

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

6 DECEMBER 2017

2018 Captain's Speeches

Congratulations to each of our ten candidates for the positions of 2018 School Captain. Your speeches on Tuesday were entertaining and informative. It will be an interesting process to determine who will be our captains; however, I feel fortunate that we will have such solid students to lead our school next year.

Well done Abbie, Alexis, Charlie, Hamish, Harrison, Joe, Kaitlyn, Lachlan, Lucy, and Ruby.

2018 Singleton Public School Presentation Day

We look forward to next Monday afternoon at the Civic Centre as we recognise the achievements of our students for their efforts throughout 2017. Our Presentation Day is always a special event and I ask that parents are seated ready for 12.00 pm commencement.

Special guests on the day include Mr Joel Fitzgibbon, Mr Michael Johnson and Cr Sue Moore.

Students will be transported to the Civic Centre. Please ensure that all students are in full school uniform.

School Reports

Our teaching staff have been working hard after hours to complete Semester 2 reports for all of our students. Parents should expect these documents to come home this Friday afternoon.

School Magazine

We all owe Sandy and Grahame Tickell a huge vote of thanks for their efforts in producing yet another fantastic magazine to celebrate the end of the school year. This quality publication is a great reflection of our year at Singleton Public School.

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).

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.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 6 December	Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school Library
Thursday 7 December	Year 6 Party Day - held at school and netball courts K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am - 11.10 am Presentation Day note due back to teachers
Friday 8 December	Kinder Transition program last day Stage 2 Party Day payment and note due back K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am - 11.10 am Expression of interest notes for 2018 Year 6 Canberra due back to school Student Reports to come home
Monday 11 December	Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm (arrive at 11.45 am) Canteen - lunch orders only - no lunch and recess service
Tuesday 12 December	Stage 1 Party Day - held at school Stage 2 Party Day - Majestic Cinemas Support Unit Christmas Party held at school Canteen - last day for lunch orders
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 Canteen Closed
Thursday 14 December	Kinder Party Day - Townhead Park Canteen Closed
Friday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 Canteen Closed

There will be no assembly this week due to the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert.

K-2 Christmas Concert

On Thursday, 7 December and Friday, 8 December the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held in the school hall. The concert will begin at 9.45 am and should conclude by 11.10 am. **Please bring a non-perishable food item for your entry which will be then donated to the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre.**



Education

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Notes that have gone home:-

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The full version of the newsletter is available at:

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

Year 6 Canberra 2018


Expression of interest notes for Canberra 2018 have been sent home, please return by Friday, 8 December.

Year 6 Party Day

Note and payment (cash only) for Year 6 Party Day to be returned to the class teacher by Tuesday, 5 December.

Stage Two Party Day

Notes and payment for Stage 2 Party Day due to the Office by Friday, 8 December.

 **SunSmart Snippet**

The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in summer!

Did you know?

Temperature doesn't determine when you need sun protection. It is UV radiation, which is not affected by temperature that damages skin cells and causes cancer. To reduce your family's risk of skin cancer, **use sun protection whenever UV levels are 3 or above.**


How do I know when the UV is 3 or above?

Download the free SunSmart App and set it up for your location!

Most parts of NSW experience high levels of UV radiation, especially from October to March. Check the UV every day using the app, or set up the auto-alert, to find out when you need to use sun protection.

Got any questions? Contact the friendly SunSmart Team on (02) 9334 1761.

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 10 Term 4 2017

Mon 11/12/17	2 more helpers required
Tues 12/12/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 13/12/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 14/12/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, one more helper please
Fri 15/12/17	Maxine Kolinos, Rachel Bourke, one 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:-

“Valuing the achievements of others ”

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

Culture Group Excursion

On Thursday, 30 November the Cultural Group travelled to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre at Newcastle. Some activities the students participated in included bush tucker investigations, tools and weapons displays, scavenger hunt activity, games and knowledge sharing. James Fabian said "It was the best day ever of my life".

Julie Sullivan
Organising teacher



Athletics Ribbons

Congratulations to our Zone and Regional Athletic place winners, state representatives as well as tennis representatives who were presented with their ribbons, pennants or certificates at Fridays assembly. Well done!



Vivid Performance

On Monday, 4 December, the Vivid group performed at Singleton Square. From all recounts the group performed beautifully and represented the school with pride.



Summer Reading Program

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

On Friday, 1 December Grant Hamilton, Lucy Murry, Mrs Hamilton and I represented the school at the launch of the reading program. Here are some photos of some of the town library's prizes, also pictured Grant and Lucy attending the launch.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian



Support Unit Christmas Party

The Support Unit Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, 12 December. There will be water play and a party. Students will need swimmers, towel and sunscreen. As a Christmas gift to the Support Unit students the teachers will be providing the party food/lunch and drinks.

Canteen News

The last day for lunch orders and counter service for 2017 will be Tuesday, 12 December. Monday, 11 December is presentation day, lunch order collection will be early (10:50 am) on this day for those that wish to have one before the school heads off to the Civic Centre. There will be no counter service on Monday, 11 December at lunch or recess. We will be closed for cleaning from Wednesday, 13 - Friday 15, December.

We would like to thank you all for your support this year and look forward to seeing you all in 2018. Special wishes to all of our Year 6 students, we will miss seeing you and the help you have given us at recess in 2017. And a huge thank you to all of our volunteers, and to Tracy, you are worth your weight in gold! Wishing one and all a safe and happy holiday with your loved ones.

Lisa Kramers - Canteen Manager

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. This note needs to be returned to school by Friday, 8 December. 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

Presentation Day

The school's annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday, 11 December at 12.00 pm at the Civic Centre. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

On Thursday, 7 December and Friday, 8 December the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held in the school hall. **The concert will begin at 9.45 am and should conclude by 11.10 am.**

The concert is repeated on both days to allow for parents and family to come on the day that suits them best. The concert will finish with a finale performance by all children in K-2. Please don't put strollers or stand in the aisles marked on each side of the hall.

Each year the school supports local charities with donations of non-perishable food items for Christmas.

We would appreciate a donation of a food item from those families who attend the K-2 Christmas Concert. The items kindly donated will be used in hampers that will be distributed to targeted families for Christmas by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre.

KS Market Day

This coming Friday, 1 December, before and after assembly KS will be holding a market stall at the back of the hall. On sale will be items leftover from the KS Handicraft Fete Stall. The market stall will also take place on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December before and after the K-2 Christmas Concert.

Year 6 Party Day

On Thursday, 7 December, (tomorrow) 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 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

School Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Friday, 8 December. Please take the time to read and explain aspects of these reports to your child/ren. The teachers have spent many long hours assessing, evaluating and monitoring each student to eventually develop these reports.

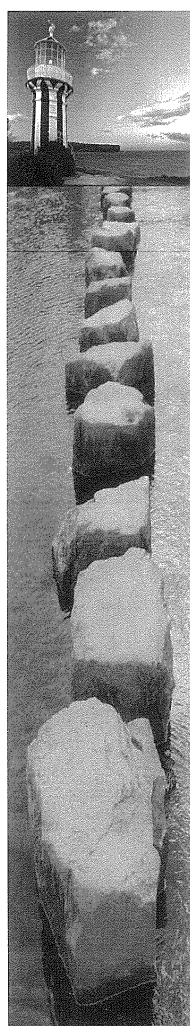


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Facilitators:

Dr Annemaree Bickerton (Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatrist) and
Toni Garretty (Team/Clinical Coordinator Family and Carer Mental Health
Program Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District)

An intervention for FAMILIES, CARERS and FRIENDS *"Staying Connected When Emotions Run High"*

This **FREE** workshop will be extremely relevant if you support someone (between 12yrs to 100yrs) who experiences any of the following:

- Has relationship difficulties
- Demonstrates changing emotions and strong overwhelming feelings
- Displays impulsive & destructive behaviour e.g. cutting

Diagnosis is not necessary as the frameworks and relationship strategies introduced should be helpful to all

Date: Friday 9 February 2018

Time: 9.00am – 2.45pm (Registration at 8.30am)

Venue: Singleton Diggers, York Street Singleton

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

RSVP: Registration is essential as places are limited.

Please register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/staying-connected-when-emotions-run-high-an-intervention-for-families-careers-and-friends-tickets-39421359347?aff=es2>

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 8 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Matilda Liam	KL	Imogen Charles
KS	Addison Lewis	1F	Isla Emma
1LS	Kristy Jamila	1H	Jenna Meika
2J	Hudson Rachael	2L	Zeke Mackenzie Jackson
2PD	Abubakar Olivia	3A	Noah Jessica Ciah
3N	Paige Ruby Caleb	4B	Erin Borden Sophie
4Z	Kayden Sethuki Maegan	4/5S	Jessica Layla Gemma
5/6I	Josephine Ocean Max	5E	Ruby Jacques Shanae
6D	Lucy Lucie Nathan	6M	Ruby Joel Ryan
7B	Dre, Anakin	7W	Kaiden, Henry

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Annabelle	Stage 1	Anthony
Stage 2	Zoe	Stage 3	Ella

Super Citizens

5/6I – Kandinsky Circles

In our class we have been learning about the art of Wassily Kandinsky and re-creating his concentric circles. The lessons provide the opportunity for students to explore how colour and concentric shapes can create movement and represent emotion. We also used the opportunity in maths groups to discuss and examine the properties of circles. When the student's artwork is put together, an amazing tapestry of colour and energy is created. Well done everyone.

