

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

14 SEPTEMBER 2016

### Fabulous Fete Day

Last Friday was an absolutely wonderful day for our annual fete. The weather was magnificent and there was great attendance throughout the day. Thank you so much to all of the parents that assisted at the various stalls and in particular the members of the P&C (and our staff) that contributed to the organisation of the day.

Congratulations especially to our fantastic students for your great attitude and behaviour. You were all amazing and a wonderful credit to our school and most importantly yourselves!

### Canteen Helpers Needed

Please consider volunteering some time to assist with our school canteen. Duties are very light and include making simple sandwiches, wraps and packing lunch bags. Our canteen managers are there to provide assistance (and even a cup of tea or coffee when things are quiet). If you don't feel confident serving students at the front counter, other tasks can be found that will make a big difference. Bring a friend and have a good catch up and chat.

Mums and Dads, one day a month can be a huge help. If you can assist please contact our school to let Nicole Gray know when you are available.

### Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 are now getting excited about their forthcoming excursion to "Outdoor Experience" camp at Morisset. What a great opportunity for our kids to challenge themselves with some physical challenges and to gain some experiences of outdoor living. The Year 3 excursion departs the school on Thursday, 15 September at 8.40 am. Whilst the bus is due to return before 3:10 pm on Friday we would like to remind parents to check the School App to check for travel updates to ensure all children are collected promptly upon their return to school.

### School Disco

Thank you to our Student Council for organising a fun night for the Olympics Disco. Our staff kindly volunteered their time to supervise and support the disco and show off their dance moves.

David Crowe - Principal

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 14 September</b>	2017 Kinder Enrolments Forms due back at school
<b>Thursday 15 September</b>	Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion departs Year 4 Girls Talk
<b>Friday 16 September</b>	Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion returns Sports Carnival K-2 at Cook Park P&C Movie Fundraiser ticket orders and payments due back at school
<b>Tuesday 22 September</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED ON A TUESDAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 September</b>	Carroll Cup Touch Gala Day
<b>Thursday 22 September</b>	Year 2 Enviromentors - free workshop in the hall
<b>Friday 23 September</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 10 October</b>	<b>Term 4 commences</b> Summer dress uniform order collection
<b>Friday 14 October</b>	First Kindergarten 2017 Transition Day - Connected classroom Session 1 starting 9.30 am Session 2 starting 12.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 19 October</b>	State Athletics Aladdin Excursion departs 7.50 am and returns approximately 7.15 pm
<b>Thursday 20 October</b>	State Athletics
<b>Friday 21 October</b>	Author Visit at Singleton PS sponsored by Coal & Allied
<b>There is no assembly this week due to the K-2 Athletics Carnival.</b>	

**The Partners in Learning (another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys) Parent Survey is now open. Click on this link to start the survey:**

<http://www.tellthemfromme.com/sps2016ps>



**Education**

## Kinder Cafe

KS has once again hosted the KS Kinder Café. The students were able to purchase cakes, biscuits, slices and fruit with their money. Parents and carers were invited to come along to participate too. A great morning was had by all.



## Chess Tournament

Last Tuesday, 6 September, 8 students had a wonderful day of chess at All Saints Hall. The teams played against local schools as well as Denman, Muswellbrook and Rutherford. Wins and losses were part of the day, but all of our players learnt new moves. The children demonstrated good sportsmanship and fair play, and were complemented on their behaviour.

Christine Launders  
Organising Teacher



## Intensive Swimming Program

All students in Year 2 and selected students in Year 3-6 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (Monday, 24 October until Friday, 4 November 2016). This will occur every school day during these two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 children. We believe that every child should be able to swim at least 25 metres with correct breathing. An intensive swimming program is of vital importance for all children because of our Australian lifestyle and it allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be \$85.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes and payment back to school before Friday, 14 October 2016. Permission notes will be sent home this week.

**Please note: Sessions times are at 1.00 - 1.45 pm and 1.45 - 2.30 pm.**

## Thank You

The Support Unit would like to thank Connie and Ronald Hermon for their donation of the picnic table for the safe play area. The children will make lots of memories sitting around eating, talking and playing at the table.



 **Nutrition Snippet**

## The simplest way

Smoothies are a great way to add a fruit or veg boost to your morning and are a great breakfast on the go.

**Banana Smoothie**  
Serves 2.

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups reduced fat milk  
1 ripe banana  
1 tsp cinnamon  
½ cup natural yoghurt  
1 tsp honey (optional)



**Method:**  
Mix in a blender until smooth.

**Top tips:**

- Store chunks of over-ripe banana in zip-lock bags in the freezer, ready to use when needed in a smoothie.
- Smoothies can be frozen to keep cold and fresh in the lunch box.

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



### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10, Term 3 2016

Mon 19/09/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Volunteer required please

Fri 23/09/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Debbie Hamson

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

### Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 3 2016

Mon 19/09/16 Kristine Lawrence, 1 more helper please

Tues 20/09/16 **CLOSED**

Wed 21/09/16 Claire Elgar, 1 more helper please

Thurs 22/09/16 Maree Davidson, 1 more helper please

Fri 23/09/16 Carmen Lee Mensah, Renee Mouser, Kate Howe

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:-

**"Respecting the school environment"**

### 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: .....

## KS Craft Raffle and Thank You

The children of KS and Mrs Scoles would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to our fete stall. Your assistance is greatly appreciated by us. The winners of the raffle are :-

First Prize - Meika      Second Prize - Liam      Third Prize - Karen Byatt

## P&C Fete News

Friday was an amazing day, the weather was beautiful, everyone had fun and most importantly we were successful in raising over \$12,000 for our wonderful school. The P&C fete committee would like to thank everyone who helped out. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who went to amazing efforts to make their stalls a success - a massive bravo to you all! Thanks to all the businesses and families who generously donated wonderful prizes and items to sell. Thanks to Kirkwoods for the hay bales. Thank you also to the families who helped on stalls, and worked in the canteen and BBQ. We are grateful again to the SES, NSW Police and fire brigades, and to YMCA for their displays. Thanks to Coal & Allied for supplying the BBQ. Thanks to Kellee Cameron and her friends for the energetic Zumba display. The band and buskers did a great job of entertaining us all again - thanks to Kerrie Melamed, Jan Fallding and Kristy Dibley for their work with our musicians. Thank you to Holly Chapman, Vanessa Sinclair, Sally Dunlop and her mum, and Elizabeth with her hair braiding, for their great stalls. We are grateful again to the Grainger family for providing first aid services through St Johns Ambulance. Most of all thanks to the families who came along on Friday and supported our Fete, we hope you all enjoyed your day.

The P&C is not only successful in running great events and raising money but it is also fun, friendly and a great way to meet other parents. Please consider joining the P&C and making a difference to our wonderful school. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday, 12 October at 7.00 pm in the library. Hope to see you there!

James Skinner – President  
Singleton Public School P&C Association



## Community Fete Feedback

I thought the Fete was outstanding! It was a wonderful and exciting place to spend the morning. The children helping at the stalls were so kind, polite and helpful, The activities were creative and interesting and it was just like the ones I remember when I was there. Well done to all the staff. You can see the hard work you've all put in.

Carrie Martin  
Ex Student

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## Late arrivals or early collection of children

If your child is late to school or needs to be collected from class before 3.10 pm, parents/caregivers must first report to the school office to sign the Student Leave Register and sign in as a visitor to the school. You will then be issued with a late slip/child collection slip to be taken to your child's teacher. This shows the teacher that your child has been signed in or out at the office in line with DoE school attendance requirements. **Please note that students cannot be signed out ahead of time. This is a Department of Education and legal requirement.**

## K-2 Sports Carnival - Friday 16 September

On Friday, 16 September students in K-2 will be participating in the K-2 Sports Carnival. Children will come to school as normal for morning muster. Rolls will be marked then children will walk to Cook Park with teachers. Children will be seated under shades in their house areas.

Age races will be first followed by the marathons. Lunch should be around 11.30 am. Children are permitted to sit with family for lunch but need to return to house areas for middle session activities.

After lunch there will be grade relays and then fun tabloid activities. At approximately 2.00 pm we will pack up and announce winners of age races, etc. Then children will walk back to school with class teachers.

NB: Children may go home early with parents but must be signed out with the class teacher. If they are going home with someone who is not a parent, please give the class teacher a note on the morning of the carnival.

**NB: No children will be allowed on the fixed equipment during the carnival as this is a school function and their safety is paramount.**

**Presentation of ribbons and rosettes will take place on the Friday assembly Week 10 so the whole school can congratulate the winners.**

## Parent feedback survey **NOW OPEN**

This Term, our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

**Simply click on the link below or copy it into your browser to start the Parent survey:**

<http://www.tellthemfromme.com/sps2016ps>

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be open until 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

## P&C Fundraiser

The P&C are holding a movie ticket fundraiser. All forms and money can be dropped to the Canteen by Friday, 16 September. Tickets are \$9.50 each and then will be delivered back to the students before the start of the school holidays.

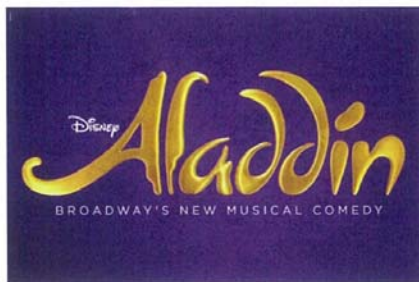
## Freedom of Entry

Although it was fete day on Friday, some of our students were able to line up in Hunter Street to applaud and show their respect to the Army personnel who started their march outside the parsonage for the Freedom of Entry Parade.



**Fete 2016**





Our excursion to Disney's Aladdin is coming up soon!

Just a reminder that our fantastic excursion to see the award winning Disney's Aladdin, from the Royal Shakespeare Company, is not far away!

Please have your child to school by 7.50am on the excursion day; the children will meet in the hall. The excursion will be leaving school at 8.00am promptly on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. There is the possibility of picking up children from Branxton if needed, please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to arrange this. We will arrive in Sydney at approximately 11.30am and have lunch at the Botanical Gardens before heading to the Capitol Theatre. The matinee performance begins at 1pm. We will return to school around 7.15pm. (possible drop off in Branxton). Children will need to wear their full school uniform and a hat. They will need to pack morning tea, lunch and at least 2 drinks. **Please do not pack lollies or soft drinks on this excursion.** The children will be able to bring money to purchase novelty gifts in the interval. We are looking at purchasing programmes in bulk, more details to follow closer to the excursion date.

Di Merrick (Organising teacher)

## UNGOOROO HEALTH SERVICES SCHEDULE

To make an appointment or enquiry further about this service please Call the Ungooroo Office on 6571 5111 or [www.ungooroo.com.au](http://www.ungooroo.com.au)

UNGOOROO GP & HEALTH SERVICES SCHEDULE CONFIRMED AS OF: 28.1.16

	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
<b>GP – GENERAL PRACTITIONER (Doctor)</b> 9am – 2pm Fortnightly	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 6th	Thursday 3rd	Thursday 1st
	Thursday 15th	Friday 7th	Friday 4th	Friday 2nd
	Friday 16th	Wednesday 12th	Wednesday 9th	Wednesday 7th
	Thursday 22nd	Thursday 13th	Thursday 10th	Thursday 8th
	Friday 23rd	Friday 14th	Friday 11th	Thursday 15th
	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 20th	Thursday 17th	Friday 16th
	Thursday 29th	Friday 21st	Friday 18th	
	Friday 30th	Wednesday 29th	Wednesday 23rd	
		Thursday 27th	Thursday 24th	
		Friday 28th	Friday 25th	
<b>GP – GENERAL PHYSICIAN (Specialist)</b> 10am – 5pm 'Two' Monthly	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
		Wednesday 12th		Wednesday 21st
<b>DIETICIAN</b> Tuesday 10am – 5pm Fortnightly	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
	Tuesday 13th	Tuesday 11th	Tuesday 8th	Tuesday 6th
<b>PHYSIOTHERAPIST</b> Thursday 10am – 5pm Fortnightly	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
	Thursday 6th	Tuesday 11th	Tuesday 8th	Tuesday 6th
<b>OPTOMETRIST</b> Monday 10am – 5pm Monthly	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
		Monday 17th	Monday 14th	Monday 12th
<b>DENTIST</b> Tuesday 9am – 4pm Fortnightly Wednesday 9am – 1pm Fortnightly	SEPTEMBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016	NOVEMBER 2016	DECEMBER 2016
	Tuesday 20th	Tuesday 4th	Tuesday 1st	
<b>ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA</b> • Must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander • Must be between 0-18 years of age & <b>ELIGIBLE</b> under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) • Must be between 0-18 years of age	Wednesday 21st	Wednesday 5th	Wednesday 2nd	
		Tuesday 18th	Tuesday 15th	
		Wednesday 19th	Wednesday 16th	
			Tuesday 29th	
			Wednesday 30th	



### WANTED:

Do you have any old **metal** cookware that you no longer use?

Such as: Cake-pans, oven trays, colanders, Serving spoons, cooking implements, jugs and teapots.

Do you have any **wooden** spoons?

We are in need some donations of the above, for your children to use in our school sandpit. (Please, no plastic or ceramic)

Also KM are needing some old children's dress up costumes

If you can help, please bring any donations to KM



# Singleton Public School 2016 Magazine, 9th Edition - **Looking for Sponsorship**



Singleton Public School  
Magazine  
2015



SPS has a proud tradition of producing a school magazine, to celebrate our memories from the school year. Our magazine coordinators produce a high quality keepsake that will stay with families for many years to come.

We are now looking for sponsors for this year's magazine.

**Sponsors will be very gratefully recognised in the 2016 Magazine as follows:**

**\$50 for a business-card sized sponsorship section, \$250 for a half-page, and \$500 for a full page.**

The school magazine is not a fundraiser for the school. Sponsorship helps minimise printing costs and therefore allows us to sell it to families for a lower price.

If you are interested in supporting the school magazine, please contact Sandy Tickell, the school's magazine coordinator on 0418 452 905 or email [sandhikat@gmail.com](mailto:sandhikat@gmail.com).

## 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:** Shae Styles

**Role:** Gordon Vice Captain

**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Maths

**Favourite Colour:** Aqua

**Best thing about school:**

Seeing my friends and the teachers.

**What I like about SPS:**

The nice teachers and other staff members.



**Name:** Braedyn Parrey

**Role:** Gordon Vice Captain

**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Technology

**Favourite Colour:** Blue

**Best thing about school:**

Being able to learn new things everyday.

**What I like about SPS:**

I like the great staff who teach us new things.



Subject: Our School App Is Live!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has some great news to share with you. Our school smartphone mobile app is available on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. These instructions will help you:-

#### How to Install Our School App

##### On Apple

- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

##### Android/Google Play

- On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

##### To Open Our School App

- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted select OK to use your current location and OK to send you Push Notifications (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)
- Read the information on the screen, and swipe to the left and click on Get Started. You will now be able to select the icons at the bottom of screen to view the School Calendar, Newsletter, Messages and other features.

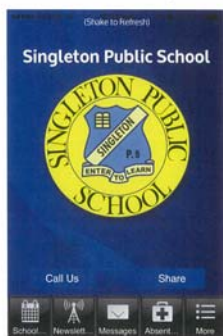
##### If you encounter troubles:-

- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact [www.activeschoolapps.com.au/support](http://www.activeschoolapps.com.au/support) for help within 48 hours.

##### If you are not receiving the notifications/messages:-

- You may have not selected OK to allow the App to use your current location or OK to send you the Push Notifications:-
  - To change current location - On your device select Settings, Privacy, Location Services, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and allow.
  - To change push notifications - On your device select Settings, Notification Centre, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and select it. Change the settings.

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# Sydney Sixers SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Learn to play the magenta way these school holidays!

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS:

SCG, Shellharbour, Nowra, Erina, Newcastle, Singleton, Gunnedah, Armidale

Register at

[sydneysixers.com.au/school-holiday-camps](http://sydneysixers.com.au/school-holiday-camps)



## school holidays SEPT / OCT 2016

### first week

TUESDAY September 27th		<b>DROP IN</b> All day, 9:00am - 6:00pm Open to all young people, welcome to drop in and visit us. Use the computers (all Internet accessible), have a game of pool, play video games, make music, or just hang out with friends.
WEDNESDAY September 28th		<b>JACKBOX &amp; BOARD GAMES</b> All day, 9:00am - 6:00pm Roll into a classic, or play your cards at something new. Also featuring a number of 'Jackbox' Smartphone/tablet-enabled multiplayer games, use ours, or bring your own!
THURSDAY September 29th		<b>GO-KARTS-GO!</b> Excursion: 9:30am - 2:00pm Come join us as we burn some rubber, tearing up Broadmeadow's massive 700m track! \$25 per person, book early to avoid disappointment.
FRIDAY September 30th		<b>T.G.I.F. ON THE YOUTH LAWN!</b> All day, 9:00am - 6:00pm End the week in style! Join us on the youth lawn, as we chill out with some backyard classics, including 'bocci', croquet, and a round of badminton. BBQ lunch around 1pm.



## school holidays SEPT / OCT 2016

### second week

TUESDAY October 4th		<b>GRAVITY X</b> Excursion: 11:00am - 4:00pm Come join us, as we bounce our way to happiness at GravityX, an indoor trampoline park in Rutherford. \$25 per person, book early to avoid disappointment.
THURSDAY October 6th		<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b> Workshop: 9:00am - 5:00pm Experience drama like never before! Create, inspire, build confidence, make friends, enhance your skills and expand your knowledge of the performing arts. Free to all participants aged 11-17.
FRIDAY October 7th		<b>IMPROV TOURNAMENT</b> Event: 6:00pm - 7:00pm Our performers take to the stage in an exciting competition of Improvisation - creating theatre on the spot, with no time to prepare! Free to all audience, and participants.

For more information on any of our events or activities, contact us on [dstranger@singleton.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dstranger@singleton.nsw.gov.au)  
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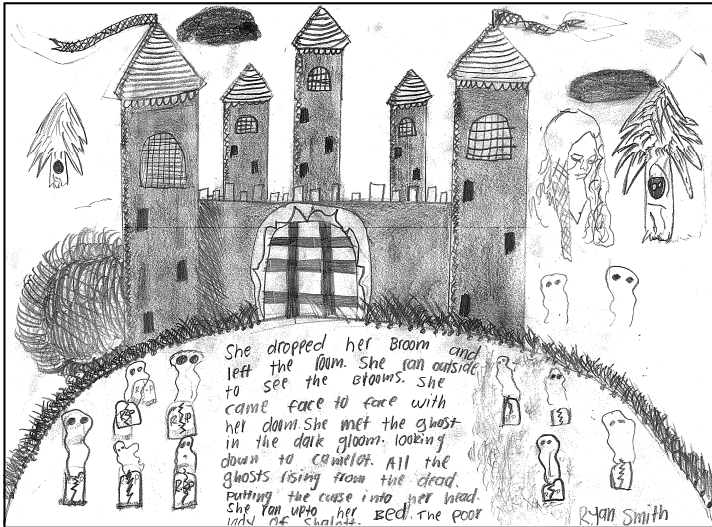
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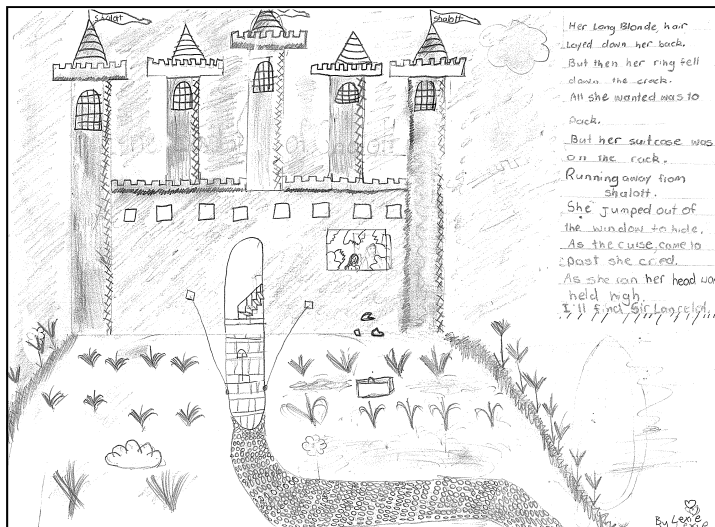
Singleton Youth Venue

## Class work by 6D

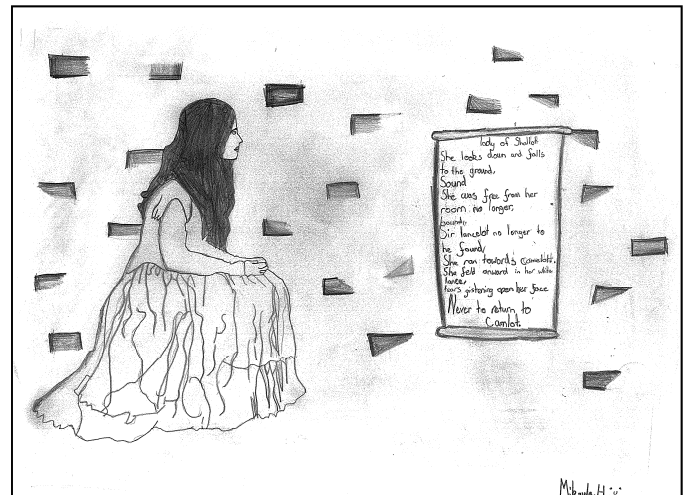
6D have been studying "The Lady of Shalott". Here are some of their interpretations and images.



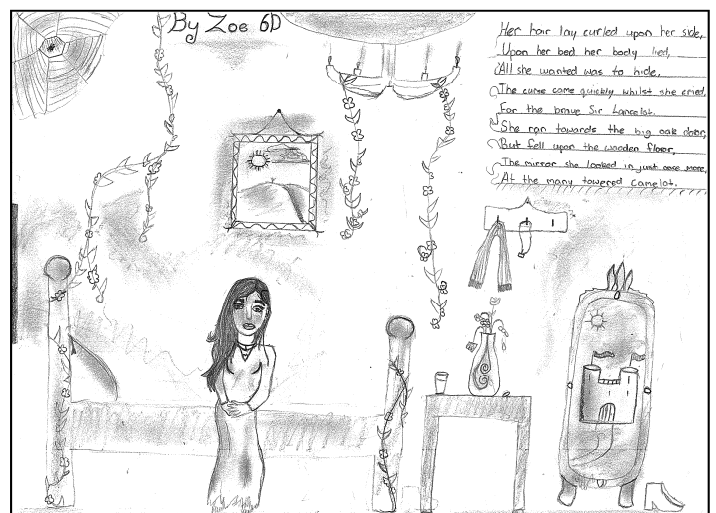
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