

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

26 APRIL 2017

### KAOS Concert

Every two years, the creative talents of our local public schools combine in a one off concert referred to as KAOS – or 'Kids Active On Stage'. As a bigger school, Singleton PS will be providing two items for the concert being our concert band and Mrs Hackett's performance group, "Vivid Group".

The concert will be conducted at Singleton High School on the evening of Wednesday, 3 May commencing at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderfully entertaining show and is a great showcase of the local talent from our schools.

### ANZAC Day March

The turnout of students and staff for the ANZAC Day march was very impressive on Tuesday, as was the level of support from the local community. It was wonderful to be a part of such a special commemoration which involved students, adults and veterans from across our town. Special mention to all of our school student leaders for their wonderful role as leaders of our marching group. They looked splendid in their blazers as they proudly led our school.

### P&C Meeting

Please consider supporting our P&C which will be meeting on Wednesday, 10 May commencing at 6.00 pm. Our P&C supports the school to provide resources and ideas for your children.

### School Business Operation Changes

Throughout Term 2, the school will be preparing for a significant change in the management and business operation of the office. Mrs Burns and Mrs Paul will be attending professional training for three days out of every ten during Term 2. The changes will impact on how and when payments will be made for school activities. Regular information reports will be included in the newsletter to keep families well informed.

David Crowe  
Principal

### Calendar of Events

<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. Students can wear house colours.
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b>	Knights Rugby League Competition at Waratah
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b>	PSSA Netball Trials at Rose Point Park KAOS Concert at Singleton High School 6.30 pm
<b>Thursday 4 May</b>	PSSA Soccer to verse Singleton Heights PS
<b>Friday 5 May</b>	Year 6 Canberra final payment due Hunter Soccer trials at Mayfield West
<b>Tuesday 9 May</b>	NAPLAN - Language and Writing Years 3 and 5
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library NAPLAN - Reading Years 3 and 5
<b>Thursday 11 May</b>	NAPLAN - Numeracy Years 3 and 5
<b>Mon-Fri 15 - 19 May</b>	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
<b>Monday 15 May</b>	Rugby 12's game
<b>Tuesday 16 May</b>	Zone Cross Country at Muswellbrook

**There is no assembly this week due to the Cross Country.**



Education

## Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade was held on Friday, 7 April. It was great to see so many wonderful and creative designs. Congratulations to the followings winners of each grade:-

Support Unit - Bella

Kinder - Bowen

Year 1 - Stevie

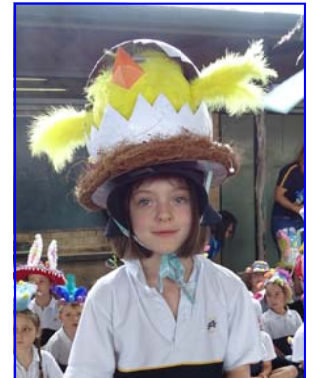
Year 2 - Desert

Year 3 - Isabelle

Year 4 - Erin

Year 5 - Shanae

Year 6 - Mav




Pictured here are the Support Unit with their Easter Hats.

## ANZAC Day March

Congratulations to all of the students and staff who represented Singleton Public School at the 2017 Anzac Day March. Pictured are some of our school students at Tuesday's ANZAC Day March. It was great to see you all there.







## The simplest way

...to understand UV radiation

**What is UV radiation?**  
Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is energy produced by the sun that we can't see or feel. UV radiation levels are not affected by temperature and UV can still be dangerous on cool or cloudy days. Although the UV is higher during summer, it is still present every day of the year.

**Did you know?**  
When the UV level is 3 or above, it is strong enough to cause permanent damage to most skin types and sun protection should be used. UV radiation from the sun is the cause of almost all skin cancers and also contributes to sunburn, skin ageing and eye damage.



**Staying safe when the UV is three or above:**  
Download the SunSmart app or use the online widget ([www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget](http://www.sunsmart.com.au/uv-sun-protection/uv/uv-widget)) to find out the exact hours to use sun protection in your area.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



### Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 2 2017

Mon 1/5/17 Cynthia Roffey, Angie Trowbridge

Canteen opened until  
12.00 pm on Mondays

Tues 2/5/17 Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson

Wed 3/5/17 Claire Elgar, Cara Roohan,  
Morgan Lees (9am-noon)

Thurs 4/5/17 Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, 1 more  
helper please

Fri 5/5/17 Kate Howe, Renee Mouser, Maxine Kolinos

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:-

“ Respecting our Playground ”

### 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 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

## Anzac Day March



## Statement of Accounts

Each term the school office sends home a financial statement to each family. The enclosed statement of account may include "Voluntary Family School Contribution", "P&C Voluntary Levy" or payments for excursions.

The "**Family School Contribution**" refers to the voluntary contribution scheme that all public schools operate. This is a very low \$60.00 per family per year. This money goes to providing the everyday resources needed in classrooms - pencils, paper, books, teaching aids, counters, craft supplies, reading books, etc, available to every child. Payment of as little as \$2.00 per week is possible if you prefer.

The P & C Committee has asked the school to collect a \$10.00 per child per term (or \$100.00 per family per year) "**Voluntary P&C Levy**" on their behalf. This is also shown on the Statement of Account. Although it is a voluntary contribution to the P&C, it is shown on the school invoice for bookkeeping reasons. This levy was introduced as a means of fundraising instead of organising stalls such as mothers' day and fathers' day stalls to make it easier for already busy people. In 2016, the P&C have donated funds towards air conditioning, projectors for smartboards in the classrooms, library books and literacy resources.

## Year 5 Opportunity Class 2018

There are 75 primary schools with opportunity classes across NSW eg, Rutherford Public School, New Lambton South Public School, etc. If your child is seeking placement in a Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018, the application process has begun. Successful students attend the opportunity class full-time for the duration of Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement.

Important dates are as follows:

Wednesday 26 April 2017: Online applications open


Friday 12 May 2017: Online applications close

Tuesday 16 May 2017: Principals' processing site opens

Friday 2 June 2017: Principals' processing site closes

Wednesday 26 July 2017: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.



**positive partnerships**  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

### PARENT CARER FLYER

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers. This workshop is a collaboration between Positive Partnerships and Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

#### What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carers workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

#### Workshop details

**Venue:** Adamstown Department of Education Office Conference Room  
Cnr Brunker and Glebe Roads

**When:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 8.30-4pm

**How to Register:** To receive an application form please email [jennifer.miles@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.miles@det.nsw.edu.au) before 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Cost:** Free

**Lunch and Morning Tea will be provided.**

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26 April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

**Singleton Public School** will transition to the new NSW public schools' finance system and a new bank account on **24 July 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept parent or carer payments.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **18 July** and **24 July 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **18 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **18 July 2017** and **24 July 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **18 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online Payments:** As of **30 June 2017**, the "Make a Payment" button on the School Website ([www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)) will be temporarily removed as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. The button will be reinstated once the new system has been implemented on **24 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, Online payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02 6571 2250.

Yours faithfully



David Crowe  
Principal



## PSSA Soccer

Congratulations to Amber Melamed and Jordan Kearney for being selected to trial for the Hunter PSSA Soccer team. They will trial at Mayfield West on Friday, 5 May. Good luck girls.

**WIN A \$4,000 HOLIDAY**  
to a destination  
of your choice



NSW Public Education's  
Charity of Choice

## Stewart House Donation Drive 2017

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
to participate in the draw



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## Stewart House

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent out to all children. If you wish to make a donation and be in the running to win a \$4,000 holiday, please place money in the envelope and return to the office by Monday, 15 May 2017. All money raised will go to Stewart House.

## Singleton Public School Student Profile



Respect | Responsibility | Quality

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:** Seth

**Role:** School Councillor

**Class:** 6M

**Favourite Subject:** Maths, Drama and Sport

**Favourite Colour:** Don't have one

**Best thing about school:**  
Friends, drama and sport.

**What I like about SPS:** Everything.



**Name:** Lucy

**Role:** School Councillor & Library Monitor

**Class:** 6D

**Favourite Subject:** Drama

**Favourite Colour:** Lime Green

**Best thing about school:** The teachers help me to learn and I try to get the best out of it.

**What I like about SPS:** The community is friendly and I love making friends.



## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 11 2017

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Marley	<b>KL</b>	Deon Emma Stella
<b>KS</b>	Addison Lewis	<b>1F</b>	Sunny Matthew
<b>1LS</b>	Addison Amelia	<b>1H</b>	Liam Amelia
<b>2J</b>	Ashton Koby	<b>2L</b>	Avah Desert
<b>2PD</b>	Max Thomas	<b>3A</b>	Isabelle Jasmine Kaylee
<b>3H</b>	Paige Hamish	<b>4B</b>	Jack Seth Borden
<b>4Z</b>	Emily Chloe Jacob	<b>4/5S</b>	Lillyan Charlotte Alex
<b>5/6I</b>	Abbie Liam Nick	<b>5E</b>	Charlie Lachlan Alicia
<b>6D</b>	Eevie Lucie Miller	<b>6M</b>	Lili Holly Coen
<b>7B</b>	Anakin	<b>7W</b>	Kaiden

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Oliver	<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Lucy
<b>Stage 2</b>	Hunter	<b>Stage 2</b>	Camron

#### Super Citizens

<b>KM</b>	Jazmyn	<b>3A</b>	Lilly
<b>1F</b>	Emma	<b>4Z</b>	Cooper
<b>2J</b>	Arli	<b>5/6I</b>	Max

**Class Award: Congratulations to Year 6**



## Classwork by 4/5S

