

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 1

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### Parent – Teacher Interviews

Our school conducts face to face interviews during Semester 1 to provide feedback to parents on student progress. To limit disruption to class programs we will be holding the meetings during Week 10, Term 1 (March 27-28-29-30).

Booking sheets have been forwarded home and should be completed promptly to ensure that you are able to meet your child's teacher at a suitable time. Generally, interviews will be conducted between 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on the scheduled day for each class.

### Staffing for 2017

Our classes are now well and truly settled for 2017. This is a list of the classes for the year:-

KL	Mrs Launders
KM	Miss Moon
KS	Mrs Scoles
1F	Mrs Foster
1LS	Mrs Leighton / Mrs Smith
1H	Mrs Hackett
2J	Mr Johnson
2L	Miss Parker
2PD	Mrs Price / Mrs Dibley
3A	Mrs Alaban
3H	Miss Eyles / Miss Hutchinson
4Z	Ms Zeidler
4B	Mrs Black
4/5S	Miss Sullivan
5E	Ms Edgar
5/6I	Mr Ison
6D	Mrs Dibben
6M	Mrs Merrick
7B	Mrs Bunnemeyer
7W	Mrs Whalan

### Parents of Older Siblings

Please be aware that siblings that attend Singleton High School should not leave Singleton High to walk around to Singleton Public School on the Monday of Week B when students finish at 2.17 pm. If the Singleton High students do not get collected or walk home, they are to stay in the quadrangle at the high school until the end of the school day and catch the bus from school. They cannot wait on the grounds at Singleton Public School as there is no way to supervise or account for these children.

David Crowe  
Principal

### Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	Tell Them From Me survey - non consent forms due back at school
<b>Friday 24 March</b>	Boys Cricket –v– KSPS at Cook Park
<b>Monday 27 March</b>	Parent / Teacher interviews 6D, 4/5S, 3H, 2L, KL
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	Parent / Teacher interviews 6M, 4B, 1F, 2J, KS
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	Parent / Teacher interviews 5E, 3A, 1LS, KM
<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	Parent / Teacher interviews 5/6I, 4Z, 1H
<b>Monday 3 April</b>	Military Museum - Year 4, 5 and Kinder
<b>Tuesday 4 April</b>	Military Museum - Year 2, 1 and 3 Parent / Teacher interviews 2PD 2.00 -5.00 pm
<b>Wednesday 5 April</b>	Parent / Teacher interviews 2PD 8.30 - 9.30 am Military Museum - Year 6 Sporting School concludes for Term 1 P&C meeting - 6.00 pm school library <b>Please note:</b> <b>The time change</b> PSSA Touch held at Aberdeen
<b>Thursday 6 April</b>	Support Unit Riding for the Disabled note and payment due Kinder and Year 1 Easter craft 9.30am Easter Hat Parade 12.00 pm under the Cola
<b>Friday 7 April</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>Monday 24 April</b>	Staff Development Day - Office closed
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day ANZAC Day march
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b>	Students Return for Term 2
<b>Thursday 27 April</b>	Support Unit Riding for the Disabled commences
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	Cross Country held at Cook Park Yrs 3-6 and eligible Yr 2 students
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b>	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm PSSA Netball Trails at Rose Point Park Kaos Concert
<b>This week's assembly will be hosted by 2L at the starting time of 12.45 pm.</b>	



Education

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March. Please see below the designated days for each class:-

Monday, 27 March	Tuesday, 28 March	Wednesday, 29 March	Thursday, 30 March
6D	6M	5E	5/6I
4/5S	4B	3A	4Z
3H	1F	1LS	1H
2L	2J	KM	
KL	KS		
In the Library	In the Library	In the Library	In the Library

**Please note Mrs Price (2P) will be conducting her interviews in Week 11 - Tuesday April, 4 2.00 pm-5.00 pm and Wednesday April, 5 8.30 - 9.30 am.**

## Canberra Excursion

### Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been taken into account for costing.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour include visiting:

- \* Canberra Zoo
- \* Australian War Memorial
- \* Old Parliament House
- \* Royal Australian Mint
- \* National Capital Exhibition
- \* Questacon
- \* Australian Electoral Education Centre
- \* CSIRO Discovery
- \* Embassies
- \* Australian Institute of Sport
- \* Telstra Tower
- \* Parliament House


We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

## Puss in Boots

Another amazing show from the Australian Playhouse - the Puss in Boots visiting show was at Singleton Public School on Tuesday, 7 March.

Three very talented actors were so entertaining that the children were hooked from the start. Children K-6 enjoyed the interactive nature of the play, searching for the kidnapper of Baby Bear.



 Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way


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*Eat It To Beat It* helps families to eat enough serves of fruit and vegetables. We all need a different number of serves per day, depending on age.

How many serves a day?	Veg	Fruit
Adults	5+	2+
Breastfeeding women	7½	2
12-18 (boys)	5½	2
12-18 (girls)	5	2
9-11	5	2
4-8	4½	1½
2-3	2½	1

A serve of fruit = 150g of fresh fruit or one medium or two small pieces, or one cup chopped fruit.  
 A serve of veg = 75g of veg or ½ cup cooked veg/legumes or ½ medium potato or one cup of salad.

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### Canteen Roster - Week 10 Term 1 2017

Mon 27/3/17

Teagan Hartcher, Di Cooke

Canteen opened until  
 12.00 pm on Mondays

Tues 28/3/17

Lynda Damstra, Lesley Evans

Wed 29/3/17

Sarah Land, Melissa Muddiman, Julie Thomas

Thurs 30/3/17

Nicole Furness, Kylie Broadbent, Karen Livingstone

Fri 31/3/17

Paula Stokes, Jen Andrews, Melinda Grant, Kristine Lawrence

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 system.

### 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:-

**“ Moving responsibly around the school and classroom”**

### 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 Di Merrick

AP Stage 3 Robyn Edgar

P&amp;C Meetings First Wednesday of the Month

#### Bell Times

8.40 am Play

9.10 am Morning Muster - class time

11.10 am Eating in Class

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



## 5/6 I - Junior Journo's

In 5/6I, students are learning how the news is made, how to write a news story, and what is involved in journalism. Students are undertaking a project that will conclude with them producing a 3 minute news item. In addition to their class work, Year 6 students will be preparing news stories for our School Magazine and Newsletters. It's a great opportunity for these students to practice their interviewing and reporting skills and to present stories about what's happening around our great school. Keep an eye out for this week's stories by our Junior Journo's.

### 5/6I What? ..... An Um Counter? What's That?

Last week 5/6I's, Year 6 students presented their speeches on a topic of their choice. Fellow students are asked to critique peer-performance in the areas of content, speaking skills and presentation.

There have been a wide range of topics covered including; "Foods I Dislike", "Super-Powers I'd Love To Have", "The Best On-Line Games", "My Favourite Pet" and "Top 10 Crazy Games".

Each day our class also had an "Um" counter. The students job is to count how many times presenters used the words "Um", "errr", "like", "aww", etc. We discussed the habits we fall into sometimes with our verbal communication and how we use the "Um" as thinking time, but how it can disrupt clear communication.

Our Year 6 presenters were fantastic with only 1 or 2 "um's" slipping through. Mr Ison has also been keeping an "Um" tally count during the day, and in class time we have had up to 30 "um's" in one session.

The "Um" counter is used by Toastmasters as a way to help presenters keep their speeches on topic, engaging and not using "non-words" such as "Um". 5/6I students are trying very hard to improve their communication skills by recognising when they use "non-words" and just pausing instead of using "Um".

As a little exercise, when you are listening to the radio, watching television, or having conversations with friends/family etc, see how many times you can count "Um" being used, or how many times you use "Um". Good luck!!!

Mr Ison  
Class Teacher



## Kindergarten Breakfast

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that contributed with food and/or help at Kinder Big Brekky, hosted by Breakfast Club on Friday, March 17.

It was a fabulous morning, filled with smiling kids, volunteers and parents. Lots of delicious fruit, muffins, pikelets, quiche, scrolls, and beautiful breads were eaten with gusto. Coffee and choccy cake were relished by parents and volunteers.... We had a fantastic day introducing Breakfast Club to our Kindergarten students.

The School's Breakfast Club aims to provide students with a nutritious start to their day. This program is very kindly sponsored by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre and the Singleton Heights Bakery, and resourced with a wonderful team of parent and carer volunteers.

The highly successful program provided just under 6000 breakfasts in 2016.

Sandy Tickell  
Breakfast Club  
Organiser



## Canberra 2017

Our Canberra excursion will be here very shortly. The excursion cost for students has now been confirmed at **\$655**. This means there is \$605 balance outstanding after paying the \$50 deposit.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany us on this year's Canberra excursion. The ballet has now been completed. We leave on Monday, 15 May and return on Friday, 19 May. The excursion cost for adults is **\$700**. Payment can be made at the office (whether by instalment or the full amount), with all monies being received by the school no later than **Friday, 5 May (no later than 12.30 pm for banking purposes)**.

## St Patrick's Day Cultural Awareness Activities

Last week we got in the swing of things a little early, celebrating St Patrick's Day on Thursday in the Library. Children were invited to watch videos about St. Patrick and St. Patrick's Day as well as a very old movie called Leprechaun's Gold. They had the opportunity to learn some song and dance to some traditional Irish music. Children made shamrocks and wrote their wishes on them and did some colouring. We also ventured outside and the children had to solve riddles and follow clues in a game called Chase the Leprechaun. The winner of the Chase the Leprechaun draw is Sheridyn Stone. Our colouring in competition winners are Arli Ward and Gemma Hamilton.

Thank you to Mrs Holford and Mrs Lawrence for helping set up the event. Also thank you to our Year 6 library Monitors who helped run activities on the day. It was a lot of fun, to be sure, to be sure!

Benita Van Der Wel  
Librarian



## Military Museum Excursion

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 3 April, Tuesday, 4 April and Wednesday, 5 April. This is the last week of Term 1.

The cost of the excursion is \$6.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and payment **by 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 29 March** in readiness for this excursion.

GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT:

Monday, 3/4/17	-	9.30 am	-	Year 4
	-	11.00 am	-	Year 5
	-	12.40 pm	-	Kinder
Tuesday, 4/4/17	-	9.30 am	-	Year 2
	-	11.00 am	-	Year 1
	-	12.40 pm	-	Year 3
Wednesday, 5/4/17	-	9.30 am	-	Year 6

Support Unit students will be travelling with their appropriate grade.

Each grade looks at, and learns about, different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.



## Garden Club - Plant Sale

Garden Club will be selling cherry tomato plants outside KM room on Friday morning and then again at the assembly. Prices are 50c, \$1 and \$2. We also have succulents the children have potted for \$2 and some herb bunches (parsley, basil, chives) for 50c. Help us raise our target of \$100 over the next 2 weeks to pay for our new chickens.

Also please remember to save your aluminium cans for garden club recycling. They can be dropped off near garden club area sheds anytime. We will be taking our next batch down very soon.

Coming soon...just planted...growing well...peas, beans, cauliflowers, cabbages, tomatoes, beetroot.

Fiona Moon  
Garden Club Coordinator



## Tell Them From Me Survey

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, **please return the form to school by 23/03/2017**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

## Crocheting Lessons

Singleton is gearing up to break a world record for the Guinness Book of Records by having the most people crocheting at the same time for fifteen minutes. Students will be able to learn to crochet at school at lunchtime in the library. To participate children need to come along with a ball of 8 ply yarn and a size 4 or 4.5 crochet hook. Any parents who would like to help are welcome to come along.

Debbie Grainger  
Organising Teacher

## Quake Flake Shake

Over the last two Fridays Year 6 were selling chocolate flake shake to raise money for the Red Cross. A total of \$503.75 was raised. What a great effort SPS! All money will now be donated to the Red Cross.

Mrs Moore  
Organising Teacher





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### Uniforms at Lowes

Great News! Lowes have advised that Singleton Public School uniforms are now available online at [www.lowes.com.au](http://www.lowes.com.au).

## Singleton Public School Student Profile



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The school is introducing two student leaders each week so that the school community get to know who they are. This week we are introducing:-

**Name:** Miller

**Role:** School Captain

**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Drama

**Favourite Colour:** Pink

**Best thing about school:** Having fun with all my friends.

**What I like about SPS:** Everyone is nice even the teachers.



**Name:** Lucie

**Role:** School Captain

**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Drama

**Favourite Colour:** Anything Pink

**Best thing about school:** All the children and teachers are kind and caring. Panto is my favourite and I

love the feel of Year 6. My friends are all fun and we love to play handball.

**What I like about SPS:** Teachers, kids and Panto, and Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben racing on roller boards. It was funny!







**Singleton Emergency Service Expo 2017**

**Date:** Saturday 25 March 2017  
**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Location:** Townhead Park, Singleton

**Cost:** FREE entry  
 ALL ages welcome

**Services attending:**

SES	RFS
NSW Fire and Rescue	NSW Ambulance
Local Land Services	Red Cross
NSW Mines Rescue	Police
Westpac Rescue Helicopter	

**Event schedule:**

10:30am: SES Chainsaw Demonstration  
 11:15am: RFS Live Fire Demonstration  
 12pm: Car Accident Scenario  
 (Police, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance and Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service)

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## Cyber Bullying Presentation

### ATTENTION PARENTS

The Singleton **PCYC** is hosting a  
**FREE** Cyber Bullying information  
 night

**"You Think You Know"**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**



Facilitated by PCYC Police Youth  
 Case Managers.....this  
 presentation is a must for all  
 parents of children who use  
 social media



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## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 8 2017

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Nevaeh Cruz Cooper	<b>KL</b>	Indiana Charles
<b>KS</b>	Digby Addison	<b>1F</b>	Hamish Vincent
<b>1LS</b>	Amelia Kristy	<b>1H</b>	Harry Jenna
<b>2J</b>	Keyori Abbie	<b>2L</b>	Erin Andrea
<b>2PD</b>	Isabella Rhyley	<b>3A</b>	Ashton Lillian Clancy
<b>3H</b>	Jhy Jasmine Evan	<b>4B</b>	Sophie Trisha Brianna
<b>4Z</b>	Alison Charlie Sethuki	<b>4/5S</b>	Max Ethan Charli
<b>5/6I</b>	Ocean Alaura Marcus	<b>5E</b>	Marcus Shanae Tommy
<b>6D</b>	Hunter Emma Leon	<b>6M</b>	Rylan Brandon Clayton
<b>7B</b>	Anakin, Brodie	<b>7W</b>	Henry, Duke

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Omar	<b>Early Stage 1</b>	MJ
<b>Stage 2</b>	Trisha	<b>Stage 3</b>	Masen

#### Super Citizens

<b>KM</b>	Jaek	<b>3A</b>	Jessica
<b>1F</b>	Seth	<b>4Z</b>	Ella
<b>2J</b>	Aeryn	<b>5/6I</b>	Gillian <b>S.U. Kaiden</b>

**Class Award: Congratulations to 4B and 4Z**

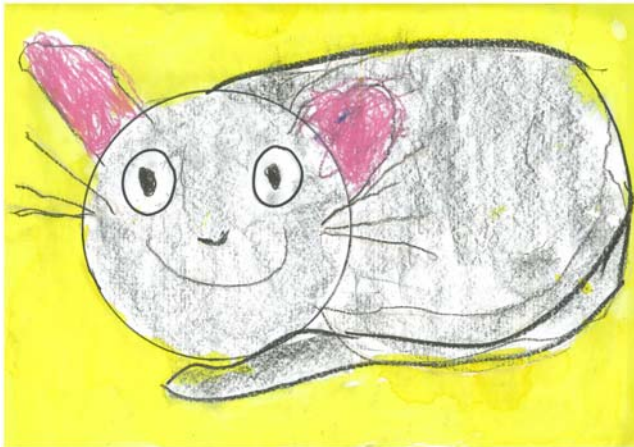
## Classwork by KL



By Corey



By Emily



By Rorie



By Harvey



By Danika



By Lochie