

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 4 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

9 AUGUST 2017

Welcome Nabeup School

This week we are very honoured to host students and staff from Nabeup Elementary School, South Korea. This is a marvellous opportunity for our students to gain a greater insight to different cultures and experiences. Many thanks to the lovely families that have agreed to host the students during their stay. I am sure that your contribution to the visit will have a positive influence on the overall excursion.

Students from Nabeup will have opportunities to participate in class programs at SPS, as well as visit local attractions including Newcastle Harbour, the Hunter Valley Zoo and the Newcastle Museum.

We are looking forward to Wednesday morning, as the students from Nabeup will be doing a short performance piece for our school in the hall.

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.

Student Health

Of late, a significant number of students have been reporting to the sick bay complaining of headaches and being generally unwell. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell as they run the risk of passing their condition on to others. Also, please remember to advise the Office if your contact details have changed so that we can maintain accurate records.

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.

Calendar of Events

Friday 11 August	Zone Athletics Carnival - Alroy Oval
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	Yr 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
Tuesday 29 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion Year 2 Library visit 1.30 pm
Wednesday 30 August	Year 4 Sydney Excursion
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
Monday 4 September	Stage 1 Newcastle Wetlands excursion
Tuesday 5 September	Stage 3 Library visit 1.30 pm
Wednesday 6 September	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library Stage 3 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 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

David Crowe
Principal



Education

Book Fair

Congratulations to the winners of the Book Fair book parade. All students looked great and it wasn't an easy task to pick only one winner per grade. Well done to all of the students who participated, you all looked fantastic! A big thank you goes to Bec Hobbs who volunteered as parent helper at the Book Fair for the whole day. Your help was greatly appreciated!

The winners were :

Olivia, Lucy, Mille, Tazma, Cooper, McKayla, Jhy and Duke.



Netball Gala Day

On Thursday, 27 July, five teams represented our school at the Netball NSW Gala Day at Rose Point Park. All of the students, parents and staff had a great day and our teams all participated with excellent sportsmanship. Each team had at least one win and everyone played extremely well. Thank you to all the parents and families that helped and supported the students on the day.



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.

 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to help fussy eaters.

Fussy eating is very common and often very stressful for the whole family. While there is no magic solution, perseverance, involvement, presentation and disguise are four effective strategies that can help address this behaviour.



Other tips include:

- Offer new foods at times when children are hungry.
- Encourage kids to try new foods but do not force them to eat. "Parents provide, children decide" is a good rule of thumb to use.
- Let kids help out with food preparation.
- Be a good role model.
- Praise your child for trying new foods: sometimes kids refuse foods to get attention.
- Add "hidden" vegies to recipes such as spaghetti bolognese, soups, casseroles and home-made burgers.
- Cook vegies lightly and use a variety of types so they have different flavours and colours.
- It will take several attempts (10 – 15 times) so do not give up after the first time.

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Canteen Roster - Week 5 Term 3 2017

Mon 14/8/17	Teagan Hartcher, Di Cooke, 1 more helper please
Tues 15/8/17	Lynda Damstra, 1 more helper please
Wed 16/8/17	Sarah Land, Melissa Muddiman, Julie Thomas
Thurs 17/8/17	Nicole Furness, Kylie Broadbent, Cara Roohan
Fri 18/8/17	Paula Stokes, Jen Andrews, 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:-

“ Showcasing Quality ”

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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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

P&C News

On Wednesday, 2 August the P&C held their monthly meeting and I would like to thank all those in attendance for their contribution and time.

We are pleased to confirm that we have had an excellent response to the Cupcakes for Classrooms initiative run by the Canteen. Lisa has so far shipped off 100's of delicious cupcakes to classrooms to celebrate birthdays and farewells. You can order the cupcakes for your child's birthday; please see Lisa in the canteen and ask for an order form or you can download one from the school website.

The P&C are currently busily organising the school fete and have a number of things we need your help with. If you are able to help with any of these things please get in touch with the P&C or see Lisa in the canteen. We are currently looking for:

- Plaster for our plaster cast stall. Last year the children delighted in having their arms put in a plaster cast and we would love to offer this stall again but can't do it without plaster, anyone who has any contacts or ideas of where we could source plaster from would be very much appreciated.
- Does anyone have an artistic streak and would be available on the day to help out with Face Painting? We would love to hear from you.
- Please consider volunteering on the day in the canteen, please contact Lisa and she will place you on the roster for the day.
- This year we would love our Cake Stall to be the biggest and most amazing yet. For all the classes that are not required to help out with classroom donations please consider baking something to bring along to sell at the Cake Stall, cakes, slices, biscuits, sweets all is welcome, please remember to place a tag with ingredients on your goods.

The success of the day depends on your input so please consider doing your part and help make the day a huge success.

We are also organising a Working Bee at the school to help out in the Garden Club/ Kitchen Garden area. The Working Bee will be held on Sunday, 27 August from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. Please come along for an hour or two on the day and be sure to bring along your shovel or fork and give us a hand.

A HUGE thank you to those amazing volunteers who help out each week in the Canteen and at Breakfast Club, your input is very much appreciated.

Thanks,

Nicole

Year 5 Enviromentors

On Monday, 31 July the EnviroMentors paid a visit to our Year 5 students. Tracey shared her knowledge with us about catchments and what happens to water in our environment. She also provided us with an insight as to how we can help protect our water and keep it clean.

By using a 3D model Tracey explained what happens to water and how it ends up in our river systems. We also had an opportunity to get hands on during a story that helped us understand how the actions of many individuals add up and can have a big impact on the rivers.

The knowledge we gained will be very helpful, especially while doing the Hunter River Project during library lessons.

Special thanks to Singleton Council for organising and sponsoring this event.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Singleton Public School is participating in the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' program where stickers are awarded after purchasing items in Woolworths stores. A dedicated box for our school has been placed at the front entrance of Woolworths Singleton for you to deposit the stickers.

The 'Earn and Learn' program began on Wednesday, 26 July 2017 and anyone who shops at Woolworths can collect stickers. Stickers collected raise funds to purchase educational equipment and resources for our school.

If stickers are collected outside of Singleton, please feel free to send them into school with your child.

Please have all stickers deposited by Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

Thank you for your support.

Rachel Nichols



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.

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.

Knitters Beware!

Beginning last Friday (4 August) and continuing each Friday thereafter volunteers from Singleton Crafters will be at KS classroom each lunchtime to teach knitting to the students. If your child would like to participate in this venture, please send them to school with knitting needles and wool on Friday. Mrs Scoles will be helping the volunteers.

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.*

Year 3 Excursion

Payments can now be taken for the balance of the Year 3 excursion to Outdoor Education Experience. The total amount for the excursion is \$188.00. The final amount owing, less the deposit of \$50.00, is \$138.00. This amount is due to be paid by 6 September 2017. A reminder that no late payments can be accepted due to the new finance system.

Year 4 Excursion

Payments can now be taken for the balance of the Year 4 excursion to Sydney. The total amount for the excursion is \$325.00. The final amount owing, less the deposit of \$50.00, is \$275.00. This amount is due to be paid by 18 August 2017. A reminder that no late payments can be accepted due to the new finance system.

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 – Stage 3 TBA

Year 6 - Stage 3 TBA

Book Parade



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

Athletics Champions

Junior Boy Champion - Lachlan

Junior Girl Champion -Tie between Siaan and Lillyan

Eleven year Boy Champion - Tie between Max and Tyler

Eleven Year Girls Award - Kaitlin

Senior Boy Champion - Joel

Senior Girl Champion - Jordan

Champion House is Lawson





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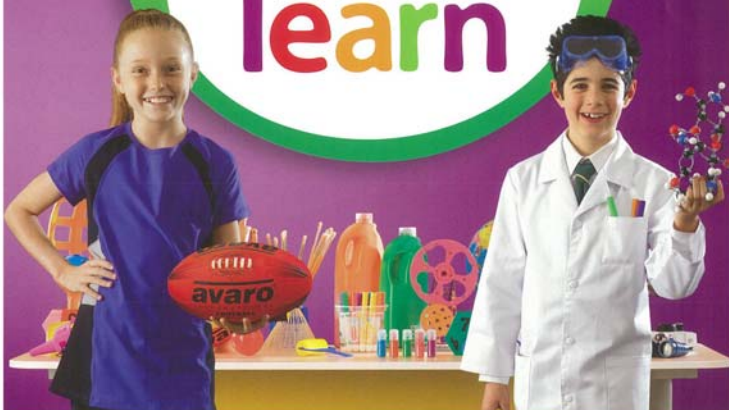
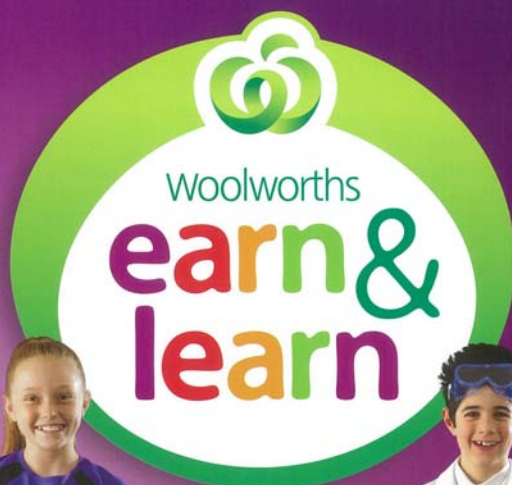
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Hunter Futurepreneurs, an Australian Government Initiative

Hunter Futurepreneur are holding a free session titled "From Unemployed to Self Employed" on the 9th of August from 10:30-11:30AM at Singleton Library, 8-10 Queen St Singleton, focusing on how to start up a business and the fundamental skills needed to do so, OR if you already have an existing business you may want to get some extra advice.

Here is the link to our Event Page -
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/from-unemployed-to-self-employed-tickets-36294362415>

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nate a generous \$600 to our school!

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

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KM	Jazmyn Liam	KL	Emma Indiana
KS	Isaac Oliver	1F	Amelia Vincent
1LS	Ashley Levi	1H	Meika Stevie
2J	Ben Felicity	2L	Harry Cooper Andrea
2PD	Hannah Lochie	3A	Jack Ashton Jacob
3N	Campbell Taneesha	4B	Beau Jake Jimmy
4Z	Amber Jett Kaden	4/5S	Chelsea Nathan Abbey
5/6I	Abbie Ava Ocean	5E	Hugo Abbey Jacque
6D	Lucy Seamus Kley	6M	Isaak Nozipho Clayton
7B	Coleby	7W	Bella

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Annabelle	Stage 1	Dakodah
Stage 2	Hayden	Stage 3	Josh

Super Citizens

KL	Harvey	3N	Evan
1H	Molly	4B	Brayden
2L	Eva	6M	Max

Reading Awards : Carter, Jai, Lochie, Harry

Classwork by 1LS

1LS enjoyed reading about spiders and using watercolours to paint webs last week. Did you know spiders actually have 8 eyes? These spiders are not wolf spiders. Wolf spiders are hunters, they don't make webs to catch their prey.

