

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 6 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

23 AUGUST 2017

Illnesses at School

There has been several viruses (bugs) going around the school that are having a significant impact on students and staff. Among the symptoms are headaches, upset stomachs and lethargy; as well as usual flu like problems. Please, if your child is displaying signs of being ill, attempt to cater for them at home rather than sending them to school.

Kindergarten 2018

The turn-out for our first Kindergarten Information evening was strongly supported by our school community. Approximately 50 mums and dads attended the meeting on Monday evening to gain an insight of what to expect in Kindergarten at our school and to commence the process of enrolling for 2018.

If you are planning on starting your child in Kindergarten next year, please contact the Office as a matter of urgency so that your child's details can be recorded and to ensure that you do not miss out on information regarding enrolment.

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.

Golfing Super Star

Congratulations to Taj for gaining a place on the NSWPSA Hunter Golf team bound for the State Championships later this term. This is a remarkable effort giving that Taj is in Year 4 and had to outplay a number of older students to secure his place in the team. Well done Taj.

David Crowe
Principal

NAPLAN Results

The 2017 NAPLAN Results for Years 3 and 5 have been sent home this week.

Calendar of Events

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| Thursday 24 August | Kinder Library visit 11.30 am Year 1 Library visit 1.00 pm |
| Friday 25 August | Year 5 Aussie Bush deposit and note 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 Debating team to Scone Public leaving SPS 8.15 am, returning approximately 12.00 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 |
| Wednesday 11 September | Book Club LOOP payments due to scholastic (reminder no cash or cheque payments to the office) |
| Wednesday 13 September | 2018 Kinder enrolments due Aboriginal dental screening |
| Thursday 14 September | Year 3 Outdoor Experience School Disco |
| Friday 15 September | Year 3 Outdoor experience |

This weeks assembly will be hosted by 3A at the starting time of 12.45 pm.



Education

Netball Gala Day

On Friday, 18 August, approximately 70 children from Singleton Public School walked down to Singleton Netball Courts to compete in the annual St Catherine's Netball Gala Day. Altogether we had seven teams in the tournament, one senior and junior girls team, two senior boys team, one junior boys teams and two mixed open teams. The children were all wonderfully behaved and Mrs Merrick, Miss Allen and Mrs Dibben were very proud of them! At the end of the day, SPS got 5 placing's (the teams came either second or third) and two wins - the Mixed Open Team and the Junior Girls Team. Everyone who competed had a fun day! A big THANK YOU to the wonderful parents that help run the teams on the day – we couldn't have done it without you!

Lucie



PSSA Golf

Last week, Kaitlin, Edie, Hayden and Taj participated in the selection trials for the Hunter PSSA Golf team. This event was conducted at the Newcastle Golf Course and brought together the best young golfers from across our Public Schools. All players tried their best to gain selection in the representative team with Taj (Year 4) being selected to represent the Hunter Region at the State titles in early September playing at the Camden Lakes course in Sydney.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to keep all the nutrients and minerals.

Here are some useful tips to help keep the nutrients and minerals in your fruit and veg during preparation and cooking.

- Follow storage tips. Not only will your fruit and veg last longer, it will retain more nutrients and taste better too.
- Try not to peel your fruit and vegetables if you can avoid it. The skin is packed with fibre and other nutrients such as vitamins lie close to the skin surface.
- When cooking fruit and veg try not to chop it up too much.
- Heating fruit and boiling vegies loses many of the wonderful vitamins and minerals inside. Fruit and vegies are great fresh and raw. If you prefer them cooked, steaming, blanching, grilling, roasting, stir frying or microwaving retain more nutrients.
- Fresh is great but the nutrient value of food is also retained when snap frozen.
- Use the outer leaves of vegetables unless they are wilted or unpalatable.
- Keep it simple and do what works for you. We agree that eating fruit and veg any way you can is still a win!

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



Canteen Roster - Week 7 Term 3 2017

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| Mon 28/8/17 | Tammy Cox, Di Cooke, Monica Louw |
| Tues 29/8/17 | Lynda Damstra, Rebecca Tutt |
| Wed 30/8/17 | Susan Henderson, Cara Roohan, Tracy Matthews |
| Thurs 31/8/17 | Felicity Murray, Rachel Baxter, Kylie Page |
| Fri 1/9/17 | 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:-

“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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| 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

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |

Regional Athletics

Congratulations again to all our competitors and well done to these competitors who placed. Unfortunately in the field events along with the 800m you had to come first or second to gain a place on the Upper Hunter Zone team.

Sheridyn – 1st 9 years 100m

Kaitlin – 1st 11 years High Jump

1st 11 years Discus

2nd 11 years Shot Put

Jordan – 2nd Senior High Jump

Amber – 1st Senior Long Jump

Abbie – 3rd 11 years 800m

Max – 2nd 8 years 100m

Archie – 3rd 8 years 100m

Lachlan – 3rd 10 years 100m

Max – 2nd 11 years 100m

2nd 11 years 200m

1st 11 years Long Jump

Jack – 2nd Junior 800m

Bill – 1st 11 years Shot Put

Lachlan – 3rd 11 years Shot Put

Junior Boys Relay – Hayden, Jack, Lachlan and Charlie

Sharmyn Zeilder and Cathy Black

Organising Teachers

Our Present to Papua New Guinea

This term in Science, Year 6 have been studying how light works. We all got into groups and constructed a solar powered light to send to families in Papua New Guinea who aren't as lucky as us and don't have access to lights at night.

We all enjoyed making the lights knowing that they will help people in need. Making these lights have helped us understand how lucky we are to have access to light anytime we want. These lights may be simple to make but will have a big impact on other people's lives. This has been a great experience and we all learnt something great.

Year 6 Students



Book Club Orders - Scholastic LOOP

Book Club order forms are being sent home this week. All payments for Book Club now need to be paid via LOOP on the Scholastic website. The office can no longer receive any cash or cheque payments. **Please do not make any payments through the schools Parent Online Payment System (POP).**

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.

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.

KM Fete Donations

KM are after donations of lemons for lemonade for the fete. If you can please drop to KM between now and fete day.

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.

1LS Fete 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 send 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 send 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.

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.

Fete 2017 Stalls

| Class | Stall |
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| 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 and Mrs Hackett prior to fete |
| Support Unit | Raffle |

Abstudy

The end of the year is approaching fast. If you have a child entering into secondary school in 2018 and think you could be eligible for Abstudy, parents or guardians are encouraged to test their eligibility. ABSTUDY assistance and applications can be made 13 weeks prior to the commencement of the 2018 school year. Further information can be obtained by calling the **ABSTUDY Freecall number on 1800 132 317**. A link providing further information can be found below.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/abstudy>



Book Club LOOP
The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** and register today!



Cessnock NDIS information session with Member for Hunter, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing support for people with disability, their families and carers in Australia.

Please join the Member for Hunter, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP and the National Disability Insurance Agency at an information session to find out more about the NDIS and get your questions answered.



For more information and to RSVP visit [Eventbrite](#)

Places are limited. Light refreshments will be provided.
Please provide notification of any accessibility requirements.

Date: Monday 28 August 2017
Time: 11.00am-1.30pm
Location: Cessnock Leagues Club, 1 Darwin Street,
Cessnock NSW 2325

#ndisready



CatholicCare Singleton Office, OPENING AUGUST 2017!

Our Clinical Psychologist is taking appointments now for:

- Counselling services
- Psychological Services



No referral required, contact us today to make an appointment.

About Us

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is a not-for-profit organisation and an outreach agency of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

We assist children, young people, individuals, couples and families regardless of their religion, age, gender, physical and intellectual capacity, or ethnicity.

Underpinning the delivery of all our services is a genuine desire to help the person we are supporting to achieve their personal goals. We consult with the individual and their support network on a regular basis to ensure choice and control is maintained and desired outcomes are being achieved. To find out more about how we can assist you achieve your goals, contact us and we can provide you with a personalised overview.



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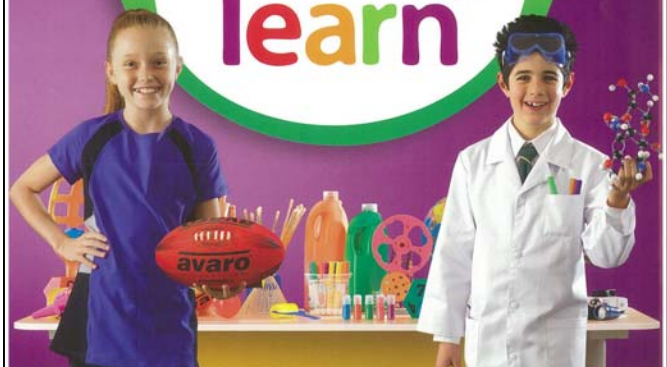
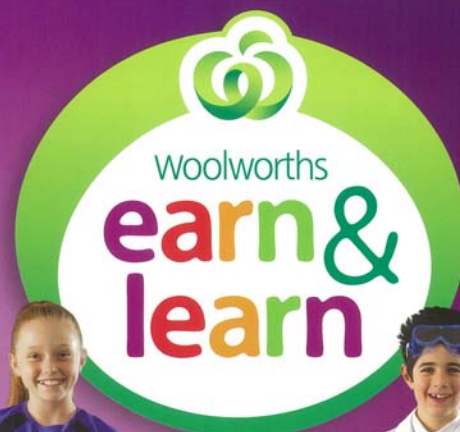


AUDITION'S
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2017
COMMENCING AT 3:30PM

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2017
TIME: 5:30PM
WHERE: SINGLETON YOUTH VENUE
CNR PITT & BATHURST STREET
COST: \$5 PER PERSON
\$15 FAMILY OF FOUR (additional children \$2)

For further information or to purchase tickets contact the Youth Venue on 65 787 501 or youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au

It's back!



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 5 2017

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

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| KM | Reeves Cruz | KL | Sydney Danika |
| KS | Lewis Bella | 1F | Amelia |
| 1LS | Aiden Mia | 1H | Layla Nate |
| 2J | Ellie Ann Jackson | 2L | Desert Jackson |
| 2PD | Max Tutt Archie | 3A | Cameron Clancy |
| 3N | Corey Jasmine Chad | 4B | Brayden Bailey Robbie |
| 4Z | Mackayla Lynkin Jack | 4/5S | Harrison Alex Clancy |
| 5/6I | Reba Edie Emma | 5E | Jayce Tazma Jenna |
| 6D | Kley | 6M | NETBALL |
| 7B | Zedekai | 7W | Bella , Kaiden |

Singleton Stars

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| Early Stage 1 | - | Stage 1 | Recce |
| Stage 2 | Harrison | Stage 3 | Reagan |

Super Citizens

Not presented in Week 5

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Classwork by KL

