

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 4

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22 NOVEMBER 2017

Kindergarten Transition

Our incoming Kindergarten students for 2018 have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to visit the school and get to know the staff, rooms and new friends in preparation for next year. We have approximately 60 new students joining the school next year and from all accounts they are a bunch of delightfully inquisitive and friendly children.

I will be getting to know many of our new students next week during our regular 'Meet the Principal' meetings.

School Professional Development Day Change – March 2018

Please be advised that the school is proposing to alter the arrangements for our School Development Day for 2018. It is proposed that the School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) that is scheduled to be held on Monday, 23 July (Day 1, Term 3) be moved to Thursday, 29 March (Easter Thursday).

This change is being proposed to enable all staff to engage with professional presenters to enhance the delivery of Writing across the school and embed common practice and language into our teaching.

Students would not attend school on Thursday, 29 March (they get an extended Easter break); however would return to school on Day 1, Term 3. More information will be provided in 2018 however I wanted to give families early notice in case people wanted to arrange family vacations.

School Presentation Day

Our 2017 Presentation Day is scheduled to be held at the Civic Centre on Monday, 11 December commencing at 12 o'clock. All students will be transported to the Civic Centre for the ceremony. As well as presenting our annual awards we will also be announcing the incoming School Captains and school leaders for 2018.

David Crowe
Principal



Education

Calendar of Events

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
Tuesday 28 November	Instrument tryouts in the Music Room at recess
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 Students will walk from SPS Year 6 Party Day note and money due (cash only)
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 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00 - 7.00 pm buffet and 7.00 - 8.30 pm Stage 3 disco
Thursday 14 December	Kinder Party Day - Townhead Park
Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4

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

School Security

1300 880 021

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Payments that are due:-

- *Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 5 December*
- *Year 6 Party Day (cash only), 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*
- *Year 6 Party Day*

What's in this week's newsletter:-

- *League Tag*
- *ICAS Assessments*
- *Instrument Suitability*
- *Year 6 Party Day*
- *Year 6 Farewell*
- *Summer Reading Program*
- *Genius Hour*
- *Stage One Party Day Information*
- *Classwork by 6M*

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.

Year 6 Party Day

Note and money (cash only) to be returned to the class teacher by, Tuesday 5 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.

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.

Nutrition Snippet



The simplest way

...to make fruity ice creams.

Watermelon
200g watermelon flesh
200g low-fat vanilla yoghurt
8 mint leaves

Mango raspberry
Flesh from 1 mango
1 banana, peeled
200g low-fat mango yoghurt
24 raspberries, fresh or frozen.

Method
Place all ingredients into a blender. Blend until smooth and pour into the cups or moulds. Freeze for 4-6 hours or overnight until solid. Stand at room temperature for a few minutes before removing from the cup or mould.

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Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 8 Term 4 2017

Mon 27/11/17	Anna Adamthwaite, Melissa Wilson
Tues 28/11/17	Lynda Damstra
Wed 29/11/17	Cara Roohan, Morgan Lees
Thurs 30/11/17	Kirsten Roxburgh, Judi Wyllie
Fri 1/12/17	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:-

“ Demonstrating awareness that our playground and classrooms are shared spaces, requiring cooperation ”

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

League Tag

On Thursday, 16 November Years 4,5 and 6 attended a League Tag day held at Civic Park. All students had a great time playing against other local schools.



ICAS

Congratulations to the students who received certificates for participating in the annual ICAS assessments. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students. The optional assessments included English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies. Singleton Public School is proud to announce 19 students between Year 3 and Year 6 partook in the exams producing pleasing results. Well done to all students involved.

Instrument Suitability

If your child is in Years 2-5 and is interested in learning an instrument, they should have brought home a expression of interest note this week.

On Tuesday, 28 November, instrument suitability tryouts will be held in the music room at recess. Please return the slip from the note sent home through the week.

Kristy Dibley
Music Co-ordinator

Year 6 Party Day

On Thursday, 7 December, Year 6 are going to have a party day to celebrate the end of the year. They will begin the day by having a device or game morning, followed by a packed lunch. We will then walk to the netball courts to finish off our netball comp before returning to school and watching a movie. The afternoon and night activities include a water slide, Nerf war and scare light game. Total cost for the party food and pizza dinner will be \$10.00 per child **(cash only please)**. Money and permission notes for this activity are to be handed TO THE CLASS TEACHER by Tuesday, 5 December.

Robyn Dibben, Di Merrick and Stewart Ison
Year 6 Teacher

Year 6 Farewell

On Wednesday, 13 December, Year 6 will be having their School Formal. This is an exciting way for the students to celebrate the end of their primary school years. The details are as follows:-

Time: 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - A finger food buffet for Year 6 students and their parents will be served.
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm - A disco will take place for the Stage 3 students.

Dress: Smart/Formal

Venue : Singleton Public School Hall

Summer Reading Club

The library staff are preparing again for the Summer Reading Club. Sign up letters will come home shortly. Research shows children who continue to read over the break are more likely to maintain their reading and comprehension levels (if not improve them).

Students who join the club get to borrow six school library books to read over the summer break. When we return to school they need to return their completed reading log and books by the end of the first full week of school to go into our club draw. We have some great prizes from our sponsors who are listed below. So, keep an eye out for the sign-up letter and make sure you have no overdue books so you can join in.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

Singleton Chicken Spot	Moss and Twine
Redbourneberry	Hunter Floral Studio
Majestic Cinema	Singleton Optus
AIE Optical	Michael Bestic Solicitor
Kevin O'Brien Optometrist	Singleton Hi-Fi
LionCrest	Bakers Delight

We will keep you up to date as new sponsors join the program.

Benita Van Der Wel - Librarian

Genius Hour Wrap Up

A big congratulations to our Year 6 students on their efforts during Genius Hour this year. While the students had the opportunity this year to share their projects with the school community the hard work continued after with their reflections on their learning experience and their thought on themselves as learners.

This reflection is important in the transition to high school as it gives them an opportunity to explore their strengths and to identify challenges and develop strategies to overcome them. As the projects begin at the end of Term 1 and do not conclude until the end of Term 3, the students test their patience and persistence while exploring their abilities in relation to other aspects of lifelong learning. These include being resourceful, open-minded, flexible, reflective and risk-taking. A number of students even surprised themselves with their achievements when they looked back at the big picture.

Just some of our amazing projects this year included those done by Mitchell who explored alternative communication apps to assist a relative who had difficulty communicating. To see the person using this app brings tears of joy to the eyes. Ruby created an inspiration box with positive thoughts and quotes and sent it away to be given to a cancer patient. She received a lovely thank you from the hospital. Emma challenged her line of thought by exploring what would happen if humans no longer existed on earth. We had many budding builders again this year also along with students creating websites, designing various structures and problem solving and coming up with great solutions for a variety of situations.

It was fantastic for our students to acknowledge the effort that goes in well before their projects are finished and to formulate strategies that should help them as they move into high school, if they put them into practice.

Well done Year 6 and good luck on the rest of your journey of lifelong learning.

Benita Van Der Wel - Librarian

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



Digital Parenting

MARTINE OGLETHORPE



Teacher, counsellor, mother to five, passionate about helping families and kids make the best decisions around the use of technology, gaming and devices. Available for speaking on a range of topics to help raise smart and savvy digital kids.



**2:30PM-3:30PM MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017
SINGLETON HIGH SCHOOL MPC BUILDING**

RSVP: CALL SHS OFFICE ON 6571 1199 BY 22 NOVEMBER OR GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, CLICK 'EVENTS', CLICK 'DIGITAL PARENTING', CLICK 'GOING'.

AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE

As our families become immersed in technology and the digital world, it is imperative we arm parents with the necessary information, skills, strategies and perspective to help steer themselves and their children through the myriad of information about the digital world.

Whilst there are many challenges we all face, the greatest one is to ensure our children are getting the very best that the technology has to offer, whilst minimising the risk of harm to their personal safety and wellbeing.

Some of the topics discussed:

- HOW ARE KIDS USING TECHNOLOGY?
- WHAT APPS ARE KIDS USING AND ARE THEY SAFE?
- COPING WITH INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT.
- HOW TO MANAGE VIDEO GAME TIME.
- AVOIDING TECHNOLOGY TANTRUMS.
- PRIVACY, PREDATORS AND REPUTATION.
- PARENTS ARE THE KEY TO SAFE & SMART DIGITAL KIDS.
- ENFORCING BOUNDARIES & KEEPING THE BALANCE.
- STRATEGIES TO TEACH KIDS THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS ONLINE.

HELPING PARENTS, FAMILIES TEACHERS & STUDENTS INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR DAILY LIVES WITH HELP, UNDERSTANDING & REALISTIC STRATEGIES



SYO at Sacred Spaces

SYO Philharmonic will delight audiences with Holst *Jupiter* and Dvořák *New World Symphony*. Join us for an inspiring afternoon of extraordinary music by young performers.

Sacred Spaces, Singleton
30 Queen St, Singleton, NSW

12:30PM, SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017

Adult \$25
Child \$15
Concession \$15

Tickets available at the door
Book online at syo.com.au



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

Monday 27 November, **9.30am – 3.00pm**
Tuesday 28 November, **1.00pm – 6.30pm** (4 more donors needed)
Wednesday 29 November, **1.00pm – 6.30pm**
Thursday 30 November, **1.00pm – 6.30pm** (11 more donors needed)
Friday 1 December, **9.30am – 3.00pm** (10 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.

Sacred Spaces Singleton

Sacred Spaces Singleton is hosting an "Invisible Wounds" workshop led by renowned Dr Gail MacDonell, a psychologist who specialises in assisting people who have witnessed trauma. Co-presenter is Raechel Squires, Community Engagement Co-ordinator for NSW SES - Hunter.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the incident on 11, October and to provide you with strategies to understand the impact of witnessing such an event. The workshop is being held at 5.30 pm Wednesday, 29 November 2017 at Sacred Spaces Singleton in the Sister of Mercy Convent, 30 Queens Street, Singleton. No need to RSVP.



WALK FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T

Sunday 10th Dec, 11am

Speers Point Park
We need **1,500** people to walk or roll with us and support kids living with a disability!
5km fully accessible route.

SIGN UP TODAY!

variety.org.au/nsw/xmaswalknewcastle

FAMILY FUN



STAY FOR CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT



KIDS ACTIVITIES



Join Variety Ambassador and Knights player Nathan Ross and Family





Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 6 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Cruz Hailey	KL	Lochie Lila
KS	Isaac James	1F	Jake Cailin
1LS	Jake Carter	1H	Grace Junior
2J	Rhys Recce	2L	Jayke Harry Zeke
2PD	Tayla Sabine	3A	Jacob Kayley Alicia Hailee
3N	Campbell Miley Taneesha	4B	Beau Seth Hayden Brayden
4Z	Bryon Chloe Lachlan	4/5S	Jordan Ethan Chelsea
5/6I	Jett Hamish Reba	5E	Alicia Alexis Hugh
6D	Mitchell Claire Hunter	6M	Mav Portia Lili
7B	Zedekai, Brodie	7W	Kayden

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	James	Stage 1	Lachlan
Stage 2	Zedekai	Stage 3	Amber

Super Citizens

Pictures by 6M

