

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 1 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

11 OCTOBER 2017

Welcome back

Another holiday has flashed by and the children have begun their last term for 2017. I'm sure many people will agree that this year (like those before it) is passing too quickly. As usual we have a term filled to capacity with special events, performances and end of year activities. The children in all classes will be completing their stage courses and undertaking assessment tasks in readiness for their final report.

A special welcome to Hannah and Shane who have started at SPS this term.

Changes to the Newsletter

This term we are going to trial a new look newsletter. We understand that everyone is busy and may not have time to read the newsletter on the school web page, so for this term we are sending home a paper copy of the first two pages. These pages will have the Calendar of Events, reminders of excursions and due dates for payments as well as a list of what else is in the newsletter. In this way, all families will have information needed on special events and can then read the rest of the newsletter at their leisure. Please note that no complete paper copies of the newsletter will be sent home during this trial. We would welcome your feedback on this change.

2018 Kindergarten

This term we will be welcoming our 2018 Kinder students. The final information session is Monday, 6 November at 6.30 pm. Transition to school begins on Monday, 13 November 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm, then Monday, 20 November and Monday, 27 November 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Mrs Scoles will begin her "Small Steps" program on Friday, 13 October. Please bring your child along to the Monday afternoon sessions if possible, as this is a great time to get to know the teachers and the other children.

Christine Launders
Relieving Principal

Calendar of Events

Friday 13 October	Kinder "Small Steps" Transition program commences
Monday 16 October	Intensive Swimming note and payment due back at school
Wednesday 18 October	State Athletics Sporting Schools starts
Thursday 19 October	State Athletics
Friday 20 October	Concert Band Rehearsal at SHPS
Monday 23 October	Intensive Swimming starts for Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 students
Wednesday 25 October	Backyard League Years 3 to 6
Wednesday 1 November	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library
Thursday 2 November	Backyard League Years 3 to 6
Friday 3 November	Intensive Swimming concludes

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

NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Pages 1 and 2 will be sent home with eldest child each week.

The full newsletter can be viewed at:-

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

Download the School App by searching Singleton Public School in your app store.



Education

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

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Payments that are due:-

- *Intensive Swimming Monday, 16 October*
- *Aussie Bush Monday, 13 November*

Notes that have gone home:-

- *N/A*

What's in this week's newsletter:-

- *Intensive Swimming Information*
- *Kinder Show Visit*
- *K-2 Sports Carnival*
- *Selective School Information*
- *School App information*



Intensive Swimming Payments Due

Payment and notes are due on Monday, 16 October. Parent helpers please indicate your availability on the permission note. Volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check. Refunds will not be possible.

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.

Statement of Accounts

Each term the school office sends home a financial statement to each family. Statement of Accounts have been sent home this week from the new LMBR Finance System.

The enclosed statement of account may include payments for excursions and/or activities.

Please note, the print date was 21 September, so any payment received after this date will not be reflected on the statement.

2018 Kinder Information

The next information night is on Monday, 6 November 2017 at 6.30 pm in the school library. This is a more specific information evening regarding the school, the P&C and Kindergarten routines at Singleton Public School.

The Transition to School days will be held over three Mondays - 13 November (2.00-3.00 pm), 20 November (2.00-3.00 pm) and 27 November (1.00-3.00 pm).

The "Small Steps" Program will be starting Friday, 13 October until 8 December with two session times (9.30 am-12.00 pm or 12.30-3.00 pm). Parents will be contacted by Mrs Scoles if your child has been successful in gaining a place.

The first day of attendance for Kindergarten in 2018 is Thursday, 1 February.

The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

 **SunSmart Snippet**

The simplest way

...to be a SunSmart whiz!

Can you answer this SunSmart quiz?

Q1. At what UV level do you need to apply sunscreen?
Q2. How do I find out the daily UV level?
Q3. Do I need sun protection on cool or cold days?



A1: Always use sun protection when the UV levels are three and above. You may also need sun protection if the UV is below three and you are around highly reflective surfaces or outside for extended periods of time.

A2: The easiest way to find out the daily UV level is to download the SunSmart App and set up a daily alert on your device. Alternatively, you can check the newspaper or the Bureau of Meteorology website.

A3: UV levels are not related to temperature and in most parts of NSW, remain for most of the year. You can't see or feel UV radiation so it is best to check the daily UV level and not rely on temperature.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 4 2017

Mon 16/10/17	Cynthia Roffey, Angie Trowbridge
Tues 17/10/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 18/10/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 19/10/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, 1 more helper please
Fri 20/10/17	Kate Howe, Renee Mouse, Maxine Kolinis

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:-

“Be considerate of other people's games and stay in your area”

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.

Singleton Pubic School Details

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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

K-2 Sports Carnival Results

The K-2 Sports Carnival was held on Friday, 15 September. Below are the final results for the day.

Kinder

1st	Annabelle
2nd	Stella
3rd	Emily
4th	Adyson

1st	Flynn
2nd	Sam
3rd	Cooper
4th	Charles

Year 1

1st	Grace
2nd	Sybella
3rd	Alexis
4th	Ila

1st	Harry
2nd	Logan
3rd	Nate
4th	Matthew

Year 2

1st	Khloe
2nd	Maddison
3rd	Abbie
4th	Arli

1st	Archie
2nd	Max
3rd	Bailey
4th	Abubakar

Marathon results

Kinder

1st	Annabelle
2nd	Stella
3rd	Emily
4th	Adyson

1st	Charles
2nd	Sam
3rd	Flynn
4th	Cruz

Year 1

1st	Sybella
2nd	Grace
3rd	Kristy
4th	Alexis

1st	Harry
2nd	Matthew
3rd	Logan
4th	Carson

Year 2

1st	Khloe
2nd	Maddison
3rd	Rachael
4th	Ellie-Ann

1st	Archie
2nd	Bailey
3rd	Xavier
4th	Max

Kinder Show Visit

Kindergarten at Singleton Public School were fortunate enough to be invited to this year's Singleton Show.

After a weeklong count down and much anticipation in the air, on Friday, 22 September we walked to the showground. The first port of call was the old farm machinery shed, filled with harvesters and thrashers reminiscent of the days gone by of horse drawn machinery.

Next, we analysed the long-standing buildings of the showground, and discovered that these pavilions, cattle sheds and the band stand platform still serve the same purpose – even after all these years! These buildings provided a demonstration of 'change', which was the focal point of Kindergarten's excursion.

The rising heat did not deter us, as we paraded on through the pavilions, enjoying the Rix's Creek train display, along with the quilting, photos, drawings and paintings. We were licking our lips at the delicious cake, biscuit, slice and jam entrants. What a job to be the judge! Tasting all those scrumptious treats!

A brief morning tea enjoyed in the grandstand looking down at all the goings on of the showground provided a perspective of the range of events at the show, many of them traditional events. Horse and cattle parades, show jumping, and dog trials to name a few.

We were raptured with reptiles, delighted with the puppets, appreciative of the flowers, and chuffed with the chooks. Spotty ones, scrawny ones, fluffy ones and even ones that had laid eggs!

These sights and sounds certainly whetted the appetite of children for a possible visit to the show on Saturday. Sad to leave, but grateful for the opportunity, we headed back to school with many new – and old- memories of Singleton Show.

Singleton Public School and Kindergarten would like to thank the Show Committee for their generous invitation. Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned about the many facets of the Singleton Show.

Meg Drinan
Organising Teacher

Intensive Swimming

All children in Year 2 and selected Years 3/4 students will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (Monday, 23 October until Friday, 3 November 2017). 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 your child because of our Australian lifestyle and allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be \$80.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes back to school as soon as possible. The whole amount needs to be paid by Monday, 16 October - before the commencement of the program. You may prefer to start paying \$5.00 or \$10.00 per week so it is all paid beforehand. Refunds will not be possible as the Centre has organised the professional swimming teachers and they have a no refund policy. However, if you advise the school the week before that your child will not be attending, numbers can be changed with the pool and a refund should be able to be forwarded to you. Unfortunately, memberships/season tickets at the Gym & Swim Centre are not valid for learn to swim programs.

Children will be tested and put into groups according to their ability. The better swimmers will receive squad coaching while others may receive coaching on breathing and stroke technique, as well as activities to develop strength and stamina in the water. Therefore it is expected that ALL students participate in the program. Please note: Day 9 will be the assessing day and Day 10 will be Safety Day - please ensure children bring long pants and long sleeve top to swim in (no goggles) on this day.

We welcome any parents/carers who can assist with the program. Please indicate below the session and days you are available. You do not have to instruct but assist the professional instructors.

The session times for the two weeks are as follows:

Monday to Friday

Group 1 (2L, 2PD) 12.30 – 1.15 pm

Group 2 (2J, 3/4) 1.15 – 2.00 pm

The Gym and Swim requires any volunteers to have a current Working with Children Check. If you do not have a check, you are able to apply for one online and then have it completed at Services NSW. Simply go to <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>, complete the online application form, selecting the category Volunteer Worker. You will then be issued with an application number. Take this number and paperwork to the Services NSW with your 100 point check documents (eg Birth Certificate (70 points)

and Driver's Licence (40 points). Once a Working with Children Check number is issued (it may take a few days) please bring a copy into the school. If you have any queries about this see the office staff.

If you need assistance financing this program please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office. All requests are strictly confidential and must be made at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the program. Payments can be made to the school by Parent Online Payment, cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card.

Selective School Placement

Some primary schools across NSW offer places in 'opportunity classes' for gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for placement students must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year. For information about applying and the placement process go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>.

Have you downloaded the School App

As all of our subscribers know, the Singleton PS App is a great communication tool. The school is able to send through notifications to send reminders about excursions, payments and even change of plans.

The School App is able to be downloaded by searching "Singleton Public School" in your app store.



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The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Singleton Square,

Monday 16 October, 9.30am – 3.00pm (6 more donors needed)

Tuesday 17 October, 1.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 18 October, 1.00pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 19 October, 1.00pm – 6.30pm (6 more donors needed)

Friday 20 October, 9.30am – 3.00pm (15 more donors needed)

*plasma is fully booked

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.



INSTORE & ONLINE
THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER



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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 10 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Adysin Tristan	KL	Stella Deon
KS	Omar Eloise	1F	Anne Amelia
1LS	Liam Dakodah	1H	Lucy Jasmine
2J	Sophie Rhys	2L	Logan Jake
2PD	Archie Jackson	3A	Ariel Alyssa Hayden
3N	Caleb Lilly Noah Zedekai	4B	Chelsea Borden Beth
4Z	Rubybelle Alison Harrison	4/5S	Taj Lachlan Lauren
5/6I	Josephine Masen Breez	5E	Tyler Brayden Ruby
6D	Lilly Eevie Emma	6M	Brandon Joel Amber
7B	-	7W	-

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Flynn	Stage 1	Molly
Stage 2	Ryan	Stage 3	Tyler

Super Citizens

KM	Laylah	3A	Sheridyn
1F	Caitlin	4Z	Alison
2J	Arli	5/6I	Emilia

1LS Hunter Wetlands



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