Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 3 Term 4 QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY 25 OCTOBER 2017

Welcome back Mr Crowe!

I have enjoyed the past 3 weeks as Acting Principal and would like to thank all of the staff for their support during this time. Our office staff are truly amazing-calm-professional at all times. I'm sure Mr Crowe will have some new ideas after his visit to a Canadian school and we all look forward to hearing about his time there.

Uninvited Visitor

I'm sure most people have heard about the reptilian visitor to 2J last Thursday. Two students reported a snake in the withdrawal room. Mr Johnson investigated, thinking it was a rubber toy, but it was a metre and a half long green tree snake. Thank you to Steve from Mates with Snakes for his speedy arrival and removal of the snake. We are assured that it was a solitary male looking for company and not part of a nest. We have no idea how it came to be in the building but Mr Kirchen has investigated the area around the tank and gardens and therefore no other snakes are about. A photograph is in the newsletter.

New Families

I'd like to welcome Nathan, Skye and Gabriella to our school. What a busy time to arrive!!

Pantomime

Cinderella is about to explode onto the stage at Singleton Public School. This Friday's assembly we will be given a glimpse of the talent and costumes so don't miss it. What a wonderful way to end the week.

Christine Launders
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events

Friday 27 October	Purple and Yellow 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 Intensive swimming Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 students
Tuesday 31 October	Panto Tickets on sale on the parsonage verandah from 8.30 am to 9.10 am - cash only $6.00 each Backyard League Years 3 to 6
Wednesday 1 November	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library
Friday 3 November	Intensive Swimming concludes - please note (safety day bring long pants and long sleeve shirt)
Saturday 4 November	Combined Concert Band - Civic Centre 6.30 pm
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
Monday 13 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush final payment and note due
Thursday 16 November	League Tag Day Year 3 - 6
Tuesday 21 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Wednesday 22 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Thursday 23 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Friday 24 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion

This weeks assembly will be a Panto teaser 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.

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Purple and Yellow Day

The Student Council are having a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Students can wear purple or yellow on Friday, 27 October for a **gold coin donation**.

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

Please remember 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.

Singleton High School Students

Parents please be advised that when Singleton High School has an early finish time 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 students 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.

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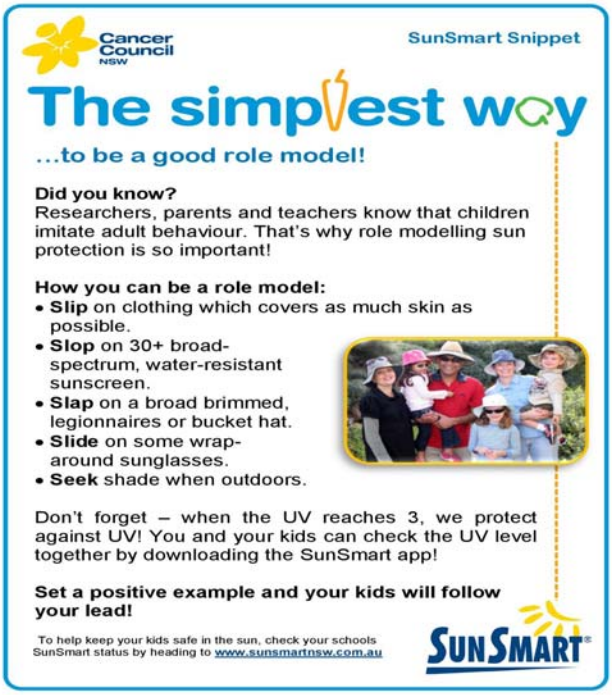

Cancer Council NSW

SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to be a good role model!

Did you know?
Researchers, parents and teachers know that children imitate adult behaviour. That's why role modelling sun protection is so important!

How you can be a role model:
- **Slip** on clothing which covers as much skin as possible.
- **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat.
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.
- **Seek** shade when outdoors.

Don't forget – when the UV reaches 3, we protect against UV! You and your kids can check the UV level together by downloading the SunSmart app!

Set a positive example and your kids will follow your lead!

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

SUNSMART

Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 4 2017

Mon 30/10/17	Anna Adamthwaite, Melissa Wilson
Tues 31/10/17	Lynda Damstra
Wed 1/11/17	Cara Roohan, Morgan Lees
Thurs 2/11/17	Kirsten Roxburgh, Judi Wyllie
Fri 3/11/17	Sandy Tickell, Maxine Kolinos, Sally Menere

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.

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

State Athletics

Congratulations to the Boys Junior Relay Team (Lachlan, Charlie, Hayden and Jack) and Kaitlin who represented Singleton Public last week at the State Athletics carnival. The boys came 5th in their heat and then 28th in the state. Kaitlin came 16th out of 41 for shot put and 9th place for discuss. This is a great achievement for all of them and SPS is very proud of you.

Slippery Visitor in 2J

2J had some excitement last Thursday, with a special visitor in their classroom. The green tree snake pictured below was found in the 2J withdrawal room. Staff acted very quickly and organised for Steve from Mates with Snakes to come to school and remove the snake.

Diwali - Cultural Awareness Activities

Last week in the Library we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. This festival celebrates the victory of light over dark, good over evil and new beginnings. A great celebration that encompasses so much positivity.

Children had the opportunity to make a diya (clay tealight holder) using air dried clay and sequins. They also made "Happy Diwali" cards to give to their friends and loved ones. There were a number of colouring in stencils showing Rangoli patterns and hands to create henna designs on. If you aren't familiar with these look them up on the internet. Some of the designs and patterns are amazing and stunning. Rangoli is usually done with coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or flower petals. We also gave children the opportunity to colour in giant Rangoli designs using sidewalk chalk outside the library. This certainly brought out the creative side of our students with many children taking the opportunity to also create their own awesome art.

A big thank you to the staff that helped with the set-up, pack-up and running of activities and to Mr Kirchen for creating or mini blackboard circles to make Rangoli designs indoors, Mrs Burns for helping get all our supplies sorted and Mrs Hermon for her fantastic Rangoli designs.

Also a big thank you to our wonderful P&C who have funded our cultural awareness activities this year. Our students have really enjoyed learning about the featured events.

Happy Diwali to everyone,
The Library Team.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is fast approaching. The Library is giving students an opportunity to share their understanding of this important day. They are invited to create something that shares their understanding of why we acknowledge Remembrance Day. Work will be on display in the library and we have some prizes for the best work. Some ideas might be creating a diorama, writing a letter or diary entry from the view point of some one away fighting in the war or at home missing a loved one who is away at the war. You may like to create a poster or some other display highlighting key information about Remembrance Day.

Work needs to be brought to the library by November, 6 so it can be displayed during the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Any questions please see the staff in the library.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

Cyberbullying, Haters and Trolls

What should I teach my kid about safe online behaviour?

As soon as your kids begin to go online, it's important to explain your expectations of their behaviour. By acting responsibly and respectfully, they will enjoy their time online and get the best of the Internet while mostly avoiding things such as cyberbullying and inappropriate content. Here are some basics to share with your child:

Communicate appropriately. Use the right language for your audience. You might write or speak to a teacher differently from a friend. And never use all caps!

Keep private things private. Don't share personal information, including passwords, your home address, inappropriate images, and gossip.

Respect others. Be courteous. Disagree politely.

Don't lie, steal, or cheat. Don't try to deceive others. Remember to give credit where credit is due. And, although it's easy to copy others' work, download things without permission, or use game cheat codes, don't do it.

Be an "upstander." If someone you know is being targeted by a bully, stand up for that person. You would want him or her to do the same for you.

Report misbehaviour. The Internet is a giant community, and you can help it be a nice place.

Follow your family's rules. If your parent tells you to avoid certain websites or to stop texting after a certain time, listen. The more you act responsibly, the more privileges you'll get.

Think before you post, text, or share. Consider how you and others might feel after you've posted something. It's not always easy to take back what you've said online, and your online behaviour can create a lasting footprint.

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.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).

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

Singleton Public School's

Purple and Yellow Day

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2017

WEAR PURPLE OR YELLOW AND DONATE A GOLD COIN TO RAISE MONEY FOR 'RELAY FOR LIFE'

Halloween Party
Mitchells Flat
Community Hall
3rd Annual
Halloween Disco
Come if you dare, it's a family affair
Saturday 28th October 2017
From 6pm
Cost: $10 per family
Disco, games & prizes
Prize for best dressed boy and girl
Mini hot dogs, fairy floss, sweets & drinks
available to purchase from 50c
188 Mitchells Flat Road, Mitchells Flat
For information call
Holly 0416035483 or Anne 0428741398
All funds raised on the night go straight to
keeping our Community Hall open.

CLASSICAL GUITAR RECITAL DENNIS VAN ROOYEN
WITH GUEST SAXOPHONIST ALICE V MORGAN
12 NOVEMBER 2017
2 PM
Program includes Ginastera, Rodrigo, Dyens and Piazzolla
Enquiries:
soloclassical@gmail.com
Text: 0439374655
Venue:
Sisters' Chapel, Sacred Spaces at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, 30 Queen St, Singleton.
Tickets at door $20
Children under 10 free
also at www.trybooking.com/PJBY

Variety Kids Xmas Party 2017
Newcastle
Join us for the first Newcastle Variety Kids Christmas Party, a special event full of fun and entertainment for kids who have a disability, chronic illness or who are experiencing financial hardship.
There will be on stage entertainment, games, rides and even some special guests all the way from the North Pole! See the details below:
Wednesday 15th November
4pm – 9pm
McDonald Jones Stadium; Turton Road Broadmeadow
Cost: FREE!
Parents, guardians and siblings also welcome
Register your interest now via:
https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/events/
For any questions, please contact us on 02 4965 4911
We hope to see you there!
variety
the children's charity

Singleton
Drill Dance
Singleton Drill Dance
New members wanted
Under 12 Girls - local training once a week and only a few competitions per session.
Great exercise and good for coordination.
Drill Dance is a marching team to music.
MUMS - we have a masters team so you and your daughter can practise together.
Phone Penny on 0401806226
https://www.drilldance.com.au/

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 2 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Travis Alana	**KL**	Amittie Ryda
KS	Matthew Allira	**1F**	Seth Caitlin
1LS	Addison Knox	**1H**	Jenna Brendan
2J	Eustie Nate	**2L**	Lincoln Kadah Jai
2PD	Kayden Khloe	**3A**	Clancy Bobbie Cameron
3N	Charlotte Amelia Mia Caleb	**4B**	Riley Roman Erin
4Z	Jordan Emily Jack	**4/5S**	Joe Jack Charli
5/6I	Emma Ava Jesse	**5E**	Lara Charlie Tom
6D	Samuel Sofia Pin-Chi	**6M**	Isaak Holly
7B	Dre, Stevie	**7W**	Kaiden

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Eloise	**Stage 1**	Will
Stage 2	Harrison	**Stage 3**	Jacques

Super Citizens

KS	Isaac	**4/5S**	Lachlan
1LS	Hannah	**5E**	Hamish
2PD	Mitchell	**6D**	Lilly
7B	Amber		

Classwork from KS

At the end of last term, kindergarten visited two farms as part of their Science unit. Below are some of the items that were spotted during the excursion.

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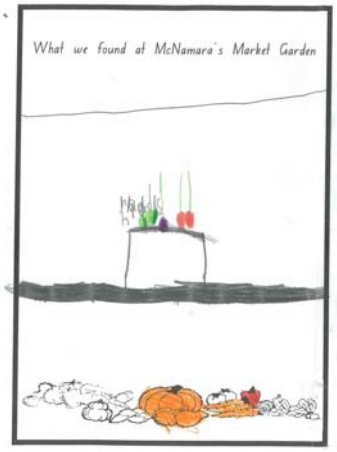
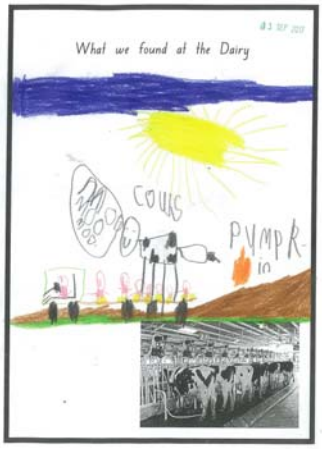
By Matthew





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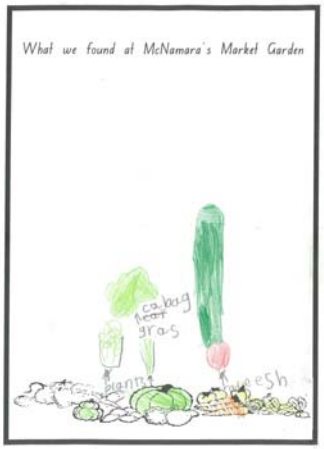

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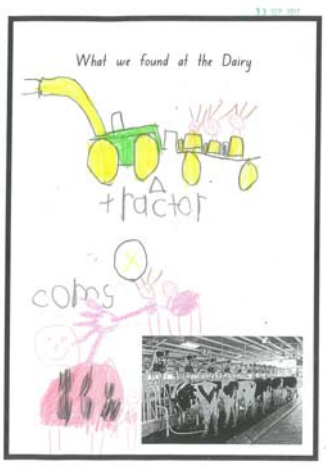
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