

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 11 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

5 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".

The concert will be conducted at Singleton High School on the evening of Wednesday 3 May – please check the next edition of the newsletter for details.

### New Assistant Principal

Commencing at the start of next term, Mrs Rachel Nichols, will be joining our staff as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs Nichols lives locally and has been working in the Maitland and Cessnock areas; most recently as Rel. Assistant Principal at Bellbird PS. She brings extensive experience in the development and delivery of strong educational programs in Literacy and Numeracy. I am looking forward to seeing her impact on Stage 2 as the year progresses.

Many thanks to Mrs Merrick who has been relieving in the Assistant Principal role since last year. Her overall contribution to the school and support of the executive team has been wonderful.

### ANZAC Day March – 25 April

Each year, Singleton Public School students join with students from other local schools to participate in the annual ANZAC Day march. In 2017, all students from our school are invited to be at **Bailey Park at 10:00 am** so that they can be prepared to join the town march at 10:30 am. Staff from the school will be in attendance to march with our students. The march will terminate at Burdekin Park where the traditional ANZAC Day service will commence at 11:00 am.

### End of Term 1

It feels as though this term as being going on, and on, and on; however the end is now in sight. As always, I trust that you will be able to spend quality time with your families and return to Term 2 refreshed, ready for another exciting term.

Please remember that the first day for students will be Wednesday 26 April.

David Crowe  
Principal



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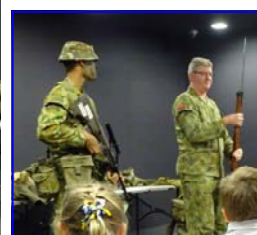
### Calendar of Events

<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: 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 at 9.30 am Anzac Ceremony at Civic Centre 12.00 - 2.00 pm 5/6I, 6D, 6M will walk from school
<b>Friday 7 April</b>	Easter Hat Parade under the Cola starting at 9.30 am <b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>Monday 24 April</b>	Staff Development Day - <b>Office closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day ANZAC Day march at Bailey Park 10.00 am
<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 Trials at Rose Point Park KAOS Concert
<b>Friday 5 May</b>	Canberra payment due
<b>Tuesday 9 May</b>	NAPLAN - Language and Writing
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	NAPLAN - Reading
<b>Thursday 11 May</b>	NAPLAN - Numeracy
<b>This week's assembly will be hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.</b>	

**P&C Meeting tonight at  
6.00 pm in the Library.  
All welcome.**

## Military Museum

Pictured below are Kindergarten enjoying their first experience at the Military Museum.



## Easter Craft

On **Thursday, 6 April**, Kindergarten will be holding their special **Easter Craft** morning from **9.30 am - 11.00 am**. The activities will centre around the Easter theme. Parent helpers are welcome so if you can help please let the class teacher know. Please note helpers will stay on an activity and the children rotate through all activities.

Please note that the **Easter Hat Parade** will take place **Friday, 7 April** at 9.30 am under the COLA and not Thursday as previously advised.



## ANZAC Commemorative Service

Stage 3 students from Singleton Public School have been invited to attend the 62nd annual Newcastle and Hunter combined schools ANZAC commemorative event, to be held at the Singleton Civic Centre. This event will be held on Thursday, 6 April and is a unique opportunity as it is the first time it is to be held in Singleton. Students from 6D, 6M, and 5/6I will walk to and from the Civic Centre, leaving at approximately 11.45 am and returning by 2.00 pm. They will be accompanied by their teachers.

This excursion is covered by the general permission note.

Robyn Edgar

Organising Teacher

 **Nutrition Snippet**

## The simplest way

...to stock up on lunch box staples.

Stock up on these pantry and freezer lunch box staples to save time and money on daily packing.

**Pantry:**

- \*Long-life, reduced-fat milk poppers.
- \*Long-life custard tubs.
- \*Fruit (in natural juice) tubs.
- \*Baked beans (small, easy open cans).
- \*Wholegrain crackers, crispbread or Corn Thins.
- \*Tinned tuna or salmon.
- \*Dried fruit.



**Freezer:**

Make healthy muffins, fruit scones, fruit pikelets, frittatas or mini quiches. Wrap individual portions in plastic, or place in an airtight container, and freeze, ready to go straight in the lunch box.

Other freezable foods include cooked meats, baked beans and sandwich breads.

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

**Eat It To Beat It**

### Canteen Roster - Week 1 Term 2 2017

Mon 24/4/17	Staff Development Day
Canteen opened until 12.00 pm on Mondays	
Tues 25/4/17	ANZAC Day
Wed 26/4/17	Sarah Land, Melissa Muddiman, Julie Thomas
Thurs 27/4/17	Nicole Furness, Kylie Broadbent, Karen Livingston
Fri 28/4/17	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 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	Di Merrick
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



## 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>.

## Cross Country

The Singleton Public School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 28 April, 2017. The carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and eligible (8 year old) Year 2 students who wish to participate. Students will walk from school with their class teacher at 9:15 am to Cook Park and return to school around 1.00 pm. Students will need to wear sports house uniform and bring a hat, at least 2 x drink bottles, medications if needed and wear joggers and sunscreen! Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance. 8/9 and 10 year olds will complete 2 km and 11 and 12/13 year olds will complete 3 km.

Selections for the Zone Carnival, held on the Tuesday, 16 May in Muswellbrook, will be based on these results.

There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip needed for this event as students should have already handed in their 2017 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

Parent Helpers Needed- If you are able to assist on the day please fill out the slip on the permission note. The job that is required would be to sit in a designated place along the track to ensure children are travelling along the course in the right direction and to provide encouragement for students who may be struggling.

Robyn Dibben & Diane Merrick  
Organising Teachers

## Staff Development Day - Term 2

**The school office will be closed on Monday, 24 April as staff will be attending a staff development day off site. The office will re-open for Term 2 on Wednesday, 26 April.**

## ANZAC Day March

Marchers from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March to be conducted on Tuesday, 25 April down the main street of Singleton. This is a great tradition in which our students can demonstrate pride and respect to an important sector of our community. Students will need to be in **full school uniform**. Staff will be on-site to organise and march with our students.

All students are to meet at the Bailey's Union Park, John Street between 10.00 am - 10.15 am and be ready to march at 10.30 am. The march will conclude at Burdekin Park where the official Anzac Service will be held at 11.00 am. Students can be collected after they have marched and before the Service commences. It will be up to parents if they wish their child to remain for the service.

When: Friday, 25 April

Where: All students (K-6) meet at Bailey's Union Park, John Street

Wearing: Full school uniform

Time: Arrive at 10.00 - 10.15 am, ready to march at 10.30 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 programs 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:

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

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

## 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)**.

## Birthdays at School

Just a reminder about student birthdays at school. Parents and carers are welcome to bring in a cake or cupcakes for their child's birthday at school (please refrain from bringing chocolates or lollies). Please deliver the cake/s to the classroom before 9.10 am on the day to avoid interrupting the class. Teachers will make a time through the day for the cake.

## School Supplies

Could all parents and carers please check their child's school supplies such as pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc as they tend to need replacing towards the end of term.

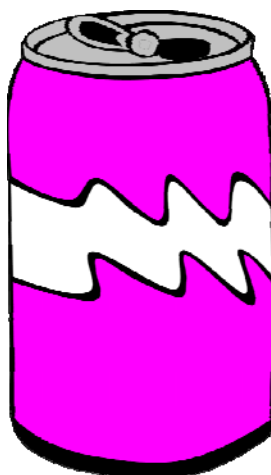
## Messages to students

Due to limited communication throughout the school, messages to students need to be manually handed out. Therefore the office staff respectfully ask that any message are phoned in prior to 2.00 pm, except in the case of an emergency.

## Garden Club - Cans

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.

Fiona Moon  
Garden Club Coordinator



## GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

**Mobile Blood Service visiting:**  
**Singleton**  
Singleton Square

### Whole Blood and Plasma

Tuesday 18 April	10.00am – 3.00pm
Wednesday 19 April	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 20 April	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 21 April	9.30am – 3.00pm

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate  
**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch  
**Please bring photo I.D. with you**

To make an appointment call 13 14 95  
or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)

 Australian Red Cross  
**BLOOD SERVICE**

### 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/carer 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

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

**Time:** 8.30-4pm

**How to Register:** Please see office for registration form then email to [jennifer.miles@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.miles@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Cost:** Free

**Lunch and Morning Tea are provided.**

## 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:** Grant

**Role:** School Councillor

**Class:** 5/6I

**Favourite Subject:** PE

**Favourite Colour:** Green

**Best thing about school:** The kids and staff.

**What I like about SPS:** The big playground and COLA.



**Name:** Portia

**Role:** School Councillor

**Class:** 6M

**Favourite Subject:** Maths and English

**Favourite Colour:** Blue

**Best thing about school:** The awesome friendly staff and kind friends.

**What I like about SPS:** The friendly and kind staff, students and parents.



## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 10 2017

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

<b>KM</b>	Thomas Jasmine	<b>KL</b>	Lochie Ryda
<b>KS</b>	Oliver Sam	<b>1F</b>	Will Hannah
<b>1LS</b>	Knox Zahra	<b>1H</b>	Elena Kayla
<b>2J</b>	Ellie Ann Jackson	<b>2L</b>	Jackson Zoe
<b>2PD</b>	Archie Emily	<b>3A</b>	Hunter Jack Lilly
<b>3H</b>	Logan Mia Jazz	<b>4B</b>	Bailey Riley Brianna
<b>4Z</b>	Dominic McKayla Maegan	<b>4/5S</b>	Joe Charlotte Tyler
<b>5/6I</b>	Ava Ciara Hamish	<b>5E</b>	Tasma Joshua Brayden
<b>6D</b>	Mitchell Harry Zach	<b>6M</b>	Ruby Lexie Nozipho
<b>7B</b>	Dre, Stevie	<b>7W</b>	Damien, Bella

#### Singleton Stars

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Digby	<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Emma
<b>Stage 2</b>	Jaxon	<b>Stage 3</b>	Hugh

#### Super Citizens

<b>KS</b>	Omar	<b>5E</b>	Jeremy
<b>2PD</b>	Olivia	<b>6D</b>	Emma
<b>4/5S</b>	Clancy	<b>S.U.</b>	Zedekai

**Class Award: Congratulations to 3H**

## Classwork by KM

