

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 5 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

16 AUGUST 2017

Nabeup Elementary School

Thank you so much to the wonderful families and students of 5/6I for their kindness and support of the students and staff from Nabeup Elementary School last week. Everyone had a great time and many new friendships and a greater cultural understanding have been developed. Special praise to Mr Ison for his efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of the trip.

During the visit, I had the opportunity to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between our two schools which recognises the ongoing and beneficial opportunities our relationship offers each school.

School Working Bee

All families are asked to mark Sunday, 27 August in their diaries for the annual School Working Bee. This event will be coordinated by our P&C and helps to fix various areas of the school grounds prior to the school fete.

Parking in School Grounds

Parents are reminded that parking in the school grounds is not permitted unless specifically arranged through the school. There are a number of people opting to park in the disabled spots located adjacent to the support unit classes which is causing an issue for the special transport taxis.

Kinder Info Night 2018

Families are advised that the school will be conducting an Information Evening for enrolments for 2018 on Monday, 21 August. Please pass this information on to family or friends that you are aware of that may have children ready to commence school next year.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Friday 18 August	Year 4 Sydney final payment due St Cath's Netball Gala Day at Rose Point Park
Monday 21 August	2018 Kindergarten Information Night 6.00 pm
Monday 21 August- Friday 25 August	NAPLAN online for Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 24 August	Kinder Library visit 11.30 am Year 1 Library visit 1.00 pm
Friday 25 August	Year 5 Aussie Bush deposit due
Sunday 27 August	P&C Working Bee 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Monday 28 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion leaving SPS at 7.00 am
Tuesday 29 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion Year 2 Library visit 1.30 pm
Wednesday 30 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion returning SPS approximately 5.45 pm
Thursday 31 August	Year 3 Library visit 11.30 am Year 4 Library visit 1.00 pm
Friday 1 September	Stage 1 Newcastle Wetlands excursion payment due Stage 2 Milo Cricket 9.00 am - 2.00 pm at Cook Park Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale
Monday 4 September	Stage 1 Newcastle Wetlands excursion leaving SPS at 8.30 am sharp
Tuesday 5 September	Year 6 Library visit 1.30 pm Girl Talk note and money due
Wednesday 6 September	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library Year 5 Library visit 1.30 pm Year 3 Outdoor Experience final payment due
Thursday 7 September	Year 4 Girl Talk Hunter Valley Grammar Rugby Gala Day
Friday 8 September	School Fete

This weeks assembly will be hosted by 2J at the starting time of 12.45 pm.



Education

Payments to School

Singleton PS has now successfully transitioned to the new LMBR finance system. Payments made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and credit card are able to be accepted at the school office. Alternatively, parents are able to use the Parent Online Payment system through the link on the School Website.

Bandfest

Congratulations to the students who participated in Bandfest on Sunday, 6 August. The students represented the school well and had the opportunity to play with the Singleton Town Band.



Public Speaking

Congratulations to all the children who attended Zone Public speaking. The students were excellent representatives of our school, all doing a fabulous job and listening politely while others spoke. Congratulations to Erin who was Highly Commended in Stage 2, an excellent achievement with 32 contestants and only 1st Place and 3 Highly Commended awards given. Well Done!



Year 4 Girl Talk

As part of Singleton Public School's 'Personal Development' program, Year 4 girls are invited to take part in a presentation called 'Girl Talk', at the cost of \$20.00 per child and carer, or \$15.00 per child only. In the case of siblings, each additional sibling is \$10.00.

GIRL Talk © is a 90 minute presentation that provides an explanation and practical discussion about "periods" (menstruation) and personal hygiene. To achieve this there will be a relevant overview of puberty. It will identify and explain the purpose of reproductive body parts, leading to discussion on keeping safe (child protection) with a simple explanation of sexual intercourse and birth.

GIRL Talk © has been designed especially for Year 4 girls and the girls are encouraged to bring along their mother or carer.

This program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to ask questions and to discuss sensitive topics in a safe environment.

The session will be held on Thursday, 7 September 2017, beginning at 9.30 am.

Please return your note with payment to your child's teacher by Tuesday, 5 September 2017.

Netball Gala Day

The St Catherine's College Netball Gala Day will be held at Rose Point Park on Friday, 18 August. Students will walk to and from Rose Point Park accompanied by Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben, leaving school at 8.30 am and returning by 3.00 pm. Students are to be at the school parsonage by 8.20 am to leave by 8.30 am.

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. Pies, sausage rolls, party pies and pizza as well as chips, lollies, drinks, tea and coffee will be available to purchase on the day, however a packed lunch is advisable due to time restrictions.

It will cost \$3.50 to participate in this event. Please pay cash only as a portion will be taken out for the umpires.

Please return the permission slip and money to the office by the 18 August 2017.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box.

With the kids back to school for Term 3, here are a few tips to make packing and eating lunches easy for you and your child.

- Allocate a drawer or area of the kitchen where lunch boxes and containers are kept, so you can streamline packing.
- If you get food coming home uneaten, ask your child why, as there might be a simple reason, like it's getting soggy in the lunch box, it takes too long to eat or you are packing a little too much for them.
- Remember to include a fork or spoon when needed.
- Prevent soggy sandwiches – pack fillings such as tomato and cucumber slices separately to be added to bread at lunch time, or pat slices dry with paper towel at home before adding to a sandwich.
- For small appetites or younger children, packing smaller serves can help; like cutting sandwiches into quarters and chopping up fruit.
- Open tinned food like corn, baked beans and tuna at home and send in the lunchbox in a plastic container. Tins can be hard to open at school and are sharp on little fingers.

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



Canteen Roster - Week 6 Term 3 2017

Mon 21/8/17	Cynthia Roffey, Angie Trowbridge
Tues 22/8/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 23/8/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 24/8/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, 1 more helper please
Fri 25/8/17	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:-

“Respectful manners are appreciated”

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

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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

Milo Blast Cricket Gala Day

Stage Two students have been asked to participate in the MILO Blast cricket gala day organised by Cricket NSW on Friday, 1 September at Cook Park. Students will be exposed to cricket in a fun, inclusive, learning environment!

The cost for the day is \$3.00 per student and is a worthwhile investment in learning and polishing new skills.

The day will start at 9.00 am and games will commence at 9.30 am. The day will finish at 2.00 pm. Children will meet with the Stage 2 teachers at 8.50 am at the Parsonage and walk to the venue. The children will walk back to school at the end of the day and will return at approximately 2.30 pm.

Children will need to wear school uniform with joggers, bring plenty of water and enough food for the day. Please remember NOT to order at the canteen that day!!!!

Sharmyn Zeilder and Cathy Black

Stage 1 Wetlands

Stage One students will visit the Shortland Wetlands Centre on Monday, 4 September 2017. Students and teachers will travel to and from the Wetlands by bus.

Buses will leave school at 8.30 am SHARP and will return to school by 3.10 pm. Children must be at school by 8.15 am sharp.

The cost will be \$25.00 (\$14.00 bus and \$11.00 entry into the Centre) per student. Permission notes and money must be sent to the office no later than 1.00 pm Friday, 1 September 2017. Parent volunteers are welcome to travel to the Wetlands Centre via car. If you would like to volunteer, please record your name on the permission slip. Due to the large number of students travelling to the centre, we will only be allowing a small number of volunteers. Volunteers will be notified if they can attend prior to the excursion.

The cost for parents to attend is \$8.00, which you can pay on the day to the Wetlands Centre.

Children will need their sports uniform, shoes, eg joggers, hat and sunscreen, recess and lunch and at least two drinks.

The day's program will include a theatrette presentation, dip-netting, various hands-on and observation activities, scientific investigations using microscopes and a mapping exercise around the ponds.

Any children who have not returned a Medical Information Sheet sent home earlier this year will be unable to attend the excursion.

KS Fete Donations

September 8, is coming fast. KS will be holding the handicraft stall at this year's upcoming fete. Any donations of handmade goods would be greatly appreciated. Please send items to Mrs Scoles' classroom anytime.

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.

2017 Fete 1LS Trash and Treasure Stall

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

4B Fete Donations

4B are in need of chocolate donations for their gold coin toss. Chocolates can be sent to 4B or the school office.

4Z Fete Donations

4Z are in need of chocolate donations for their prize for Ninja Warrior. Chocolates can be sent to 4Z or the school office.

KL and 2J Cake stall

KL and 2J would appreciate all donations of cakes and slices. Please label with ingredients and price. All goodies can be taken to the hall on fete morning.

Support Unit Fete Donations

The Support Unit are running a monster raffle for this years school fete. We are seeking donations of prizes for the raffle. If you know anyone with a small business, who would like to contribute, their donations would be greatly appreciated.

Year 6 Fete Donations

Year 6 are in need of second hand kids clothing for their fete stall. Donations of any clothing that your child may have grown out of are appreciated, however we are being very particular about the clothes we sell and we would only like good quality items. Please donate going out wear – not house wear/old clothes.

Payments to School

As stated in earlier newsletters, the Department of Education have introduced a new computer system for schools to use for finance, attendance, enrolments, health and wellbeing, etc. At Singleton Public School, this system went live at the start of Term 3. Payments are now able to be accepted at the school office, however please be aware minor delays may be experienced while office staff are setting up the new system and learning the new programs.

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Year 5 Aussie Bush

The major excursion for Year 5 is to "The Great Aussie Bush Camp" at Tea Gardens for 4 days from Tuesday, 21 November to Friday, 24 November 2017 (Week 7 Term 4).

The aim of this excursion is to provide a successful and rewarding camping experience in a bush setting. We also hope to encourage independence and mutual co-operation. The camping activities are led and conducted by qualified instructors. A list of requirements for camp has been sent home with the permission note.

The cost of the excursion is \$342 for children and \$370 for accompanying parents. This includes bus fare, accommodation, all meals and trained instructors for a range of activities.

A \$50 deposit must be paid to the school office by **Friday, 25 August** for all students. *If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending.*

Balance of all money must be paid by **Monday 13 November 2017** for students and parents. **(Due to the new LMBR finance system, no money can be accepted after this date.)**

You can start paying by instalments now.

Refunds will only be given in extenuating circumstances.

*At this time, we have a very limited number of places available for parents who are interested in accompanying us, as we have limited accommodation available. If you are interested, please fill in and return the 'Expression of Interest' slip on the permission note by **Friday, 11 August**. This will allow time for us to look at the number of parents who would like to attend, perform a ballot and advise the parents selected.*

Book Week Town Library

During August and September the Singleton Town Library are celebrating Book Week with special performances for school groups. Our students will be attending on the dates below. This excursion is covered by the walking permission note.

Kindergarten – 24 August

Year 1 – 24 August

Year 2 – 29 August

Year 3 – 31 August

Year 4 – 31 August

Year 5 – 6 September

Year 6 - 5 September

Appointments with Teachers

Due to the many commitments of our teaching staff before and after school, it is asked that if you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the office to leave a message for your child's teacher to contact you. The mornings are often used for lesson preparation and there are often times when staff need to get away as soon as the afternoon bell goes for after-school meetings, appointments, etc.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Wonderful sunshine greeted the contestants on Friday, 11 August at Alroy Oval unfortunately the weather did not behave and we were soon met with some dreadful wind.

There was an early start for some of our children who competed in the 1500 metre race at 7.30 am. These children were Caleb, Phoebe, Abbie, Tom, Ella and Oliver. Thanks to all these children and their parents who made a special effort to be at the oval at such an early time.

A large contingent of athletes qualified to attend the Zone Carnival they were: Max, Lachlan, Sanjay, Jhy, Cooper, Jack, Taj, Max, Hugo, Tyler, Bill, Adam, Harry, Seth, Anakin, Archie, Charlie, Lachie, Hayden, Lachlan, Lachlan, Jayce, Tom, Oliver, Mitchell, Arli, Jasmine, Amelia, Siaan, Phoebe, Hannah, Chelsea, Abbie, Sofia, Ruby, Ella, Laura, Maddie, Sheridyn, Alisha, Chelsea, Tyla, Lillyan, Kaitlin, Emilia and Lilly.

Many children were in multiple events and many were just competing in one or two. However the children competed to the best of their ability and conducted themselves responsibly in what was a very long day.

We have not received any official results as it is a huge job compiling results to select the Upper Hunter Zone team that will represent our school at the Regional carnival at Glendale in late August. As soon as we have this information we will inform the relevant competitors.

Sharmyn Zeidler and Cathy Black



Fete 2017 Stalls

Class	Stall
KS	Craft Stall
KM	Garden, Produce and Lemonade Stall
KL	Cake Stall
1H	Show Alley and Teddy Tombola plus guessing competitions
1F	Show Alley and Teddy Tombola plus guessing competitions
1LS	Junk and Disorderly
2PD	Busking plus Kristy with band for band performance
2L	Fairy Floss and Snow Cones
2J	Cake stall with KL
3A	The Chill Out Zone
3N	Beauty Salon- nails and hair
4B	Chuck a coin for a chocolate
4Z	Ninja Warrior
4/5S	Sgt Sully's Battlezone
5E	Putt Putt
5/6I	Tennis
6M & 6D	Second Chance Boutique
Wendy	Chill Out Zone
Debbie	Portraits
Benita/Karen	Library Guessing Competition run by monitors prior to fete

Nabeup Elementary School



Singleton Junior Touch Team Registrations

For ages; 7yrs(turning 7 by 21st March 2018) to 16yrs.

To Register visit our Website

www.singletonjuniors.touch.asn.au

Cost- \$50 per player

Team Registrations close 5th September 2017

Looking for a team?

Call or leave name, age and contact details with Geoff –
0403 272 952

Check Singleton Junior Touch, facebook page for Team Registration date

CULTURAL SHARING DAY

'Our Languages Matter'

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

Sunday
Sept 3rd 2017
10am - 3pm

Location:
Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre
Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
Live performance by Buddy Knox,
Demonstrations and Talk by Pat Collins.
Wildlife show, Humpy Making, Photo Booth, Plus lots more!!!

Bring Dad along to Celebrate this Fathers Day!

Special Guests:

Buddy Knox
Pat Collins

Proudly Supported by:
MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation
Our Languages Matter 2-9 JULY 2017
Pat Collins Traditional & Contemporary

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Singleton

Singleton Square, 1 Gowrie Street

Whole Blood and Plasma

Monday 28 August	10.00am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 29 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 30 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 31 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 1 September	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

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It's back!

Woolworths
earn & learn

We're thrilled to invite you to participate in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 4 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Hailey Travis	KL	Lila Bowen, Amittie
KS	Sam Addison	1F	Karly Hannah
1LS	Jake Addison	1H	Harry Molly
2J	Maddison Rhys	2L	Baylie Mia
2PD	Isabella Riley	3A	Thomas Nesha Alisha
3N	Nash Hayley Hamish	4B	Kingston Riley Chelsea
4Z	Ella Chloe Bryon	4/5S	Charlotte Kaylar Jackson
5/6I	Hamish Grant Alaura	5E	Tahi Charlie Shanae
6D	Lucie Harry Seamus	6M	Danika Jeremy Xander Max
7B	Stevie, Dre	7W	Kaiden, Phoenix

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Harvey	Stage 1	Arli
Stage 2	Cooper	Stage 3	Ruby

Super Citizens

KS	James	4/5S	Reagan
1LS	Sybella	5E	Jenna
2PD	Kayden	6D	Emma
		7B	Dre

Classwork by 2PD



By Thomas



By Sabine



By Max



By MJ



By Bailey