Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 10 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

13 DECEMBER 2017

2018 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our incoming student leadership team for 2018. In what was a very tight election. The nominated students were elected to the following positions:

Captain Ruby Charlie

Vice Captain Kaitlyn Hamish

Councillors Abbie, Lachlan, Alexis, Harrison, Lucy and Joe.

Presentation Ceremony

Thank you to all of the family and friends that were able to attend our special ceremony on Monday. It is always wonderful to see the high level of support provided to our school. The awards presented during the class awards were diverse and brought a wide smile to many students' faces.

Thank you to Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Van Der Wel, Mrs Holford and our administration staff for their organisations of the ceremony. Our invited guests were very complimentary about the conduct of our students, as well as the Vivid performance and band.

Commencement 2018

Please put down on your calendars that school will recommence on Tuesday, 30 January for all classes except Kindergarten. Our enrolment numbers are very tight and will need to be assessed to ensure that we can make twenty classes across the school. Students should put their bags in their 2017 class area on Day 1.

Thank you Mr Ison

We bid farewell to Mr Ison this week as he has secured a permanent appointment in the Thornton area from 2018. Mr Ison's contribution as a Stage 3 teacher and assistance with music and sports programs will be missed. We wish him all the very best in his new adventure.

David Crowe Principal

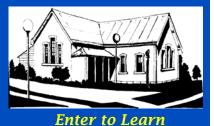
> Congratulations to the 2017 award winners (pictured right)



Calendar of Events						
Wednesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell 6.00 - 7.00 pm buffet and 7.00 - 8.30 pm Stage 3 disco Canteen Closed					
Thursday 14 December	Kinder Party Day - Townhead Park Canteen Closed					
Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 Canteen Closed					
	2018					
Monday 29 January	Staff Development Day					
Tuesday 30 January	First Day of school for 2018 for Years 1-6 Best Start for Kindergarten					
Wednesday 31 January	Best Start for Kindergarten					
Thursday 1 February	2018 Kindergarten					
	There is no assembly this week.					

School Security 1300 880 021





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- Swimming Carnival photos and results

Year 6 Canberra 2018

Deposit for Canberra is due to school by Monday, 12 February.

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Newsletter Feedback - please return to the school office

Please note: responses can also be emailed to singleton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to those families that have already offered feedback on the new newsletter format. We would like to hear from even more families, so please complete the slip below and return to school.

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Do you like receiving the two page newsletter format:	Y	/	Ν
Do you read the newsletter online via the app or website:	Y	/	Ν
Did you receive the full newsletter as a hard copy in the past:	Y	/	Ν
What would you like to see more of the newsletter:			

Do you have any other comments or suggestions:

Name (optional): _____

The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

Enter to Learn



Mon 29/1/18 Staff Development Day

Canteen Roster - Week 1 Term 1 2018

Tues 30/1/18	ТВА
Wed 31/1/18	ТВА
Thurs 1/2/18	ТВА
Fri 2/2/18	ТВА

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 – RESPONSIBIL-ITY – 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:-

"Valuing the achievements of others "

Parent Online Payment Advice - send to school office

Student Name: _____ Total Paid: _____ Description of Payment:

Class: _____ Date: _____

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

Enter to Learn

Children will be able to pick up their Summer Reading Program books and bags this week from the school Library. The children can also use our books towards the Town Library reading club and win prizes through the Town Library's summer reading program.

Benita Van Der Wel Librarian

Canberra Year 6 2018

Year 6 teachers have booked the 2018 excursion to Canberra from the 9 April – 13 April, 2018.

Expression of interest notes for the 2018 Year 6 Canberra excursion were sent home last week. A \$50 deposit will need to be paid by Monday, 12 February 2018.

APPROXIMATE COST:

Students - \$650

Parents - \$700

Di Merrick, Robyn Dibben and Stewart Ison Year Six Teachers

Year 6 Farewell

On Wednesday, 13 December, Year 6 will be having their School Farewell. 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

Cans for Garden Club

During the school holiday could you please keep collecting soft drink or beer cans for Garden Club. These can be dropped to school in 2018.

School Student Transport Scheme

This is a reminder regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and students progressing from Year 2 to 3 and Year 6 to 7.

Transport have made some improvements to their system which now means that students who are progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to Year 3 and Year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/ updateDetails.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert



Cyber Safety ARE THINKING OF BUYING YOUR CHILD A SMART TOY, SMART PHONE, TABLET, E-SITE MEMBERSHIP OR SOME-THING SIMILAR THIS CHRISTMAS?

Children and teenagers are going online and using social media with increasing frequency. While many enjoy their online experiences, there are risks involved. Parents, schools and the broader community need to work together to help keep children's online experiences safe.

The Commonwealth Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has developed a resource for parents – iPARENT – which helps parents deal with the connected devices in their children's lives.

iPARENT – found at <u>https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent</u> - provides facts and statistics about Australian children online, managing technology in the home and strategies that can be used by parents to keep children safe online.

A parent's guide to online safety can be downloaded from this site. A range of other useful information is also available from the website. For example parents can access information about cyberbullying including:

- how to talk to their child about cyberbullying
- what to do if their child is being cyber bullied or is engaging in cyberbullying behaviour themselves; and
- sources of professional support and help.

The website also provides information about how parents and children can report unwanted online contact and/or inappropriate, offensive or illegal content online.

If you are thinking of buying smart toys, smart phones, tablets, drones, e-gift cards or membership in an e-gaming site may like to check out the e-Safety Commissioner's eSafety Christmas Gift Guide at - <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/</u> <u>giftguide</u> - so you can be savy and secure when you pick out tech gifts this Christmas.

Finally, if someone you know is adversely affected by an online experience, free and confidential advice, assistance and support is available from:

- the Kids Helpline (ages 5 to 25) on 1800 55 1800; and/or
- eheadspace (ages 12 to 25) on 1800 650 890; and/or
- Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Of course if you need urgent assistance ring 000.

Announcing the 2018 School Captains, Vice Captains and Year 6 Councillors

School Captains	Charlie, Ruby
Vice Captains	Hamish, Kaitlyn

Year 6 Councillors Alexis, Abbie, Lucy Harrison, Lachlan, Joe

Singleton Public School 2017 Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients in 2017

DUX	Lucy
CITIZENSHIP AWARD donated by Saxby's Bus & Coaches	Brandon
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	Rylan
INSPIRATION AWARD	Lucie
SPORTSPERSON AWARD	Jordan
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS AWARD donated by Liddell Coal	Portia
LIBRARY AWARD	Emma
YAMAMA AWARD	Ruby

SCIENCE AWARD

donated by AGL Macquarie

Early Stage 1 - Digby Stage 1 - Noah Stage 2 - Tyler Stage 3 - Seth

Thank you to the very kind supporters of our school who generously made donations towards the prizes for our school presentation:

AGL Macquarie, Saxby's Bus Coaches, Liddell Coal, an the Federal member for Hunter The Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon and Singleton Public School P&C. Thank you and congratulations to the performers in the School Band and the Vocal Movement Group.

Presentation Awards

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Book Award Recipients

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	KM	•	on Ingram	2L		oln Wilson	4Z	Caleb Baxter
	KM		Dunston	2J	•	n Smailes	4Z	Rubybelle Watkins
	KS KS		e Shadlow el Newton	2J 2J	Chlo Arli	e Baxter	5E 5E	Kaitlin Van Zyl Hamish O'Brien
	KS		belle Gunn	2J 2PD		ella Irving	5E 5E	Ruby Menere
	KL		es Martin	2PD		ey Davidson	5/6I	Lachlan Foster
	KL		Sheedy	2PD		lain Leach	5/6I 5/6I	Nick Waters
	KL	•	ey Langham	3A		len Brown	5/6I	Ava Maher
	1F	Hami	sh Dibley	3A	Abby	/ Dibley	6D	Miller Damstra
	1F	Logai	n George	3A	Jacoł	o Murry	6D	William Edwards
	1F	Caitli	n Broadbent	3N	Cam	pbell McNamara	6D	Samuel Cox
	1LS	Sybel	la Muddiman	3N	Ruby	Cummings	6M	Amber Melamed
	1LS	Ashle	e Oxlade	3N	Zoe (Chilcott	6M	Laura Sheedy
	1LS	Flynn	Squires	4/5S	Alex	Lane	6M	Elyse Burn
	1H	Harry	' Land	4/5S	Lilly	an Newberry	7B	Stevie Hayes
	1H	Layla	Newberry	4/5S	Jack	Nichols	7B	Amber Moore
	1H	Grace	e O'Brien	4B	Chels	sea Chilcott	7W	Isabella Millington
	2L	Ewan	Cameron	4B	Ryan	Guy	7W	Duke Dixon
			_	4B		be Gunn		
				ertifica		cipients		
Peyton Tull		1LS	Jake Beattie		3N	Miley MacDonald		Jayce Sale
Ava Russell		1LS	Knox Dermody	/	3N	Jasmine Haines	5E	Abbie Munro
Harrison Searle	e	1LS	Kristy Emery		3N	Jack Green	5E	Jeremy Harvey
Danika Elgar		1LS	Hannah Huebn	er	3N	Nash Trowbridge		Tazma Upward
Bowen Duncar	1	1LS	Zahra Tickell		3N	Charlotte Madden	1 5E	Charlie Merrick
Thomas Moore	e	2J	Ava Kolatchew	1	4/5S	Nathan Prokic	6D	Claire Howe
Jazmyn Robert	tson	2J	Eustachius Bail	ley	4/5S	Lachlan Muddima	an 6D	Lilly Madden
Laylah Baker		2J	Nate Roffey		4/5S	Abbey Whiting	6D	Eevie Stewart
Cruz Mapp		2J	Cohen Matthew	VS	4/5S	Kaeli Baxter	6D	Nathan Duff
Alana Geering		2J	Sophie Langha	m	4/5S	Jackson Webb	6D	Mitchell Wells
Macey Trowbr	idge	2L	Mia Geddes		4B	Bailey Dunston	6M	Holly Baxter
Eloise Anderso	on	2L	Andrea Sherin		4B	Joshua Campbell	6M	Lexie Bright
Allira Bayley		2L	Eva Feng		4B	Hayden Davidson	6M	Ella Schofield
MD Omar Awa	al	2L	Jackson Thieck	te	4B	Tyla Matthews	6M	Mav Della-Ca
Hunter Sanders	son	2L	Noah Ling		4B	Seth Sutton	6M	Clayton Garland
Karlie Downes	5	2PD	Cadel Newman	ı	4Z	Cooper Cox	7B	Coleby Dunston
Hannah Pearce	¢	2PD	Sabine Brown		4Z	Hannah Deaves	7B	Brodie Thomas
Vincent Louw		2PD	Olivia Stockda	le	4Z	Chloe Langham	7B	Zedekai Hoare
Will Kramers		2PD	Tristan Tari		4Z	Jack Hales	7B	Dre White
Jake Street		2PD	Mackenzie Ma	рр	4Z	Ella Radmacher	7B	Harley Proctor
Anthony Borre	elli	3A	Ciah Howe		5/6I	Samuel Halsey	7B	Anakin Smailles
Molly Hales		3A	Jessica Menere		5/6I	Edie Armstrong	7W	Damian
Joseph Roohan	ı	3A	Nesha O'Brien		5/6I	Alaura Fabian	7W	Kaiden Proctor
Carson McNan		3A	Sanjay Squires		5/6I	Emma Little	7W	Henry Payne
Millie Fitzsimr Koch	nons-	3A	Ashton Camero	on	5/6I	Hamish Snape	7W	Phoenix Cameron

Swimming Carnival































A wonderful day was had by all at the local Swim and Gym on Wednesday, 6 December for our 2018 swimming carnival.

The children had a very successful day and were well behaved. There were many parents in attendance to cheer on their children, which was great to witness.

A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered their precious time to assist with timekeeping duties as without their help we would not have been able to run the carnival.

The successful competitors will be awarded their ribbons at an assembly in Term 1, 2018. The winning house and the age champions will also be announced and presented with their trophies. The date will be advertised in the newsletter. We are publishing the results in this newsletter to allow children who will be representing the school at the Upper Hunter Zone Carnival in Scone plenty of time to practise over the summer holidays. Last year the first three place getters in the 50 metre freestyle age races went to zone. The first two place getters in all other events went to zone and the relay team consists of the four fastest swimmers in the Junior and Senior divisions. We assume that 2018 will be the same. Mrs Black and Ms Zeidler will nominate the team next year.

2018 Swimming Carnival Results

Carnival held on 6th December 2017

Girls	Junior Relay	1 ⁴⁸ Place Kendall Millie Snape Phoebe Gunn Zoe Chilcott Maegan Downes	2 nd Place Lawson Nesha O'Brien Sheridyn Stone Erin O'Kane Rachel Ella 3 nd Place Gordon Amelia Dibben Jasmine Tickell	Jessica Menere Chloe Baxter	4 th Place Paterson Emma Skinner Sabine Brown Bailey Davidson
Boys	Junior Relay	1ª Place Kendall Archie Newton Tommy Foster Bailey Davidson Xavier Gunn	2 nd Place Paterson Mitchell Roxburgh Sanjay Squires Sam Skinner Ben Waters 3 rd Place Lawson Chad Robertson Campbell McNamara	Coen Matthews Vincent Louw	4 th Place Gordon Brendan Arkinstall Jackson Ingram Logan Earle

Senior Relay	Senior Relay
1 st Place Kendall Joe Newton Lachie Campbell Josh Campbell Lachie Foster	1 ¹⁴ Place Kendall Chelsea Chilcott Zoe Chilcott Phoebe Gunn Chloe Langham
2 nd Place Lawson Hamish O'Brien Charlie Merrick Hugh Partridge Jack Gilmore	2 nd Place Lawson Isabelle Partridge Kaitlin Van Zyl Abbie Munro Tyla Matthews
3 rd Place Gordon	3 rd Place Gordon
Jayce Sale Harry Brown Clancy Cameron Caleb Baxter	Chelsea Maher Siaan Carmen Erin Mullen Hannah Deaves Ruby Menere
4 th Place Paterson Taj Vesper Hugo Williams Nick Waters Hunter Buckley	4 th Place Paterson Ella Radmacher Bridie Bennett Lucy Roxburgh Kristie Wilson
Medley	Medley
Junior Boys No entries	Junior Girls Phoebe Gunn 4.01.54 Zoe Chilcott 4.44.54 Ella Radmacher 4.54.35
11 years No entries	11 years No entries
12 years Joe Newton 3.58.25	12 years Kaitlin van Zyl 3.46.56
50 metre Freestyle 8 years Xavier Gunn 47.78 Brendan Arkinstall 1.02.29 Vincent Louw 1.51.33	50 metre Freestyle 8 years Mia Tucker 1.01.16 Emma Skinner 1.06.91 Eva Feng 1.17.43 Zoe Banks 1.22.22

10 years Abby Dibley Sophie Hobbs	11 years Layla Evans Tazma Upward Abbey Whiting Laila Cooke	12 years Madison Parnell	Open 100 metres Freestyle Kaitlin Van Zyl 1.29.31 Phoebe Gunn 1.37.25 Chelsea Chilcott 1.41.12 Ruby Menere 1.46.69	50 metre Breastroke Junior Phoebe Gunn 56.22 Nesha O'Brien 1.09.52 Ella Radmacher 1.11.13 Sheridyn Stone 1.11.13	11 years Chelsea Chilcott 1.02.96 Tyla Matthews 1.03.68 Chelsea Maher 1.08.66 Siaan Carmen 1.15.72	12 years Ruby Menere 53-53 Kaitlin Van Zyl 53.62 Bridie Bennett 1.03.71 Ivy Matthews 1.04.40	
10 years Jack Green Byron Thomas Hayden Brown Cameron Currie	11 years Keanu Botha Kaden Upward Ryan Guy Jet Harrison	12 years Alex Lane Jacques Robat	Open 100 metres Freestyle Hamish O'Brien 1.37.29 Joe Newton 1.39.25 Jayce Sale 1.40.32 Archie Newton 1.49.37	50 metre Breastroke Junior Archie Newton 1.06.54 Sanjay Squires 1.08.04 Mitchell Roxburgh 1.12.12 Hunter Buckely 1.12.75	11 years Lachie Campbell 1.05.44 Caleb Baxter 1.09.66 Taj Vesper 1.15.78 Josh Campbell 1.16.29	12 years Joe Newton 54.34 Hamish O'Brien 1.03.30 Nick Waters 1.05.25 Max Stone 1.05.79	



Singleton Public School staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.













