Heights scored.

Well done to the players for trying their best. Thanks to the parents who came along to watch and to Mrs Smith and Mrs Burns for washing the jumpers. Thank you to Mr Black for coaching the two teams and also for refereeing both games. Good luck girls!

Cathy Black  
Organising Teacher



## Band Workshop at Scone PS

Last Wednesday, 27 July, both the Concert and Training Bands attended the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music's Band Workshop at Scone Public School. We had 34 of our band member attend. This is the largest number we have had in many years, so we had to catch a bus!

It was a very big day, leaving at 8.00 am and returning at 4.00 pm. We rehearsed all day, with 100 other students from Scone, Aberdeen, Denman and Muswellbrook. It was a great day had by everyone. I'd like to thank the students for their wonderful behaviour!

Kristy Dibley  
Band Coordinator







## The simplest way

...to get a vitamin D dose in winter.

Did you know that we need some sun exposure to make vitamin D for healthy bones and muscles?

In NSW, UV levels are at their lowest in June and July. In the north and far west, most people need 20-25 minutes of sun exposure during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, and in the south 30-40 minutes in the middle of the day.

This will keep your vitamin D levels topped up during winter. Brave the chill and roll up your sleeves to get some sunlight on your forearms as well as your hands!

But don't risk damaging your skin. UV levels can change from day to day. When UV levels are 3 and above, use sun protection. People who use sunscreen regularly when UV levels are 3 and above do not have lower vitamin D levels than people who don't.

Check UV levels for your local area on the free SunSmart App for smart phones; download it from the App Store or Google Play.



To help keep your kids safe, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 4, Term 3 2016

Mon 08/08/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kylie Broadbent

Fri 12/08/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee Mouser

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 3 2016

Mon 08/08/16 Anna Adamthwaite, 1 more helper please

Tues 09/08/16 Pam Dicks, 1 more helper please

Wed 10/08/16 Nicole Furness, 1 more helper please

Thurs 11/08/16 Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 more helper please

Fri 12/08/16 Lisa Kramers, Rebecca Cooke, Amy Stone

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:-

**“Showcasing Quality”**

### 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: .....

## NAIDOC Day

Anigunya!! On Friday, 29 July, Singleton Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day. A great day was had by all. The theme of our day was "Bush Tucker". The day began in glorious colour as it was a mufti day with students coming to school dressed in the traditional colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags. In the classrooms, students looked at the various forms of traditional bush tucker found throughout our land and made coolamons to carry their bush tucker in. Years Five and Six also created their own Acknowledgement to Country speeches which several children read at the NAIDOC Assembly. Our assembly highlighted the fabulous artworks created by the Aboriginal Culture Group and we were entertained by the beautiful voices of the Harmonisers. The sounds of the Didgeridoo wowed the audience thanks to the talented Mr Scott Mackenzie. The students also enjoyed a sausage sizzle that was kindly provided by the Clontarf Volunteers from Singleton High School. A big thank you also goes to Anne McSweeney and Alma Franks for attending our assembly and helping us throughout the year.



## Singleton Art Prize

Congratulations to two Singleton PS students who gained prizes in The Coal and Allied Singleton Art Prize, Youth Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander division. Lillian gained second prize in the Years 3-5 division and Tyla gained third prize in the Years 3-5 division. Well done girls!



## Science

Last Friday, 22 July, Years 4 to 6 enjoyed a visiting Science Show about robotics from the University of Newcastle. This program was kindly sponsored by Coal and Allied. The children got to see a variety of robots and artificial intelligence in action. Jessica from the SMART team at the university presented an interesting and innovative show.

Debbie Grainger and Wendy Pearce  
Organising Teachers



## Debating

On Monday, 1 August our school played host to Kirkton and King Street Public Schools debating day.

The children all debated magnificently on a variety of topics. Each school walked away with a win which made the day a success.

Well done to all of the Singleton Public School debaters who represented the school, you sure do know how to put up a good argument!

Mrs Merrick  
Debating Co-ordinator

## 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.** Final cost for parents is \$335.00 (includes GST). Please note, any price variations will be advised if they arise.

## 2016 Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival

The Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 5 August 2016. The Carnival is being held at Alroy Oval. Could all participating students please be on site from 9:15 am. Singleton Heights Public School will be running the carnival on the day. Students need to take the medical form with them and hand it to Mr Ison on the day (who will also be in attendance).

Please return permission notes and the \$1.50 levy to the school by Thursday, 4 August 2016.

Mr Ison  
Sports Organiser

## 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, author 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.

## 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 1 ½ 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



## 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

## 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.

Elaine Bunnemeyer  
Support Unit

## Uniform Shop News

An updated Uniform Shop Roster appeared in last week's 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

"Showcasing Quality" – students can think about "What is quality? What talents may people have?" how can they demonstrate quality.

## NAIDOC Day Photos



## All Abilities

### Ten Pin Bowling



**When:** Friday afternoons (during school term)

**Time:** 4pm to 5pm

**Where:** Singleton Ten Pin Bowling Alley  
(Civic Ave, Singleton)

**Cost:** \$5 per game including shoes

(Parents are required to attend with children under 18 years of age)

Enquiries please phone: 0429 432 865

In collaboration with:



#### Official Registration Days for the 2016/2017 Softball Season

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 11am til 1pm  
-Rutherford Marketplace, Rutherford

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 11am til 1pm  
-Come N Try day @ McKeachies Sportsground, Aberglassyn

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 6pm -7pm  
-McDonalds Greenhills

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 11am-1pm  
-Masters Rutherford

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 1pm  
Come N Try day @ McKeachies Sportsground, Aberglassyn

Games are played at Stevenson Park, Mayfield West

Training is held at McKeachies Sportsground, Aberglassyn

For more information please contact Shareese on 0407 883 622

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### Singleton Public School Student Profile



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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:** Jorja

**Role:** Kendall House Captain

**Class:** 6M

**Favourite Subject:** Art

**Favourite Colour:** Aqua

**Best thing about school:**

I like the lovely teachers and how they help our school look its best.

**What I like about SPS:**

It is a great school and everyone will always fit in.



**Name:** Tairawa

**Role:** Kendall House Captain

**Class:** 6M

**Favourite Subject:** Sport

**Favourite Colour:** Gold

**Best thing about school:**

All the sports we can participate in.

**What I like about SPS:**

We get to learn new things.





## Class work by 5E

Landscapes inspired by Albert Namatjira Media: Soft chalk pastels

