

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 1 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

19 JULY 2017

Busy, busy Term

Welcome back to school for Term 3. A very busy and active term for all of our students and staff. With so much going on **please ensure that you read our newsletter each week** so that you are aware of the events that will be taking place.

LMBR – School Administration

After a long term of training and preparation our school will be rolling over to the new 'state-based' administration system throughout these next two weeks. Please be aware that no financial transactions can take place until Friday 28 July.

As a result of the new system you will notice significant changes in the invoices and receipts being issued by the school, in particular the coding and descriptors that will be applied. Your continued patience and understanding during this change is greatly appreciated as the office sets up for the new system.

School Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be conducted on Friday 21 July. **To assist us in keeping your children safe please ensure that they come to school first thing to have their names marked off on the attendance role.**

Due to the change in dates, Mrs Black & Ms Zeidler are desperately looking for volunteers to assist with running the event. If you can assist please send in a note of your available times as soon as possible.

P&C Meeting

Please consider supporting our P&C which will be meeting on Wednesday 2 August commencing at 6pm. Our P&C supports the school to provide resources and ideas for your children. High on the agenda will be the organisation of the annual school fete scheduled for Friday 8 September.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 19 July	Visiting Aboriginal Show - Lucas Proudfoot No money to be received at the office
Thursday 20 July	No money to be received at the office
Friday 21 July	No money to be received at the office Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval
Monday 24 July	LMBR go live date - new finance system at school No money to be received at the office
Tuesday 25 July	No money to be received at the office
Wednesday 26 July	No money to be received at the office
Thursday 27 July	NAIDOC Day celebrations Netball NSW School Cup at Rose Point park 9.00 am to 2.30 pm
Friday 28 July	Office can accept limited payments
Monday 31 July	Education Week Education Week awards at the Singleton Civic Centre
Tuesday 1 August	ICAS–English
Wednesday 2 August	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library
Thursday 3 August	Book Fair and Parade - Theme "Escape to Everywhere"

There is no assembly this week due to the Athletics Carnival

Wanted Cans

If you have any empty aluminium cans, can you please drop them off to Garden Club. The funds received helps support the up keep of the garden.



Education

Public Speaking

On Wednesday, 29 June two students from each class competed in the Singleton PS annual public speaking competition. Mr Robert Ball from Singleton Toastmasters adjudicated along with Mrs Dibben, Mrs Merrick and Mr Ison. The quality of the speeches was outstanding and continues to improve each year.

Early Stage 1 Highly Commended

Liam, Digby, Macey, Charles, Rorie, Lochie

Stage 1 1st Carson

2nd Grace

Highly Commended

Hamish, Mitchell, Archie

Stage 2 1st Erin

2nd Campbell

Highly Commended

Tyla, Abby, Jasmine

Stage 3 1st Amber

2nd Hamish

Highly Commended

Alaura, Jordan, Ruby, Lachlan, Lucy

Cheryl Alaban

Organising Teacher



Netball NSW

The Netball NSW Schools Cup will be held at Rose Point Park on Thursday, 27 July. Selected students should have already received a note and paid for this event last term.

The day will begin at 9.00 am with the first game and will finish by 2.30 pm (exact finishing time is dependent on the number of teams attending the event).

Students will walk to and from Rose Point Park accompanied by Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben. The students will leave from the Parsonage at 8.00 am to be able to register at 8.30 am. Please do NOT be late.

Players will be required to wear their school sports uniform i.e school polo shirt and navy blue shorts. NB: No jewellery is to be worn; earrings must be removed NOT taped.

Children will need a water bottle (with a name on it), sunscreen, a hat and food for the day.

Mrs Merrick

Organiser

Thank you

Thank you to the Singleton Heights Pet Hospital for the donation of ice packs for our use in sick bay.

1H Fete Donations

1H are in search of preloved toys that need a new home. For the School Fete 1H are running a Teddy Tombola and desperately need toys to make this stall a success. We already have a few toys but we will take as many as we can get.

Toys can be left at the Office or outside 1H classroom.

What is Teddy Tombola?

Teddy Tombola is where a toy is won randomly by drawing a number. It costs only \$1.00 a go and this also gets the new soft toy owner an entry into the big soft toy draw at the end of the day with a gift pack to be won.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to make beef kofta.

Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

Serves: 12 | Preparation: 15 minutes | Cooking: 10 minutes

Ingredients
 500g beef mince
 1 small brown onion, grated
 1/4 cup chopped fresh continental parsley
 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 1 1/2 tps ground cumin
 1 egg



Method
 Combine all ingredients in a bowl, mixing together with your hands.
 Divide the mixture into 12 portions and shape each into a log.
 Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat.
 Add the koftas and cook, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through.

Serve with tabbouleh and tzatziki on Lebanese bread or with a side salad.

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

Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 3 2017

Mon 24/7/17	Cynthia Roffey, Angie Trowbridge
Tues 25/7/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 26/7/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 27/7/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, one more helper please
Fri 28/7/17	Kate Howe, Renee Mouser, Maxine Kolinis

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:-

“ Responsible student, Ready to work ”

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	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

2017 Fete 1LS Trash and Treasure Stall

Donations of quality toys, games, books and household items wanted for our fete stall. Items can be left at the office or sent to 1LS.

Improving Playtime

As part of our commitment to improving playtime for the children at Singleton Public School, we are introducing the use of "loose parts" into our playground. Loose parts are items and materials that children can use on their play. They provide a high level of creativity and choice, and the possibilities are endless for how they can be used.

Research shows that children like to play with loose parts because they can use their imagination and have greater control in their play. Children are amazingly creative and will be able to use the most ordinary of objects in a fun and enjoyable way, and will adapt them as they please.

We are therefore beginning to build up a loose parts area in school that stocks a variety of items. These items could range from pots and pans to tyres, rope, tubs, utensils, tubes, old musical equipment, rugs, material, wood, logs, crates etc.... Basically, anything that a child can play with. It would be wonderful if you could work alongside your child to donate any unwanted items from the list below.

Any items brought into the school can be placed in the storage tubs near Breakfast Club and must be safe for the children to handle. The children will be shown how to use the objects in a safe and enjoyable way. If you are interested in knowing more about the benefits of loose parts play, you may find the following link of interest; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJJeKg>.

Loose parts suggestions:

Buckets, binoculars, cardboard boxes, camping mats, crates, cushions, hammocks, netting, old kitchen items such as old pots and pans, spoons, baking tins, jugs, bowls, rolling pins, whisks, old bicycle wheels, old CD's, old clothing, hats and scarves, old fancy dress costumes, old helmets, old goggles, old musical equipment, old tennis/badminton rackets, old tents, old wellies/boots, piping plastic garden pots, poles, ribbon, ropes, rucksacks, rugs, sheets, sticks, string, tarpaulin, telephones, traffic cones, watering cans, wind breakers and wire reels etc, etc.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival is being run on Friday, 21 July. Both track and field events will take place on one day. The carnival will be held at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights. We will leave school at 9.00 am, ready to start at 9.15 am sharp. This athletics carnival is for all children in Years 3-6 and only those Year 2 children who turn 8 years old this year.

All children will travel to and from the oval by bus. **All children must come to school, have their name marked and then travel on the bus to Alroy Oval at the allotted time. The payment for the day must have been paid last term. We are unable to except any payments this week due to our new finance system commencing.** At the end of the day children may go home with parents after the carnival however, the children's names **MUST BE** marked off the roll by their teacher. Children should wear house colours, school hat and sunscreen. Bottled water needs to be brought as well.

As this carnival is for children in Years 3 to 6, all K-2 children (except those 8 year old Year 2 children participating) will stay at school and have normal classes. All Year 3 to 6 teachers will be supervising at the carnival.

Parents and spectators are most welcome. Come and support your child!

Cathy Black and Sharmyn Zeidler - Sport Co-ordinators

Book Week 2017

Just a quick note for those who like to be prepared. This year's Book Week theme is "Escape to Everywhere". Our Book Fair and parade will be held on Thursday, 3 August 2017. More information will be in the newsletter closer to the date.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

Scholastic Book Club - Online LOOP payments ONLY

From Term 3, **the school will only be accepting Book Club orders and payments through the online Scholastic LOOP system** (Linked Online Order and Payment Platform). This coincides with the implementation of the new LMBR finance system. To make an order by LOOP, simply register at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP, enter your child's first name, last name initial, class and school and click on order. It's that simple! Any cash payments and orders received by the school from Term 3 onwards, will be returned to the student for processing online.

Upper Hunter PSSA

The Upper Hunter PSSA has both a Facebook page and an Upper Hunter PSSA Sportsbag App (search Upper Hunter Primary School Sports Association in your App Store). This will be the quickest way for parents to receive cancellation information for any PSSA events including the upcoming Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, 11 August.

Payments to School

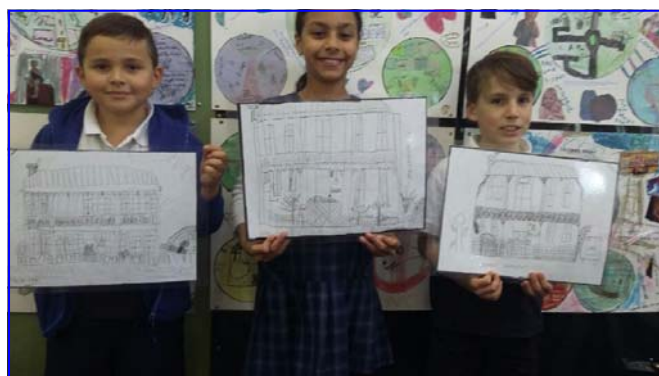
As stated in earlier newsletters, the Department of Education are introducing a new computer system for schools to use for finance, attendance, enrolments, health and wellbeing, etc. At Singleton Public School, this system will "Go Live" at the start of Term 3. Therefore the school will not be able to take payments between 18 and 28 July 2017 to enable the new system to be set up.

Please note Parent Online Payments are also unavailable.

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

3A Drawing Competition

Congratulations to Ashton 1st, Jasmine 2nd and Jack 3rd for the little 3A competition drawing "Bel Glen" - the house across the road. The owner Mr Nancarrow saw us drawing it and made a competition. The winners get a tour of the house this term. Well done !




**Transport
for NSW**

School travel update

Application information - June 2017

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications and submitting School Drive Subsidy and Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme attendance checks.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes, tracking the status of your application and tracking the status of your School Drive Subsidy application and payments.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number or exchange program when applying online, making the application and approval process much faster.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

Note: Student attendance checks will be available for completion by schools after the last day of semester (1 July 2017).

Fundraising made easy

Introducer Program



Here for good.  **NEWCASTLE
PERMANENT**

Introducer Program with the New- castle Permanent

The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over \$100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous \$600 to our school!

SPS Volunteer Canteen Roster 2017

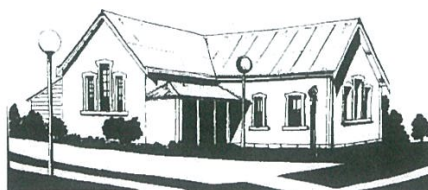
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Anna Adamthwaite	Lynda Damstra	Cara Roohan	Kirsten Roxburgh	Sandy Tickell
	1 more helper please	1 more helper please	Morgan Lees	Cynthia Roffey	Maxine Kolinos
				Judi Wyllie	Sally Menere
	20-Feb-17	21-Feb-17	22-Feb-17	23-Feb-17	School Development Day
	20-Mar-17	21-Mar-17	22-Mar-17	23-Mar-17	24-Feb-17
	15-May-17	16-May-17	17-May-17	18-May-17	24-Mar-17
	Public Holiday	13-Jun-17	14-Jun-17	15-Jun-17	19-May-17
	07-Aug-17	08-Aug-17	09-Aug-17	10-Aug-17	16-Jun-17
	04-Sep-17	05-Sep-17	06-Sep-17	07-Sep-17	11-Aug-17
	30-Oct-17	31-Oct-17	01-Nov-17	02-Nov-17	08-Sep-17
	27-Nov-17	28-Nov-17	29-Nov-17	30-Nov-17	03-Nov-17
					01-Dec-17
WEEK 2	Teagan Hartcher	Lynda Damstra	Sarah Land	Nicole Furness	Paula Stokes
	DI Cooke (when available)	1 more helper please	Melissa Muddiman	Kylie Broadbent	Jen Andrews
	1 more helper please		Julie Thomas	Cara Roohan	Kristine Lawrence
	30-Jan-17	31-Jan-17	01-Feb-17	02-Feb-17	03-Feb-17
	27-Feb-17	28-Feb-17	01-Mar-17	02-Mar-17	03-Mar-17
	27-Mar-17	28-Mar-17	29-Mar-17	30-Mar-17	31-Mar-17
	School Development Day	Public Holiday	26-Apr-17	27-Apr-17	28-Apr-17
	22-May-17	23-May-17	24-May-17	25-May-17	26-May-17
	19-Jun-17	20-Jun-17	21-Jun-17	22-Jun-17	23-Jun-17
	School Development Day	18-Jul-17	19-Jul-17	20-Jul-17	21-Jul-17
	14-Aug-17	15-Aug-17	16-Aug-17	17-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
	11-Sep-17	12-Sep-17	13-Sep-17	14-Sep-17	15-Sep-17
	09-Oct-17	10-Oct-17	11-Oct-17	12-Oct-17	13-Oct-17
	06-Nov-17	07-Nov-17	08-Nov-17	09-Nov-17	10-Nov-17
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WEEK 3	Cynthia Roffey	Lynda Damstra	Claire Elgar	Maree Davidson	Kate Howe
	Angie Trowbridge	Melissa Wilson	Morgan Lees	Karen Patton	Renee Mouser
				1 more helper please	Maxine Kolinos
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	03-Apr-17	04-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	06-Apr-17	07-Apr-17
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	11-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	13-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	15-Dec-17
WEEK 4	Tammy Cox (9-12)	Lynda Damstra	Susan Henderson	Felicity Murray	Craig Cooke
	DI Cooke (when available)	Rebecca Tutt (9-12)	Cara Roohan	Rachel Baxter	Rebecca Cooke
	Monica Louw		Tracy Matthews	Kylie Page	Amy Stone
	13-Feb-17	14-Feb-17	15-Feb-17	16-Feb-17	17-Feb-17
	13-Mar-17	14-Mar-17	15-Mar-17	16-Mar-17	17-Mar-17
	08-May-17	09-May-17	10-May-17	11-May-17	12-May-17
	05-Jun-17	06-Jun-17	07-Jun-17	08-Jun-17	09-Jun-17
	31-Jul-17	01-Aug-17	02-Aug-17	03-Aug-17	04-Aug-17
	28-Aug-17	29-Aug-17	30-Aug-17	31-Aug-17	01-Sep-17
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TERM 3

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JUL 1	17 Staff Development Day	18 Students return	19 Visiting Aboriginal Show - Lucas Proudfoot (Supercover)	20	21 School Athletics Carnival	22
						23
JUL 2	24 LMBR Go Live	25	26	27 NAIDOC Day Celebrations NSW Netball Schools Cup	28 Office can accept limited payments	29
	Canadian Principal visit					30
AUG 3	31 Education Week	1 ICAS – English	2 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm	3 Library Bookfair and Parade	4	5
						6
AUG 4	7 Korean School Visit	8 Korean School Visit PSSA Golf Trials	9 Korean School Visit	10 Korean School Visit	11 Korean School Visit Zone Athletics Carnival Alroy Oval	12
						13
AUG 5	14	15 ICAS - Mathematics	16	17	18	19
						20
AUG 6	21	22	23	24 Kinder Library visit 11.30 am Yr 1 Library visit 1.00 pm	25	26
						27
AUG / SEPT 7	28 Year 4 Sydney	29 Year 4 Sydney Yr 2 Library visit 1pm	30 Year 4 Sydney	31 Year 3 Library visit 11.30 am Year 4 Library visit 1.00 pm	1	2
						3
SEPT 8	4	5 Stage 3 Library visit 1.30pm	6 P&C Meeting 6.00 pm Stage 3 Library visit 1.30pm	7 Year 4 Girl Talk	8 School Fete	9
						10
SEPT 9	11	12	13	14 Year 3 Outdoor Experience	15 Year 3 Outdoor Experience	16
						17
SEPT 10	18	19	20	21	22 Last day of Term 3	23
						24

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19 June 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.

- EFTPOS payments:** The school 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 **27 July 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
- Cash and cheque payments:** Between **18 July 2017** and **27 July 2017**, the school 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 **27 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
- 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 **26 July 2017**. From **27 July 2017**, Online payments will be accepted as before.
- Outstanding Accounts:** In the lead up to this transition period, it is requested that all parents/carers ensure that all payments are finalised before Friday, 23 June. This includes any voluntary contributions that you would like to pay for the year, P&C Levy payments, excursion deposits, visiting show payments and band instrument hire. This will greatly assist us in the transition. Statement of Accounts will be sent home again towards the end of the term.

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



Education

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 10 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	James Matilda	KL	Deon Amitie Indiana
KS	James Digby	1F	Cailin Karlie
1LS	Carter Kristy	1H	Jenna Millie
2J	Felicity Chloe	2L	Mia Cooper Desert
2PD	Mackenzie Tayla	3A	Sam Skinner Ciah Howe Jessica Menere
3N	Miley Charlotte Lilly	4B	Trisha Talan Charlie
4Z	Laila Jacob Alison	4/5S	Ethan Charli Clancy
5/6I	Max Abbie Liam	5E	Lexi Josh Kristy
6D	Georgia Faith Lucy	6M	Rylan Laura Holly
7B		7W	Kaiden

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Addison	Stage 1	Pin-Ling
Stage 2	Tyla	Stage 3	Brayden

Super Citizens

KS	Rosie	4/5S	Kaylar
1LS	Jai	5E	Bridie
2PD	Khloe	6D	Hunter
7W	Duke		

Classwork By 3A

Drawings of "Bel Glen" Elizabeth Street. Guided by our artist in residence Mrs Menere.

