

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 5 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

8 NOVEMBER 2017

Grease Paint & Stage Lights

Once upon a time, a very long time ago, a brave teacher (with a funny accent) suggested doing a pantomime at Singleton Public School. And so the tradition began, and this week our school will come alive with laughter, gasps of horror and dismay, and a lot of fun!

Cinderella is going to be a wonderful show for everyone involved including the performers, back stage crew, staff and audience. Patrons are reminded to be seated at 6:20 pm ready for the curtain to go up for this magical spectacle.

The parents and families of students involved are requested not to enter the changing or holding room unless specifically requested by a supervising teacher.

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.

Safety & Security

I have asked staff and the P&C to review safety and security measures across the school in particular procedures related to handling money and keeping accurate records. It is our practice not to retain cash on site and where practical ensure transactions are accounted for with a receipt.

This is timely as a review of canteen daily earnings has shown significant discrepancies over a period of time i.e. similar busy times not taking appropriate amounts of cash. Well done Lisa and Tracy (and the P&C executive) for developing strategies to help address these anomalies. Please refer inside the newsletter for a message from the P&C related to cash handling and security procedures.

School Hats

There appears to be a local supplier selling short brimmed, bucket hats that students are wearing as part of their uniforms. These hats do not provide very good protection from the sun, therefore I ask that parents consider using the broad brim style hat to provide better protection.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Thursday 9 November	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall - please be seated by 6.20 pm
Friday 10 November	Panto 6.30 pm in school hall - please be seated by 6.20 pm
Monday 13 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush final payment and note due First 2018 Kindergarten Transition day 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Thursday 16 November	League Tag Day Years 3 - 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 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

There is no assembly this week due to the Pantomime.



Education

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Payments that are due:-

- *Year 5 Aussie Bush Monday, 13 November*
- *Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 5 December*
- *Stage Two Party Day, Friday, 8 December*

Notes that have gone home:-

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

What's in this week's newsletter:-

- *Combined Band Concert*
- *Backyard League*
- *Swimming Carnival information*
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The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

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.

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.

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 reduce cancer risk with wholegrains.

New evidence shows that eating wholegrains every day significantly reduces your bowel cancer risk.*

Delicious wholegrains you can incorporate into your family's diet include:

- wholemeal or multi-grain bread, muffins and crumpets;
- wholegrain or whole-wheat breakfast cereals or muesli;
- wholemeal or mixed grain crispbread;
- brown rice, rice cakes, wholemeal pasta, corn, oats, quinoa, rye, spelt, millet or amaranth;
- barley (not the pearl variety) or cracked wheat (bulgur).



We recommend at least four serves of wholegrain or wholemeal foods every day. One serve equals 1 slice of wholegrain bread or ½ cup of cooked porridge.

*Diet, nutrition, physical activity and colorectal cancer report. Available online: wcrf.org/colorectal-cancer-2017.

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

Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 6 Term 4 2017

Mon 13/11/17	2 more helpers please
Tues 14/11/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 15/11/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 16/11/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, 1 more helper please
Fri 17/11/17	Maxine Kolinos, Rachel Bourke, 1 more helper please

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.

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

Combined Band Concert

On Saturday, 4 November the Concert Band and Vivid singers performed at the Civic Centre for the Town Band's annual concert. They both sounded amazing and were beautifully behaved. Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Kristy Dibley and Katrina Hackett



Back Yard League

Years 3 to 6 student have been enjoying the backyard league program in the last fortnight. The students have learnt new skills and drills.



Annual Swimming Carnival

This year the Singleton Public School Annual Swimming Carnival for 2018 will be held on **Wednesday, 6 December, 2017** at the Singleton Swim & Fitness Centre 50m pool. This is for all students in Years 2 - 6 as well as some Year 1 children who will be turning 8 next year, are confident swimmers and wish to compete.

The carnival will commence at 9.45 am and the children will be transported by bus from school at 9.15 am and return by 3.00 pm. All children must come to school and travel down together. Children are encouraged to stay for the whole day to support their house and to be available for the relay events in the afternoon however children may go home with parents after all their events are completed if they have given their teacher a note in the morning. Children wishing not to participate in the races are encouraged to attend so that they can support their peers.

The pool canteen will not be open for the children. Therefore, they should all bring their own recess, lunch and drinks.

Children should wear shirts and shorts in their house colours with their swimmers underneath or children may change at the pool. They should also wear enclosed shoes to school but may bring thongs for during the day at the carnival. Please bring sunscreen, swim shirt, a towel and wear a hat. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. (**Kendall** - Red; **Paterson** - Green; **Gordon** - Yellow; **Lawson** - Blue).

Spectators are encouraged to attend and the entry fee for them is \$2.00 to be paid to the pool on entry.

Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to assist on the day, please return the slip on the permission note.

The cost will be \$5.50 per child (to cover pool entry and bus) and **MUST** be paid to the school with the permission note **BEFORE Tuesday, 5 December, 2017**. Season ticket holders can swipe on the day of the carnival but must pay \$2.30 for the bus to the office (This includes swim or family membership, NOT Learn to Swim lessons).

Stage 2 Party Day

For the Singleton Public School Stage Two Party Day, students will be walking to Majestic Cinemas in Singleton to watch 'Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie' before making their way back to school to participate in water play activities.

When: Tuesday, 12 December, 2017

Where: Majestic Cinemas Ryan Avenue, Singleton and Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10 am – 3:10 pm

Cost: \$7.50 (ticket price) and \$7.00 (popcorn and drink – optional)

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, enclosed shoes and a hat (Please pack a spare set of play clothes for the water play activities).

Please return the permission note and payments to the front office by Friday, 8 December, 2017.

Stage 2 Teachers

Cultural Group Excursion

On Thursday, 30 November the Cultural Group will be holding our annual excursion. This year we will be travelling by bus to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre at Newcastle. The focus of the day will be the connections between people, their culture and their environment.

Some activities the students might participate in include:

Bush Tucker investigation, Traditional Sports and Games, Tools and Weapons, Dreaming Story Activity, Scavenger Hunt Activity

Proposed schedule: Depart 9.15 am sharp from Elizabeth Street Gate

Arrive at the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre, Dudley at 10.30 am.

Leave the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre, Dudley at 1.30 pm Arrive at school (Elizabeth Street Gate) at 3.00 pm

Cost: There are no costs for this excursion.

What to wear: Full school uniform with joggers and school hat (essential)

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, sunscreen, 2 water bottles

For safety reasons, attendance on the excursion will be based on students' demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school's Welfare and Discipline Policies.

Permission notes must be returned to the class teacher to ensure your child's attendance by Monday, 27 November.

Panto Teaser





Singleton Public School

Parents & Citizens Association

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President: Nicole Furness
Secretary: Karen Livingstone
Treasurer: Donna Croft

3rd November 2017

To all members of the school community,

Changes to SPS Canteen Cash Handling Procedures and Security Measures

Our wonderful school canteen provides a valuable service to the school preparing and selling lunches and snacks to students and staff. It has been the intention of the P&C to run on a small margin so that we can provide an affordable alternative to home prepared lunches and snacks. Unfortunately, after cross checking our records, the P&C has discovered that it appears that some canteen takings have gone missing. We are unable to ascertain just how this has come about.

We have taken this opportunity to learn and to implement new cash handling procedures and security measures to minimise risk as promoted by the Department of Education procedures. It is our aim to ensure that both the canteen takings remain secure and the valuables of our staff and volunteers also remain secure. We are very grateful to all our volunteers for their continued support of our canteen and ask them to help both Lisa and Tracy by remaining vigilant when handling cash.

We thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

Nicole Furness
President - Singleton Public School P&C Association



Wheeling & Able
making kids mobile



Come and join **Wheeling & Able** on our annual 'no bus' shopping trip in Singleton. All proceeds help buy equipment and services for children with physical disabilities in our local area.

Saturday, 18th November from 8.30am – 1.00pm* (depending on store opening hours)

A \$25 ticket enables you to get 10% - 30% discount at the following shops.

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| * Singleton Hi Fi | * Redbournberry Clothing |
| * All 4 U Women's Fashion | * Evidence |
| * Sports Power | * Hunter Jewellers |
| * Johnston's Shoes | * Worn Out Wares |
| * Singleton Photo Centre | * Moss & Twine |

*Please note: some exclusions apply

Tickets can be booked at **Moss & Twine, 127a John Street Singleton** and picked up **from there on the day**. Further information is available from Jeannie Hicks on 65733893.

Come and help us support our local businesses and a great local charity which has been helping our local kids for over 80 years.

Don't miss out!!

Fundraising made easy

Introducer Program



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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!

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

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

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Abbey Jake	KL	Harvey Ava
KS	Digby Addison	1F	Vincent Karlie
1LS	Ashlee Knox	1H	Amelia Anthony
2J	Swimming	2L	Swimming
2PD	Swimming	3A	Sanjay Lily Kayley
3N	Zoe Ruby Chad	4B	Brianna Jake Kingston
4Z	Byron Hannah Aidan	4/5S	Clancy Keanu Kaeli
5/6I	Madison Grant Liam	5E	Alicia Jayce Hugo
6D	Adam Nathan Kley	6M	Elyse Amber Abby
7B	Harley, Amber	7W	Damian

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Ava	Stage 1	Kadah
Stage 2	Kaylar	Stage 3	Dominic

Super Citizens

KL	Emily	4B	Riley
1H	Meika	6M	Mav
3N	Jhy		

Classwork by 4/5S

Inspired by Aboriginal dot and line art.

Created by Jordan



Created by Lillyan



Created by Kaeli



Created by Max



Created by Alex



Created by Kaylar

