

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 6 Term 4

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Cinderella 2017

Congratulations to our fantastic students that were involved in this year's pantomime, Cinderella and the Glass Slipper. A truly marvellous show filled with laughter, dancing and music. It is amazing to watch sometimes quiet and shy students embrace the challenge of standing in front of an audience of strangers and perform.

The show was also a credit to our wonderful staff and parent helpers that have worked with our students to refine lines, acting skills, dancing and singing, as well as coordinating the backstage activities. Congratulations to everyone involved for your efforts.

Aussie Bush Camp

Our intrepid Year 5 campers will be leaving the school early Tuesday morning to travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Students (and parents) are reminded to pack the items included on the packing list and to leave valuables at home.

Parents and carers are requested to have all students at school before 9.00 am so that the buses can leave on time; also please check the school app for advice regarding expected returning times on Friday.

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 student to progress to Zone Primary Swimming in 2018. Please keep an eye out for notices requesting parental assistance to ensure we have a smooth event.

Mr Crowe promotion

I would like to take this opportunity to advise that I have been appointed to the position of Director, Educational Leadership commencing Term 2, 2018. In the intervening time, a new principal will be appointed to commence in Term 2 to lead our school into the future. I will be involved in a significant amount of training over the next fifteen weeks, therefore our existing executive staff will be assisting to manage the day to day operation of the school.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Thursday 16 November	League Tag Day Years 4 - 6
Monday 20 November	Second 2018 Kindergarten Transition 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 21 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion leaving school at approximately 9.15 am
Wednesday 22 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Thursday 23 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
Friday 24 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion returning by approximately 2.00 pm
Monday 27 November	Third 2018 Kindergarten Transition 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cultural group excursion note due back
Wednesday 29 November	Combined Scripture service Active After School Sports concludes
Thursday 30 November	Cultural Group Excursion leave school at 9.15 am sharp
Tuesday 5 December	Year 6 SHS Orientation Day 9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Wednesday 6 December	Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school Library
Thursday 7 December	Year 6 Party Day K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert Presentation Day note due back to teachers
Friday 8 December	Kinder Transition last day Stage 2 Party Day money and note due back K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert
Monday 11 December	Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm (arrive at 11.45 am)
Tuesday 12 December	Stage 1 Party Day Stage 2 Party Day
Wednesday 13 December	Year 6 Assembly and Farewell
Thursday 14 December	Kinder Party Day - Townhead Park
Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4

This weeks assembly is hosted by "The Band" at the starting time of 12.45 pm.



Education

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Payments that are due:-

- *Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 5 December*
- *Stage Two Party Day, Friday, 8 December*

Notes that have gone home:-

- *Stage One Party Day*
- *Cultural Group Excursion - due back by Monday, 27 November*
- *Stage Two Party Day*
- *Swimming Carnival Note*

What's in this week's newsletter:-

- *Stage One Party Day*
- *League Tag for Years 4,5 and 6*
- *Cinderella and the Glass Slipper 2017 Thank you*
- *Panto 2017 Photos*
- *Classes for 2018*
- *Classwork by 4Z*

The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

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.

Stage One Party Day

Stage One Party Day to be held at school, Tuesday, 12 December.

Swimming Carnival

The annual school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 6 December. Please have all payments to school by Tuesday, 5 December. No money will be taken after this date.

Hours of Supervision

Please be aware that the school does not provide supervision prior to 8.40 am. Children should not arrive at school before this time as no teachers will be on duty. **Children are dismissed promptly at 3.10 pm.** Arrangements should be made for all children to be collected as soon as possible after they are dismissed. Please write a short note to your child's teacher if you have arranged alternate travel or collection plans to assist us in caring for your child. The gates on Hunter Street can be closed as early as 3.30 pm depending on staff commitments and the gates on Elizabeth Street are closed after the last bus leaves the school.

Nutrition Snippet



The simplest way

...to create a tasty snack with hummus.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 5 mins

Ingredients
 1 x 420g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
 1 clove garlic, crushed
 ½ teaspoon ground cumin
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 tablespoon tahini
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 tablespoons water, optional
 Vegetable sticks, to serve.



Method

- Place chickpeas in a food processor with garlic, cumin, lemon juice, tahini and oil.
- Blend to a smooth purée. Add a little water if it needs thinning.
- Serve with vegetable sticks or cut some whole grain pita bread into triangles and bake in the oven until crisp.

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



Canteen Roster - Week 7 Term 4 2017

Mon 20/11/17	Tammy Cox, Di Cooke, Monica Louw
Tues 21/11/17	Lynda Damstra, Rebecca Tutt (9-12)
Wed 22/11/17	Tracy Matthews, Cara Roohan
Thurs 23/11/17	Felicity Murray, Rachel Baxter, Kylie Page
Fri 24/11/17	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:-

“ Wearing correct uniform with pride and being a quality student ”

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 One Party Day

When: Tuesday, 12 December 2017, Where: Singleton Public School, What to wear: Party/play clothes with enclosed shoes (no thongs or sandals), What to bring: Lunch, recess, small bag of lollies, thongs, towels and a water pistol.

During the morning Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2 students) will complete Christmas themed activities in their classrooms.

Students are asked to bring their own lunch for a picnic in the playground with all of Year 1 and 2 students.

During the middle session the students will play games and water play in the school playground. Students can bring thongs to change into during this time and also bring a water pistol for water play.

In the afternoon students will relax and watch movies. They can bring a small bag of lollies to eat during this time. We will not be sharing food this year due to food allergies and intolerances.

It will be a fun filled day for all!

Stage 1 Teachers

League Tag

Student in Years Four, Five and Six are participating in a non-competitive 'MIXED LEAGUE TAG DAY' (Similar to touch). Tomorrow, Thursday, 16 November at Civic Park starting at approximately 9.30 am to 2.00 pm.

This gala day is the culmination of the Backyard League program that the children have participated in over the last three weeks. All children will receive a free football on the day. The day is aimed at participation and fun in a non-competitive environment. League Tag rules will apply. Please note there is no tackling involved.

The children will walk to and from Civic Park accompanied by Year Four, Five and Six teachers. Children may be picked up by parents/guardians at the conclusion of the day from Civic Park provided a note is handed to the accompanying teacher.

Children should wear sunscreen and also have recess, lunch and drinks with them. They may bring money to spend on the day on cold drinks. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and brings their hat and sunscreen for reapplication. As there is a general walking note no permission note is needed.

Cinderella and the Glass Slipper

Singleton Public School's 9th pantomime, "Cinderella and the Glass Slipper", was a production that showcased our incredibly talented students! During the week of performances over 900 students from SPS, Ellalong Public School, Singleton Heights Public School, King Street Public School, Muswellbrook South Public School, and Rainbows were entertained. It was a pleasure to share our hard work with the local schools and we truly value and appreciate their support. The cast and crew of the pantomime have made memories that will last them a lifetime. It is impossible to measure the value of panto as each student grows from it in many different ways.

As always, this production of "Cinderella and the Glass Slipper" would not have been possible without the fabulous help of an amazing team of people behind the scenes. We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers involved in the production, your support throughout the year has been wonderful!

The following "extra special" people deserve "extra special" thanks as their involvement in the production has been priceless:

Mrs Menere, Mrs Murry and Mrs Carter, for creating and painting the fantastic scenery back drop, AGAIN!

Mr Vic Mossley and Pop Merrick, for doing a brilliant job making the wooden props and the carriage!

Mrs Barry, for leaving us with the wonderful programme and tickets!

Garry, for EVERYTHING he has done from sourcing props to fixing!

Mrs Kramers, Mrs Matthews and parents for organising and running the canteen during the interval.

All the parents and grandparents, who made/bought or borrowed the children's fabulous costumes.

Mrs Dibben, my awesome technical guru, my adviser, prop maker and lighting extraordinaire. Thank you for everything!!!! - Gladin, Michael and Kayleigh, for all your hard work choreographing the dances and the many hours you have rehearsed with the children. The dances are fantastic and the kids loved working with such talented individuals.

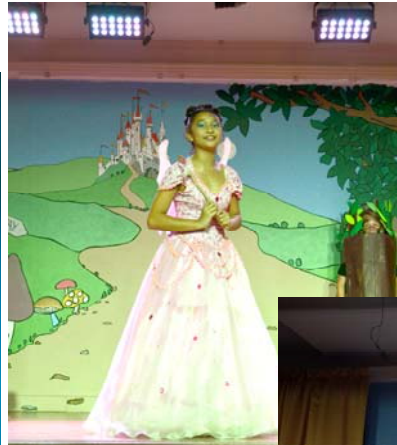
Olivia Barry for designing the stage make-up, and Shara-Mae and Penny for their awesome hair-do's!

Mrs Alaban for training the wonderful ugly sisters, Elvis' and Rolling Stones!

Finally, Mrs Dibley for writing the "Panto - It's a Kind of Magic" song and rehearsing with the awesome sounding singers, teaching them to shine!

Well done everyone! Mrs Merrick

Pantomime



'Cinderella and the Glass Slipper' 2017

A MASSIVE thank you to EVERYONE involved in the *Cinderella* production last week! It was a truly magical experience which made **lifelong** memories that will be cherished by all involved.



See you all again next year for Panto's 10th birthday!

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FREE Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program



- Practical Bike Skills
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- Free Helmet
- Refreshments provided

Date: Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Place: PCYC Muswellbrook, Carl St Muswellbrook

For more information contact:

Jenny on 0411 260 735

Classes 2018

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2018. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year.

Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern, it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher – as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office.

Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2018 will not be considered. Submissions might include a comment on a child's capacity to relate to other children, or perhaps a style of teaching that a child has responded positively to previously.

The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned. If you have a specific concern, submissions need to be received by the office prior to Friday, 17 November, 2017.

It is usually not possible to move a child to a different class once rolls have been established.

Please also inform the office if your family is relocating in 2018.

David Crowe
 Principal

4Z displaying some of their weaving.

