

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 2 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

18 OCTOBER 2017

Newsletter Changes

I hope everyone had the chance to read our new look newsletter last week. We have had no feedback as yet so we take that as a positive. Teachers commented that it was easy for the older children to read the reminders that were relevant to them. Let us know your thoughts.

Intensive Swimming

As an island nation with a long, hot summer, the ability for all children to swim is an essential life skill. Professional instructors and volunteer parents, along with the teachers, ensure that all children in Year 2 and those identified in other classes, are given lessons that match their skill level, build their water confidence and develop their swimming ability. Please ensure that your child has everything they need each day so that they don't miss any learning opportunity.

Welcome Katie

A special welcome to our new school counsellor Katie Garlick. She will be working at SPS on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Christine Launders
Relieving Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 18 October	State Athletics Sporting Schools commences
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 Book Club LOOP orders closed on Scholastic website
Wednesday 25 October	Backyard League Years 3 to 6
Friday 27 October	Purple Day - Gold coin donation for Relay for Life
Monday 30 October	Panto Tickets on sale on the parsonage verandah from 8.30 am to 9.10 am - cash only \$6.00 each
Tuesday 31 October	Panto Tickets on sale on the parsonage verandah from 8.30 am to 9.10 am - cash only \$6.00 each
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
Monday 6 November	2018 Kinder Information night starting 6.30 pm
Thursday 9 November	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall
Friday 10 November	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall

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

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for **Book Club!**

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's **Book Club** Organiser.

Also available as an app:



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

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Payments that are due:-

- ***Year 5 Aussie Bush Monday, 13 November***

Notes that have gone home:-

- ***Concert Band note***

What's in this week's newsletter:-

- ***2018 Kindergarten Small Steps program***
- ***Selective school placement***
- ***App information***

Change of date to 2018 Swimming Carnival

Please note that the 2018 swimming carnival will now be held on Monday, 6 December for students in Year 2 - 5 and strong swimmers turning 8 in 2018. More information will come closer to the date.

Intensive Swimming

Intensive swimming starts this Monday for Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 students. Students will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring with them in a separate bag, swimmers, towel, goggles, swimming cap (optional), and thongs. Please note Friday, 3 November, will be safety day, the students will need to bring long pants and a long sleeve top to swim on this day.

Singleton High School Students

Parents please be advised that when Singleton High School has an early finish on every second Monday students are not to walk to Singleton Public School to catch the bus or be collected by parents. We can not offer any supervision of students and the High School has told the student that they are to stay within their school grounds and catch the bus as normal.

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.

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.

The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to add Spring produce to your menu.

Adding seasonal produce to your weekly menu not only tastes better, but buying fruit and veg in season can be up to 35% cheaper than other times of year.

Here are four easy ways to add more Spring vegies and fruit to your day:

- **Add some legumes** – add chickpeas to your salad, stir kidney beans through your bolognaise sauce, add canned lentils to your sausage roll mix.
- **Put vegie sticks in every lunch box** – carrots are super cheap in Spring, cut them into sticks and pack them with a small container of hummus.
- **Roast vegies and use in sandwiches** – roasted pumpkin and zucchini are delicious on wholegrain bread.
- **Make fruit salad cups** – cut up some strawberry, apple and rockmelon and put in a cup for a sweet, tasty treat.



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

Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 4 2017

Mon 23/10/17	Tammy Cox, Di Cooke, Monica Louw
Tues 24/10/17	Lynda Damstra, Rebecca Tutt (9-12)
Wed 25/10/17	Tracy Matthews, Cara Roohan
Thurs 26/10/17	Felicity Murray, Rachel Baxter, Kylie Page
Fri 27/10/17	Craig Cooke, Rebecca Cooke, Amy Stone

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	
Phone	02 6571 2250
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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

2018 Kindergartens

Mrs Scoles' Small Steps transition program started on Friday, 13 October. This program will run for nine weeks. All the children settled in well and enjoyed their first day.



Photo courtesy of The Singleton Argus

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.

Book Club LOOP

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Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.



2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)

LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.





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.

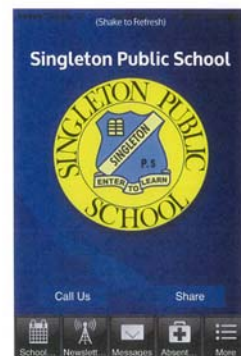
If you encounter troubles:-

- 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 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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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

SPS Volunteer Canteen Roster 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Anna Adamthwaite	Lynda Damstra	Cara Roohan	Kirsten Roxburgh	Sandy Tickell
	Melissa Wilson		Morgan Lees	Judi Wyllie	Maxine Kolinos
				1 more helper please	Sally Menere
	20-Feb-17	21-Feb-17	22-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	School Development Day 24-Feb-17
	20-Mar-17	21-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	24-Mar-17
	15-May-17	16-May-17	17-May-17	18-May-17	19-May-17
	Public Holiday	13-Jun-17	14-Jun-17	15-Jun-17	16-Jun-17
	07-Aug-17	08-Aug-17	09-Aug-17	10-Aug-17	11-Aug-17
	04-Sep-17	05-Sep-17	06-Sep-17	07-Sep-17	08-Sep-17
	30-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	01-Nov-17	02-Nov-17	03-Nov-17
	27-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	29-Nov-17	30-Nov-17	01-Dec-17
WEEK 2	Teagan Hartcher	Lynda Damstra	Sarah Land	Nicole Furness	Paula Stokes
	Di Cooke (when available)		Melissa Muddiman	Kylie Broadbent	Jen Andrews
	Carolyn Martin		Julie Thomas	Cara Roohan	Lauren Hales
	30-Jan-17	31-Jan-17	01-Feb-17	02-Feb-17	03-Feb-17
	27-Feb-17	28-Feb-17	01-Mar-17	02-Mar-17	03-Mar-17
	27-Mar-17	28-Mar-17	29-Mar-17	30-Mar-17	31-Mar-17
	School Development Day	Public Holiday	26-Apr-17	27-Apr-17	28-Apr-17
	22-May-17	23-May-17	24-May-17	25-May-17	26-May-17
	19-Jun-17	20-Jun-17	21-Jun-17	22-Jun-17	23-Jun-17
	School Development Day	18-Jul-17	19-Jul-17	20-Jul-17	21-Jul-17
	14-Aug-17	15-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
	11-Sep-17	12-Sep-17	13-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	15-Sep-17
	09-Oct-17	10-Oct-17	11-Oct-17	12-Oct-17	13-Oct-17
	06-Nov-17	07-Nov-17	08-Nov-17	09-Nov-17	10-Nov-17
	04-Dec-17	05-Dec-17	06-Dec-17	07-Dec-17	08-Dec-17
WEEK 3	2 more helpers please	Lynda Damstra	Claire Elgar	Maree Davidson	Maxine Kolinos
		Melissa Wilson	Morgan Lees	Karen Patton	Rachel Bourke
				1 more helper please	1 more helper please
	06-Feb-17	07-Feb-17	08-Feb-17	09-Feb-17	10-Feb-17
	06-Mar-17	07-Mar-17	08-Mar-17	09-Mar-17	10-Mar-17
	03-Apr-17	04-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	06-Apr-17	07-Apr-17
	01-May-17	02-May-17	03-May-17	04-May-17	05-May-17
	29-May-17	30-May-17	31-May-17	01-Jun-17	02-Jun-17
	26-Jun-17	27-Jun-17	28-Jun-17	29-Jun-17	30-Jun-17
	24-Jul-17	25-Jul-17	26-Jul-17	27-Jul-17	28-Jul-17
	21-Aug-17	22-Aug-17	23-Aug-17	24-Aug-17	25-Aug-17
	18-Sep-17	19-Sep-17	20-Sep-17	21-Sep-17	22-Sep-17
	16-Oct-17	17-Oct-17	18-Oct-17	19-Oct-17	20-Oct-17
	13-Nov-17	14-Nov-17	15-Nov-17	16-Nov-17	17-Nov-17
	11-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	13-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	15-Dec-17
WEEK 4	Tammy Cox (9-12)	Lynda Damstra	Tracy Matthews	Felicity Murray	Craig Cooke
	Di Cooke (when available)	Rebecca Tutt (9-12)	Cara Roohan	Rachel Baxter	Rebecca Cooke
	Monica Louw			Kylie Page	Amy Stone
	13-Feb-17	14-Feb-17	15-Feb-17	16-Feb-17	17-Feb-17
	13-Mar-17	14-Mar-17	15-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	17-Mar-17
	08-May-17	09-May-17	10-May-17	11-May-17	12-May-17
	05-Jun-17	06-Jun-17	07-Jun-17	08-Jun-17	09-Jun-17
	31-Jul-17	01-Aug-17	02-Aug-17	03-Aug-17	04-Aug-17
	28-Aug-17	29-Aug-17	30-Aug-17	31-Aug-17	01-Sep-17
	23-Oct-17	24-Oct-17	25-Oct-17	26-Oct-17	27-Oct-17
	20-Nov-17	21-Nov-17	22-Nov-17	23-Nov-17	24-Nov-17

2017

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
OCT 1	9	10 SHS Road Show 9.30am to 11am	11 P&C Meeting 6pm	12 Jump Start Year 6	13 Kinder Transition starts	14
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OCT 2	16 Intensive Swimming payment due	17	18 State Athletics Sporting Schools commences	19 Jump Start Year 6 State Athletics	20 Concert Band Rehearsal SHPS	21
						22
OCT 3	23 Intensive Swimming starts PSSA meeting 4.30pm	24	25 Backyard League Years 3 to 6	26 Jump Start Year 6	27 Purple Day Relay Fundraiser	28
						29
OCT / NOV 4	30 Intensive Swimming continues Panto tickets on sale 8.30 - 9.10 am	31 Panto tickets on sale 8.30 - 9.10 am	1 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm	2 Backyard League Years 3 to 6	3 Intensive Swimming conclude	4
						5
NOV 5	6 2018 Kinder Info Night # 2	7	8	9 Panto 6.30 pm	10 Panto 6.30 pm	11
						12
NOV 6	13 Year 5 Aussie Bush final payment due	14	15	16 League Tag Day Years 3 - 6	17	18
						19
NOV 7	20	21 Year 5 Aussie Bush	22 Year 5 Aussie Bush	23 Year 5 Aussie Bush	24 Year 5 Aussie Bush	25
						26
NOV / DEC 8	27	28	29 Combined Scripture Service Sporting Schools concludes	30 Cultural Group Excursion	1	2
						3
DEC 9	4	5 Year 6 SHS Orientation 9.30 am-2.30 pm K-2 Dress rehearsal Xmas concert	6 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6	7 Year 6 Party Day Infants Christmas Concert	8 Kinder Transition last day Infants Christmas Concert	9
						10
DEC 10	11 Presentation Day	12 Stage 1 Party Day Stage 2 Party Day	13 Year 6 Assembly and Farewell	14 Kinder Party Day – Townhead Park	15 Last day of Term 4	16
						17
DEC 11	18 Staff Development Day	19 Staff Development Day	20 School Holidays	21 School Holidays	22 School Holidays	23
						24



**MUSWELLBROOK GIRL GUIDES
and RAINBOW BRICKS LUG
present**

UPPER HUNTER BRICK SHOW

A LEGO FAN EVENT



**SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2017
9AM TO 2PM**

**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SKELLATAR STOCK ROUTE
MUSWELLBROOK**



TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH
**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING FAIR**

**LEGO DISPLAYS LEGO FOR SALE
FREE BUILD AREA**

**ENTRY \$5 EACH OR \$15 PER FAMILY
(LEGO SHOW ONLY)**



Singleton Mobile Preschool

**Enrol now for
2018**



Singleton Mobile Preschool

provides a play based, child responsive learning environment which nurtures children's strengths, abilities and interests. The program and curriculum is led by an Early Childhood Teacher and includes a School Readiness component.

- Venues operating at:
Mitchell's Flat-Wednesdays (Term 4 vacancies still available)
Mt Olive-Thursdays (Term 4 vacancy for 3year old)
Broke -Tuesday and Fridays (Term 4 vacancies still available)
- Caters for children 3-5 years of age (2 year olds are considered if places are available).
- Operate within the Community Halls from 9am - 3pm during school terms.

- Early Years Learning Framework.
 - Transition to School Program.
 - Welcomed family participation.
 - Fee subsidies available (conditions apply)
 - Inclusive enrolment to all educational and cultural requirements.
 - High ratios of staff to children creating an optimal learning environment
- For further information please contact
Kerrie Worthing
Supervisor Singleton Mobile Preschool
M: 0428237951
E: mcgcc@singleton.nsw.com.au



Book Club LOOP

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Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP and register today!



Fundraising
made easy
Introducer Program



Here for good. NEWCASTLE PERMANENT

Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent

The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over \$100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous \$600 to our school!



SINGLETON PCYC HALLOWEEN DISCO

BLUE LIGHT EVENT - 31 OCTOBER 2017

6PM TO 9PM

\$5 FOR CLUB MEMBERS

\$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 1 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Adyson Saxon	KL	Indiana Emily
KS	Steve Liam	1F	Zarleya Will
1LS	Savannah Jai	1H	Stevie Brendon
2J	Reece Felicity	2L	Jed Eva
2PD	Sarah Hannah-Lee	3A	Leo Thomas Hunter
3N	Logan Noah Jhy	4B	Ryan Beth Seth
4Z	Jaxon Harrison Lynkin Laila	4/5S	Cameron Taj Alex
5/6I	Ivy Marcus Emilia	5E	Brayden Jackson Marcus
6D	Claire Sam Bill	6M	Lexie Ella Rylan
7B	Coleby	7W	Bella

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Saxon	Stage 1	Knox
Stage 2	Charlie	Stage 3	Ruby

Super Citizens

KL	Peyton	3N	Jasmine
1H	Elena	4B	Chelsea
2L	Jai	6M	Danika

4B working hard in Term 4!

