

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 2 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

3 MAY 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 Hall 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. Entry is a gold coin donation. Some snacks will be on sale before the performance begins.

School Cross Country

Thank you to our staff and parents for their support and organisation of the annual school cross country. It was a wonderful day and the students that participated had a great time.

NAPLAN

The annual assessment process known as NAPLAN will be occurring across all Australian schools next week. Students in Years 3 and 5 at our school will be taking place in assessments for Writing, Spelling & Grammar, Numeracy and Reading. Students involved in the tests should be encouraged to attempt all questions, have a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast during the testing period. Staff are on hand to provide support throughout the assessments.

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.

Welcome to Singleton Public School

With the commencement of the new term we have a number of new students starting at Singleton Public School. Welcome to Max, Corey and Jordan, I hope that you and your families have a great time at our school.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 3 May	PSSA Netball Trials at Rose Point Park KAOS Concert at Singleton High School 6.30 pm
Friday 5 May	Year 6 Canberra final payment due Hunter Soccer trials at Mayfield West
Tuesday 9 May	NAPLAN - Language and Writing Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 10 May	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library NAPLAN - Reading Years 3 and 5
Thursday 11 May	NAPLAN - Numeracy Years 3 and 5
Mon-Fri 15 - 19 May	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Monday 15 May	Rugby 12's game
Tuesday 16 May	Zone Cross Country at Muswellbrook Karoola Park
Tuesday 23 May	ICAS-Computer

**This weeks assembly will be at the starting time of 12.45 pm.
Cross Country Ribbons will be presented.**



David Crowe
Principal



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Cross Country

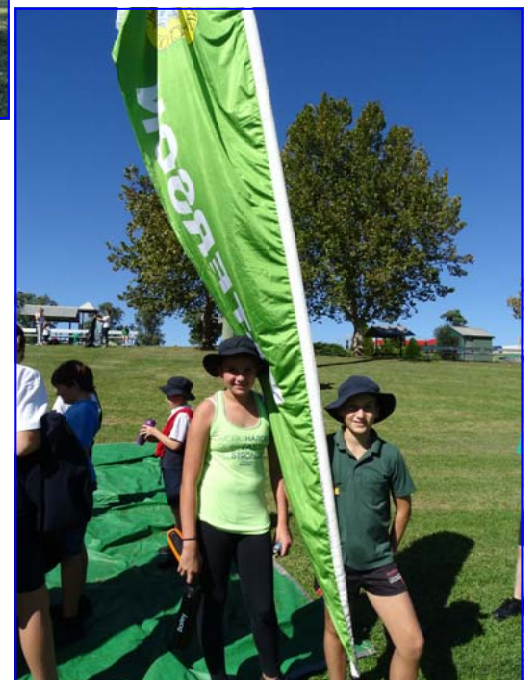
On Friday, 28 April, Singleton Public School held the annual Cross Country Carnival at Cook Park.

Students performed superbly with some great contests, sportsmanship and determination shown by all competitors.

The juniors and 10 year old students competed on the 2km track, and the 11 years and senior students have a 3km track to stretch their legs on. At our checkpoints all around the event, teachers and parents cheered on all students helping them to find the extra strength to keep on going.

A big thank you to the parents who assisted at checkpoints and in the setting up and packing up for the day, as well as the parents who came along to support their children and the school. Thank you also to the teachers on checkpoints, marshals and start/finish line for helping the event be such a success.

Mrs Dibben and Mrs Merrick
Organising Teachers



 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to choose the best lunch box drink.

When it comes to packing a lunch box drink, water is the best choice!



Milk is a great drink too – add a plain milk popper to the lunch box as well to give kids a calcium boost.

Drinks such as fruit juice, cordial, flavoured mineral water, soft drink and sports drinks are high in sugar and low in nutritional value. So limit or avoid these drinks.

It is best to only drink juice occasionally and it should not be packed in the lunch box. Avoid “fruit drinks” as these are just sugar water and a little juice.

Remember, water is essential so make sure you pack a bottle of it in the lunch box every day.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 2 2017

Mon 8/5/17	Tammy Cox, Di Cooke
<i>Canteen opened until 12.00 pm on Mondays</i>	
Tues 9/5/17	Lynda Damstra, Rebecca Tutt
Wed 10/5/17	Susan Henderson, Cara Roohan, Tracy Matthews
Thurs 11/5/17	Felicity Murray, Rachel Baxter, Kylie Page
Fri 12/5/17	Craig Cooke, Rebecca Cooke, Amy Stone
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:-

“ Moving in a responsible way ”

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

Final payments for Canberra are due this Friday, 5 May. Please have all accounts settled by this date.

Due to circumstances out the control of the P&C, we regret to advise that Lowes still does not have for sale either the summer or winter dresses.

After discussions with Lowes, we can confirm that Winter Dresses will be available the week of 29 May 2017 in time for school photos. Summer dresses will be available a few weeks later.

We apologise to everyone for the delay in the supply of the dresses, we understand that the situation has been unacceptable but please be assured we are working to get the situation sorted as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Nicole Furness
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Thank you to all that attended the April P&C Meeting. We are pleased to advise that the P&C approved a donation of \$3000 to assist with a funding shortfall for this years Canberra Excursion for Year 6, we also donated funds for a set of Rugby League jerseys and other gear needed to support our junior players.

We also discussed areas for spending and projects for future fundraising. We would love to hear ideas from the wider school community as to where you think the P&C should focus their fundraising efforts. Is there an area within the school where you would like to see some funds spent?

We are about to embark on organising this years fete and would love the help of interested people to join the organising committee, keep your eye out for details of the first Fete Committee Meeting. We would love your ideas and contributions.

The May P&C Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 10 May at 6pm, a week later than usual due to the KAOS concert. We wish all the performers well in the concert, we can't wait to see it! We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Nicole Furness
P&C President

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.

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK

14-20 MAY 2017

Food allergies are becoming increasingly common & understanding them is important for everyone.

GET INVOLVED!

ADOPT AN ALLERGY

for one day/week to better understand the challenges faced every day by allergy sufferers. Set up an Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia supporter page through Everyday Hero so people can sponsor your effort.

PAINT ONE NAIL

to help us raise awareness that 1 in 30 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

DOWNLOAD A BADGE

from our website and use it through your social media channels to show support and spread awareness about the week.

Want your school or your children's school to take part in Food Allergy Week?
Encourage a teacher to [Adopt An Allergy](#) or organise activities to help us fundraise.
Head to our website to download a schools kit.

www.foodallergyaware.com.au

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We also gratefully acknowledge the support of our Bronze Sponsors, Health, Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia, Dairy Food Safety Victoria and NSW Food Authority.

 **Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia**
Your trusted charity for allergy support

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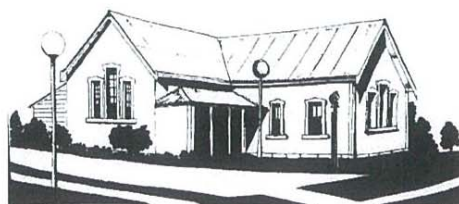
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26 April 2017

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) 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

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 26th May 2017
to participate in the draw



NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION



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Mutual Bank**
We put you first

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: Nathan

Role: School Councillor

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Colour: Green

Best thing about school: Playing with my friends.

What I like about SPS: I like that SPS is one of the best schools in Singleton.



Name: Emma

Role: School Councillor

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Art

Favourite Colour: Blue

Best thing about school: Friends and learning.

What I like about SPS: The nice people.



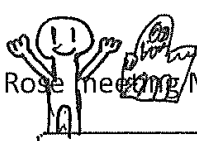
TERM 2

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
APR 1	24 Staff Development Day	25 ANZAC Day	26 Students Return Sporting School concludes	27 Riding for the Disabled to commence	28 Cross Country – Years 2-6	29
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APR / MAY 2	1	2 Staff Immunisation KAOS rehearsal Knights Comp Open	3 PSSA Netball at Singleton Yr 6 to SHS KOAS Concert	4	5 Girls Netball Knockout to V's SHPS Canberra Money Due Hunter Soccer Trials Mayfield West	6
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MAY 3	8 PSSA meeting 4pm	9 NAPLAN - Language and Writing	10 NAPLAN – Reading P&C Meeting 6pm	11 NAPLAN - Numeracy	12	13
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MAY 4	15 Year 6 Canberra Rugby 12's Stewart house money due	16 Year 6 Canberra Zone Cross Country	17 Year 6 Canberra	18 Year 6 Canberra	19 Year 6 Canberra	20
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MAY 5	22	23 ICAS - Computer	24	25	26 SHS HSC Seminar Day	27
						28
MAY / JUNE 6	29	30 ICAS - Science	31	1	2 Eat It To Beat It	3
						4
JUNE 7	5 School Photos	6 Knights Comp Under 10's Rugby League	7 P&C Meeting 6pm	8	9	10
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JUNE 8	12 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	13	14 Life Education Van	15 Life Education Van Science Day	16 Life Education Van Science Day	17
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JUNE 9	19 Life Education Van	20 Life Education Van	21 Life Education Van	22 Life Education Van	23	24
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JUN / JUL 10	26	27	28	29	30	1
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Classwork by 4Z



4Z wrote about Rose meeting Mr Wintergarten



Screeech! The door flung open.

"Go away!" said a voice.

"I'm here to get my ball," Rose said in a tiny voice.

The man laughed and said, "you wont find it here !" The door slammed shut.

Rose knocked again but there was no answer.

Rose went to find her ball but it was not there.

"I said go away!!" the man screamed again.

"I brought some hot cakes," offered Rose.

"Not interested," the man screamed.

Rose slunk back home with a secret plan up her sleeve.

That night Rose was so scared but so determined to get her ball back that she snuck back into the house quietly. Rose was so annoyed by the man's snoring but she saw her ball and walked slowly towards it. Suddenly...

Hannah

Squeak!!!The door opened, no one was there. Whoosh! A dog came running out the door like a race car. A man ran out with a chainsaw in one hand and ice in the other. A crocodile came down the steps. They all walked out the door not noticing me. I walked up the steps. Smash! I turned to see a big cat like creature run up the walls...

Kaden

Creak!! The door squeaked open. Rose jumped with fear as the old man at the yelled at her like a howler monkey.

"What are you doing here?" he bellowed.

"My ball went over your fence and into your garden," Rose said with fear.

"Well then come in," Mr Wintergarten replied. Rose walked in cautiously.

Cooper



The front door creaked open slowly as I brushed the cobwebs off my face. I stepped on a sharp piece of glass. I saw medium sized creatures running around the room. One little orange one crawled up on my shoulder and sat there. I felt it and it had no hair. I brushed it away before it could bite me.

I yelled out to Mr Wintergarten.

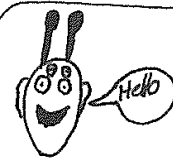
Jacob



Creak!

"What was that?" Rose asked worriedly. The door suddenly opened and there in the pitch black was something crawling around the room. Actually there wasn't just one there were millions and millions. Some were small and some were huge. I walked slowly into the darkness and everything was crawling over my feet and it felt like you were standing in ...

Lachie



Screech!!!! Rose opened the broken door. A dark shadow stood there, she jumped back in fear.

"Can I have my ball ppplease?" she said in fright. The floorboards creaked as it came towards them. The light shone on him...

"Finally... guests," he said happily. "Come inside for some tea and your ball is out the back."

They were surprised at how nice he was.

"I'm Rose and this is my mum,"

Snap! A scaly creature was at my feet. "Go away Snapper!" yelled Mr Wintergarten. He turned on the light and took us to the lounge room.

Suddenly he picked us up and threw us outside. The croc came out after us.

"What are you doing?" Rose screamed.

He ignored her and closed the door and locked it. He tricked us.

The croc came closer...

Cooper

