

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 4 Term 4

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### Swimming Carnival

Our 2018 Swimming Carnival will be conducted on Wednesday, 6 December this year. We are attempting to avoid the oppressive heat of February as well as providing classes a more settled period when commencing the school year. The carnival will involve students from Year 2 to Year 6 and will be the main qualifying event for students to progress to the Zone Primary Swimming carnival in 2018. Please keep an eye out for notices requesting parental assistance to ensure we have a smooth event.

### Panto

Ticket sales have again proved extremely popular with Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben flooded on Monday morning when the 'ticket booth' opened. Cinderella is sure to be another hit. Strangely enough, I hoping the ugly step-sisters find true love this year! Forever the optimist!

### Study Tour

During the past holiday period; I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a study tour of schools in British Columbia, Canada. There are a number of significant points that stand out to me from this experience including how kids are kids wherever we are in the world. It was very interesting to note the high level of school and community interaction within the BC system – actual community drop-in programs being operated on school grounds during school hours.

I am pleased to be a part of the NSW education system as the support services, school resources and development of staff appear to be much stronger on this side of the Pacific.

### P&C Meeting

It's not too late to come along and join in the P&C. The next meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, 1 November in our school library commencing at 6.00 pm.

David Crowe  
Principal



Education

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	Intensive Swimming concludes - <b>please note safety day bring long pants and long sleeve shirt</b> School Magazine Order form and money due in
<b>Saturday 4 November</b>	Combined Concert Band - Civic Centre 6.00 pm - 6.30 pm
<b>Monday 6 November</b>	2018 Kinder Information night starting 6.30 pm
<b>Thursday 9 November</b>	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall - please be seated by 6.20 pm
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall - please be seated by 6.20 pm
<b>Monday 13 November</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush final payment and note due First 2018 Kindergarten Transition day 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>	League Tag Day Years 3 - 6
<b>Monday 20 November</b>	Second 2018 Kindergarten Transition 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 21 November</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
<b>Wednesday 22 November</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
<b>Thursday 23 November</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
<b>Friday 24 November</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
<b>Monday 27 November</b>	Third 2018 Kindergarten Transition 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cultural group excursion note due back
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b>	Combined Scripture service Active After School Sports concludes
<b>Thursday 30 November</b>	Cultural Group Excursion leave school at 9.15 am sharp

**This weeks assembly will be hosted by KM at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

**P&C Meeting tonight at  
6.00 pm in the Library  
All welcome.**

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- *School Magazine, 3 November*
- *Year 5 Aussie Bush Monday, 13 November*
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### *Notes that have gone home:-*

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- *Cultural group excursion*
- *Stage Two Party Day*
- *Band - final rehearsal and town band concert*
- *School magazine order forms*
- *Presentation Day note*

### *What's in this week's newsletter:-*

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<http://www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/newsletters>

## **Intensive Swimming**

Please remember this Friday, 3 November, will be safety day at intensive swimming, the students will need to bring long pants and a long sleeve top to swim on this day.

## **Presentation Day**

The Presentation Day note is to be returned to school by Tuesday, 7 November.

## **Year 5 Aussie Bush Payment Due**


All Aussie Bush payments are due on Monday, 13 November. This needs to be paid at the office by 12.30 pm. No late payments can be accepted.

## **Cultural Group Excursion**

The Cultural Group excursion note to be returned to school by, Monday, 27 November.

## **Stage Two Party Day**

Notes and money due to the Office by Friday, 8 December.


 **Nutrition Snippet**

## The simplest way

...to make tasty tabouli.

**Serves: 6 | Preparation: 10mins | Cooking: 30-60mins**

**Ingredients**  
 ½ cup uncooked bulgar\*  
 2 cups reduced-salt chicken or vegetable stock, hot  
 2 bunches Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped  
 1 bunch mint, chopped  
 3 shallots, chopped  
 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped  
 2 tbsp olive oil  
 2 tbsp lemon juice



**Method**  
 1. In a large bowl, pour the boiling stock over the bulgur. Let sit for 30-60 minutes until softened and then strain through a fine mesh sieve. Cool.  
 2. Combine the bulgur, parsley, mint, shallots and tomatoes in a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and pinch of salt. Pour over the bulgur mix and toss to mix well.

\* Bulgar is a cereal made from whole wheat partially boiled then dried. It can be substituted with couscous or quinoa.

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**Eat It To Beat It**

### Canteen Roster - Week 5 Term 4 2017

Mon 13/11/17	2 more helpers please
Tues 14/11/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 15/11/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 16/11/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, 1 more helper please
Fri 17/11/17	Maxine Kolinos, Rachel Bourke

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop has now relocated to Lowes at Singleton Square. They are currently selling uniforms in-store and have now introduced an online ordering system at <http://www.lowes.com.au>.

### 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:-

**“Welcoming new students and visitors to the school. Being respectful”**

### 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.

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Principal	David Crowe
AP ES1	Christine Launders
AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Rachel Nichols
AP Stage 3	Robyn Edgar
P&C Meetings	First Wednesday of the Month

Bell Times	
8.40 am	Play
9.10 am	Morning Muster - class time
11.10 am	Eating time
11.20 am	Lunch 1
11.40 am	Lunch 2
12.00 pm	Middle session
1.30 pm	Recess
2.00 pm	Afternoon session
3.10 pm	Home

## Stage 2 Party Day

For the Singleton Public School Stage Two Party Day, students will be walking to Majestic Cinemas in Singleton to watch 'Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie' before making their way back to school to participate in water play activities.

When: Tuesday, 12 December, 2017

Where: Majestic Cinemas Ryan Avenue, Singleton and Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10 am – 3:10 pm

Cost: \$7.50 (ticket price) and \$7.00 (popcorn and drink – optional)

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, enclosed shoes and a hat (Please pack a spare set of play clothes for the water play activities).

Please return the permission note and payments to the front office by Friday ,8 December, 2017.

Stage 2 Teachers

## Cultural Group Excursion

On Thursday, 30 November the Cultural Group will be holding our annual excursion. This year we will be travelling by bus to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre at Newcastle. The focus of the day will be the connections between people, their culture and their environment.

Some activities the students might participate in include:

Bush Tucker investigation

Traditional Sports and Games

Tools and Weapons

Dreaming Story Activity

Scavenger Hunt Activity

Proposed schedule: Depart 9.15 am sharp from Elizabeth Street Gate

Arrive at the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre, Dudley at 10.30 am

Leave the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre, Dudley at 1.30 pm

Arrive at school (Elizabeth Street Gate) at 3.00 pm

Cost: There are no costs for this excursion.

What to wear: Full school uniform with joggers and school hat (essential)

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, sunscreen, 2 water bottles

For safety reasons, attendance on the excursion will be based on students' demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school's Welfare and Discipline Policies.

Permission notes must be returned to the class teacher to ensure your child's attendance by Monday, 27 November.

Lucy Parker, Sam Johnson, Julie Sullivan, Jo Whalan

Aboriginal Education Team

## Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day is being held on Monday, 11 December at the Civic Centre, Singleton commencing at 12 noon. All children will travel to and from the Civic Centre, Singleton by bus. They will leave school at 11.20 am for a 12 noon start. All students will be back at school by 2.45 pm. There will be no cost to the students for the bus travel.

Full school uniform is required for all students on this day.

If you wish to take your child home at the end of the ceremony please indicate on the permission note that has been sent home and return so that the teachers can organize to bring your child's bag to the ceremony.

As this is a whole school function and all children are expected to attend, any students who do not return the permission slip will need to walk to the Civic Centre accompanied by a teacher from the school.

The permission note is due back to your class teacher by Tuesday, 7 November.



## Student Health – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

There has been reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackievirus) within the school community. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. Good hygiene helps prevent infection. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

### What are the symptoms?

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease may have no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Blisters usually last for seven to 10 days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two. Very rarely, the coxsackie viruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heart, brain, lungs or eyes.

### How is it spread?

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact ie, contaminated hands, secretions from the mouth or respiratory system and direct contact with the fluid from blisters. It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before the blisters appear.

### How long do children need to be excluded from school?

Please exclude children from school until all of the blisters have dried.

## Intensive Swimming

Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 students are now in their second week of Intensive Swimming. All the children are enjoying their daily swimming lessons and are progressing well.





## Purple and Yellow Day

On Friday, 27 October the Student Council organised a "Purple and Yellow" day to raise funds for The Cancer Council. The students raised \$434.00 which is a fabulous effort. Well done SPS!



## School Student Transport Scheme

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure student entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

**Please note:** Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please note that new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.



## Stage 1 Science

Science this term is "Mix it Up". Students have looked at the properties of different substances and explored how they mix together. During Week 2 they made GOOP with Kley, a Year six student - two parts cornflour mixed with one part Conditioner.

All the students had lots of fun.

Mrs Pearce  
Science Co-ordinator



**EXTRA EXTRA!!!!**  
Only available by **PRE-ORDER**, \$15 each, due  
**Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>**

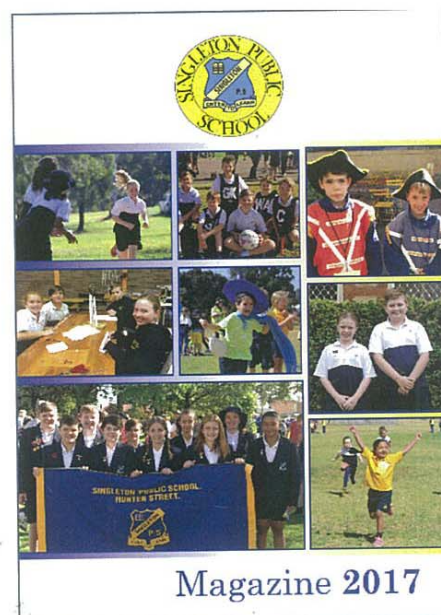
Send in this form with \$15/MAGAZINE, CASH ONLY, in an envelope to School Office.

I would like to Pre-Order a 2017 School Magazine

Student name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Class (es): \_\_\_\_\_

Total sum of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



Actual Front Cover of 2017 Magazine



**9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
COMMUNITY  
CAROLS**  
@  
**THE HEIGHTS**

**5pm to 9pm**  
**Alan Bull Reserve**  
**Hunterview**

**Singleton Baptist Church**  
Invites you all to come and join us to  
celebrate Christmas

If wet weather this event will be held up at the  
church enr Bridgman Road and Gardner Circuit

**FREE Family  
Event**  
**5pm – 7pm**  
Jumping  
castles  
Snow cones  
Sausage sizzle  
Cold drinks  
Tea & coffee  
Singleton  
Town Band  
**7pm – 9pm**  
mainly music  
Ron  
Schravemade  
& friends



**Carols**  
**Fireworks**



## GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

### Mobile Blood Service visiting: Singleton

Singleton Square, 1 Gowrie Street

#### Whole Blood and Plasma

Monday 27 November	9.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 28 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 30 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 1 December	9.30am – 3.00pm

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate  
**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch  
**Please bring photo I.D. with you**

To make an appointment call 13 14 95  
or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



### Temporary and Casual Teacher's Aides 2018 (SLSOs)

Throughout the year our school has limited employment opportunities for experienced casual and/or temporary teachers' aides (School Learning Support Officers).

As this is a paid position (approximately \$30.73 to \$35.65 per hour for casual employment) we would like to invite suitably experienced or qualified people to provide an expression of interest to the school. In **one page** please outline:-

- Your experience or qualifications to fulfil this position;
- Specific knowledge or understanding of children with additional learning needs.
- First Aid, Working with Children Checks and previous experience are highly desirable.
- Two referees that can attest to your ability to work well with children.
- Written application addressed to the Principal by 3.30 pm on Friday, 10 November.

Any queries, please contact Kerrie Burns in the school office.

Please note you will be contacted by the school if we require further information or if your application has been accepted.

David Crowe, Principal



## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 3 2017

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Marley Cooper	<b>KL</b>	Harry Emma
<b>KS</b>	Georgia Annabelle	<b>1F</b>	Zarleya Henry
<b>1LS</b>	Amelia Flynn	<b>1H</b>	Grace Molly
<b>2J</b>	Swimming	<b>2L</b>	Swimming
<b>2PD</b>	Swimming	<b>3A</b>	Isabelle Jasmine Jacob
<b>3N</b>	Gabriella Bailey Luke	<b>4B</b>	Skye Jimmy Trisha
<b>4Z</b>	Tyler Sethuki Caleb	<b>4/5S</b>	Tyler Layla Caitlin
<b>5/6I</b>	Maya Ocean Sam	<b>5E</b>	Ruby Kristie Bridie
<b>6D</b>	Faith Ruby Harry	<b>6M</b>	Tyrone Brandon Abby
<b>7B</b>	Zedekai, Anakin	<b>7W</b>	-

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Sam	<b>Stage 1</b>	Mackenzie
<b>Stage 2</b>	Noah	<b>Stage 3</b>	Marcus

#### Super Citizens

<b>KM</b>	Alana	<b>4Z</b>	Chloe
<b>1F</b>	Jake	<b>5/6I</b>	Alaura
<b>3A</b>	Hailee		

## 2L Intensive Swimming Program

