

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

13 SEPTEMBER 2017

School Fete

Thank you to everyone that came along to the School Fete on Friday. It was a wonderful day with many happy and engaged faces both young and old. Special thanks to the staff and community that assisted with the various stalls throughout the day including the Singleton Infantry Base, NSW Fire and Rural Fire services, PCYC, Singleton Council and many other local businesses and community groups. I am sure that the P&C have been busy over the weekend counting the funds raised from the day.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. To access the Singleton Public School parent survey please use the following address <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cx6w2>.

Rescheduled P&C Meeting – Wednesday, 13 September

Parents and Community members please be advised that the next meeting of the school P&C will take place this Wednesday evening in the school library. All are welcome. School age children are able to access the computer lab during the meeting time to assist with supervision during the meeting.

Genius Hour Projects

I was very impressed by the range and calibre of the projects that Year 6 students presented as part of their "Genius Hour" work with Mrs Van Der Wel. We have many very clever students with some great ideas. I'm pleased that we don't have to choose a winner as the diversity and thought that has been put into the works has been amazing and everyone deserves recognition.

Among the contributions were skate boards and balance boards; a dog jacket; a handmade electric guitar; a dog kennel featuring special design elements; song lyrics; and a no sew foot rest. There was also quite a bit of self-reflection by the students that helped them identify their particular learning strengths and weaknesses. Congratulations Year 6.

New Enrolments

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of new enrolments to the school. I would like to welcome Tommy, Tony, Chain and Roman to our school. I trust that you will have an enjoyable and productive time at Singleton Public School.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 13 September	2018 Kinder enrolment form and non-local application forms due Kinder Farm excursion leaving SPS at 9.30 am K-2 Sports carnival note due Aboriginal Dental screening P&C Movie fundraiser due back to Canteen P&C Meeting in school Library 6.00 pm
Thursday 14 September	Year 3 Outdoor Experience leaving SPS 8.30 am
Friday 15 September	Year 3 Outdoor Experience returning SPS 3.00 pm K-2 Sports Carnival at Cook Park 2
Tuesday 19 September	Earn and Learn stickers due to Woolworths
Wednesday 20 September	Sporting Schools concludes Kinder Singleton Show note due back to school
Friday 22 September	Last day of Term 3 Kinder Singleton Show excursion leaving SPS at 9.30 am
Monday 9 October	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 10 October	SHS Road Show 9.30 to 11.00 am
Friday 13 October	Kinder Transition commences

There is no assembly this week due to the K-2 sports carnival.

**P&C Meeting tonight at
6.00 pm in the Library
All welcome.**



Education

Year 4 Sydney

On Monday 28 through to the 30 August, Week 7 saw most of Year 4 along with Mr Vesper, Mr Campbell, Mr Morgan, Mrs Webb, Mrs Parry, Mrs Carmen as well as Mrs Black and Ms Zeidler travel to Sydney on Saxby's buses for the annual Sydney excursion. The excursion is a brilliant opportunity to look at our historical beginnings around the Rocks of Sydney, to see important places as well as look at the buildings, statues and other artefacts scattered around the inner city.

The teachers and children want to publicly thank the parents who took the time out of their busy schedules to accompany not only their children but the whole grade. Their attendance ensured the excursion ran smoothly and their extra help was greatly appreciated.

Year 4 have written small snapshots about a couple of places we visited during our trip. Many children were delighted with the zoo but others enjoyed the historical places like the Rocks, Hyde Park Barracks, Australian Museum, The Powerhouse Museum and the Botanic Gardens. The Sydney Pylon tour was interesting but many were deterred by the enormous amount of steps.

As an aside Year 4 have been studying the Seven Steps of Writing (we have not got to the last three steps, as yet) and if you read closely you will see that these recounts are not your ordinary garden variety recounts.

Sharmyn Zeidler and Cathy Black

Chess

On Tuesday, 5 September our three chess teams participated in a competition against five other Hunter Valley schools. Each team played well, showed great sportsmanship and learnt new skills in every game played. A fantastic effort from Clayton, Adam, Jordan, Lucy, Ruby, Alexis, Kaitlin, Charlotte and Jacob Murry. These students were a credit to our school.



Debating

This year in the Premiers Debating Challenge, there were over 180 teams entered in the Hunter region! Our debating team called 'Persuaders' had a great run and came in the top 16 schools in the Hunter region. The team had their final two debates in the last 10 days. Last week, they travelled to Scone and debated 'All primary schools should have an equal amount of male and female teachers'. They were the negative team and developed strong arguments against the topic, eventually winning the debate. On Monday, the team travelled to Rutherford and debated 'Australia should ban all misbehaving pop stars from performing in Australia'. It was a hard debate, in which the team was affirmative for the very first time this year. Both teams had some great arguments and spoke well, however Rutherford came out on top. The Persuaders wish Rutherford all the best for the remainder of the competition.

Amber and Jordan



KS Fete

KS would like to thank everyone for their wonderful donations to their stall. Raffle winners were:

1st prize Judy Sattler

2nd prize Oscar Mell

3rd prize Majorie Pearce

Also, a big thankyou to Morgan Lees for her donation of a shade shelter to our school. It will be well used by all children.

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to increase your fruit and veg intake.

Myth
Frozen and canned fruit and vegetables don't count towards your daily intake of fruit and vegetables.



Fact

- Frozen or canned fruit and vegetables are great alternatives when fresh varieties are out of season, unavailable or more expensive.
- Frozen and canned vegetables are usually packed shortly after picking, so there is little nutrient loss.
- Varieties with no added sugar or salt are the best choice (look for tinned fruit in natural juice rather than syrup and tinned vegetables with no added salt).

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 10 Term 3 2017

Mon 18/9/17	Cynthia Roffey, Angie Trowbridge
Tues 19/9/17	Lynda Damstra, Melissa Wilson
Wed 20/9/17	Claire Elgar, Morgan Lees
Thurs 21/9/17	Maree Davidson, Karen Patton, one more helper please
Fri 22/9/17	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:-

“ Respecting the school environment ”

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

Fete Garden Club

Garden Club held a raffle on fete day. The winning ticket was Red F23. If you have this ticket please contact Miss Drinan in KM.

Kinder Singleton Show visit

On Friday, 22 September 2017, Kindergarten students are invited to take a look at the normal activities for schools at the Singleton Show. Children must come to school in the morning and be marked off the roll for the day.

The children will walk to the Showground via the Church Street entrance leaving school at 9.30 am and returning by 12.00 pm (approximately).

Children will need to wear full school uniform, a hat, sunscreen, bring fruit/snack and a drink for recess. Children will have lunch when they return to school. Please pack this in a plastic bag marked with your child's name. Parents are most welcome to accompany us and help with supervision. We ask that no pre-schoolers accompany parents. Children will not be purchasing any show bags or food on this day. All volunteers are asked to respect this decision.

Please return the Kindergarten Singleton Show Visit note by Wednesday, 20 September.

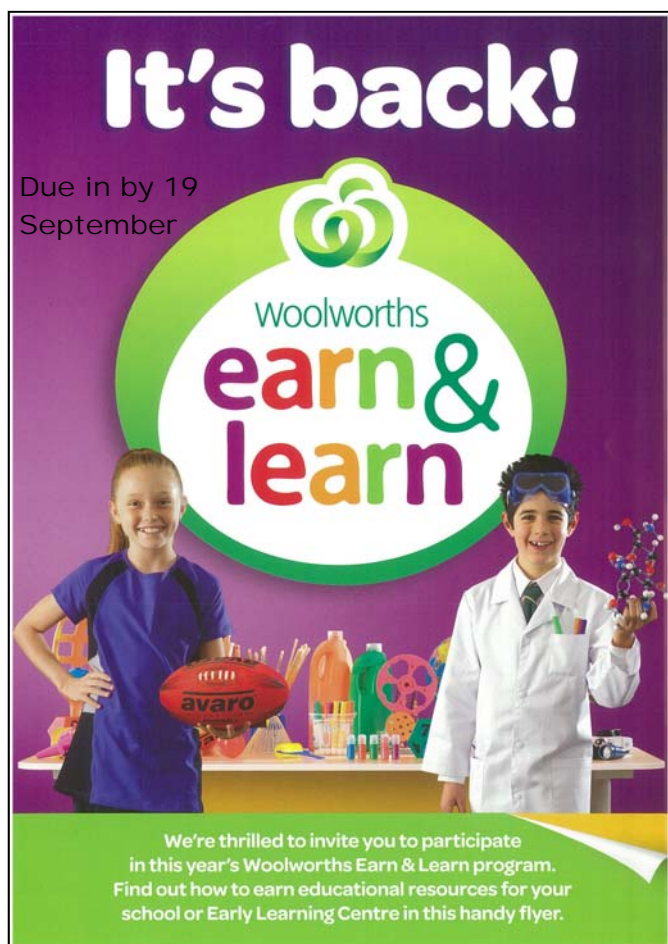
2017 Fete

A big thank you to everyone involved in the Fete!

To all the teachers for their amazing efforts in organising their stalls, to all the people who helped set up and organised stalls and displays, to all the organisations who came along and provided displays and activities, to the parents, grandparents, friends and families and to all the students who enjoyed our amazing Fete Day, we thank you all for making this year's Fete another huge success. Through your generosity and support we managed to raise over \$12,000! We are so happy with this amazing result and look forward to working with the school to upgrade our playground with these funds. You will see a sponsor's poster later in the newsletter of all the businesses, organisations and individuals that provided prizes, donations and their time to convene stalls, please support those that have supported our school.

Thank you all so much!

From a very happy Fete Committee



It's back!

Due in by 19 September

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.

Position Vacant

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DSTA would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

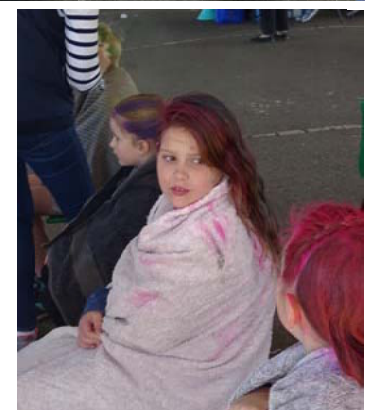
This is a contract position until the end of the 2018 school year. The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DSTA is an employee of Singleton Heights Public School and is responsible to the school principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DSTA role description and selection criteria from the school office.

Applications are due by 4pm, Friday 29th September 2017. For further information relating to this position, please contact Joanne Tucker on 6573 1363.

2017 Fete



Year 6 Genius Hour Projects



Year 4 Sydney

The Powerhouse Museum

Can we go there? No here! Na... too boring. Let's go here! We all yelled at Mrs Carmen.

We were all so excited we had to go everywhere. Finally we came to a decision. We decided to go to the "Million Dollar Mermaid." We thought it would be a golden mermaid but we thought wrongly. It was just a world champion swimmer so we didn't find that interesting.

We then moved in the ... Wiggles Exhibition. Ok! Ok! You're probably thinking, "The Wiggles?" They're for babies but we had heaps of fun. When we entered you could see the door to the Wiggle House, it was awesome. Then we saw Dorothy, Henry, Wags and Captain Feather Sword.

After that we went to the King's Cinema. It was soo scary.

After that spooky place we went to Space. It was so cool. We got to go in a space ship. It was amazing.

Luckily we got to go to the gift shop. Awesome!

Well, see you next time or not!

Phoebe



Year 4 Sydney con't

Taronga Zoo, Sky Safari

"OMG! I wonder what it's going to be like?" I said.

"It might be scary," Mr Vesper said trying to scare us.

"Here it comes everyone. Hop on, it is here!" exclaimed Sophie.

So we all hopped on.

"It's a little squishy in here but the view is great!" I commented.

We were going along and one of us noticed that we couldn't see any animals. Then because we can't see anything it was boring.

We finally go off. It was time to go to the gift shop but I couldn't find anything for Faith so I got a necklace for mum, crystals for Faith and a monkey for dad.

"I don't think the Sky Safari was worth it" I said out loud.

Ella

Taronga Zoo

My hands were shaking and my heart was pumping. I was so excited to see the Taronga Zoo elephants. When we got to the elephants there was a baby one – so cute then two bigger ones much bigger than the little one. The weird thing about it was the elephants were eating wood and I didn't know why they ate wood. So we watched them for about 5 minutes. The bad thing about it was I didn't have my camera because it was dead. Sue-Ellen (Mrs Carmen) took the photos and sent them to mum. There was water surrounding the elephants so they couldn't get near us.

Then we saw the giraffes, there were three, two were eating grass and one was eating grass.

After that we had some lunch and we had to wait in line for the seal show. We finished the seal show and went onto the bird show.

Next we went to the chimpanzees who were climbing around all over their trees looking for termites.

Later we went and saw the crocodiles and some turtles too.

Finally we left the zoo and headed home to Singleton.

It was a fabulous excursion.

Maegan



Naamaroo – the camp

Bang! Crash!

"Oh no! Charlotte are you ok?" I said as I helped her up.

This is a greeaaat way to start trivia.

"OMG! It is so loud." I said.

"Sh! Sh! Sh! Trivia is starting. Sh! Everyone." I called.

"Oh no! I don't know the answer to the question," someone else said.

After trivia we went to our cabins. Erin had to ask Mrs Black something so she went outside and she screamed.

"OMG! There's a possum!" screamed Erin. "SCreeech!" she yelled again.

"Erin, stop crying it's probably gone now," I said.

"No! Don't open the door. Please don't!" pleaded Erin.

After we settled down we all had a shower and my shower buddy was Amber, Alison or Erin. We had buddies because we had a lot of people that had to have a shower.

Finally we got to sleep after a lot of crying and banging and the possum scratching at the door.

Laila

Sydney Harbour Pylon tour

My hands are shaking as I have never been so high up.

I finally get there. Once I step one foot in there is no turning back. As I step in, I get butterflies in my stomach walking up the stairs did not make it better. It felt like fifty flights of stairs.

As everyone gets in we go to a theatre and watch the Harbour Bridge get built. It was very cool. AS we go up more stairs we go to the very top of the pylon and I got some very good pictures for instagram.

After that I didn't feel scared any more.

Matthew

Taronga Zoo

Chirp! Chirp! chirped the galahs. We were at the bird show at Taronga Zoo. The birds were so cool. Birds swooped over our heads so close that if I stood up it would have hit me.

After the show we went into the Australian night life exhibit. It was really dark but we still saw lots of interesting animals like bats, bilbies, bandicoots, echidnas and more.

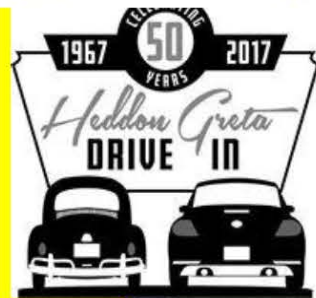
My favourite animal we saw was the Basilisk lizard and we saw it in the reptile house. I like it because it can run on water not in it, on it! It can run on water because the flaps on its toes catch air bubbles which pop when it lifts its foot.

I loved the zoo. It was fun and I learnt a few new things. I really want to go again. I hope the generations to come like it.

Cooper



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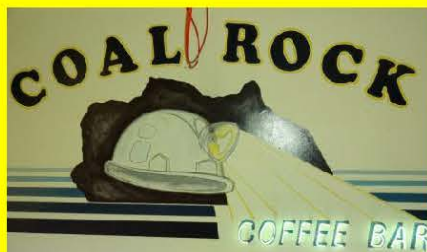


Holly Chapman



Singleton Chicken
Spot

Endeavour





SCHOOL HOLIDAY ATHLETIC COACHING CLINICS

Get ready for 2017/2018 Athletic Season.

27th September @ Alroy Oval

10am-12pm: Beginners Track event session

This session will cover fundamental skills and technique. Delivered in accordance with IAAF Kid's Athletics Program.

2pm-4pm: Advanced Track session

This session will cover both short and middle distance events. Starts, advanced technique, drills, strength and fitness.

3rd October 2017 @ Alroy Oval

10am-12pm: Discus, Shot Put and Javelin

All levels and abilities welcome. This session will cover all basic fundamentals for throwing events.

2pm-4pm: High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump

Available to all levels. Drills, technique and run-ups.

(Scissor kick and frosby flop will be covered).

COST: \$30/session or \$40 for two sessions. With % of proceeds going to Singleton Track & Field Club.

Bookings: secretary.singleton@gmail.com or call Kiera 0410080883.

For more info: Hilary 0466984352 or visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/singletonstriders/>



Singleton Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

REGISTRATION DAYS

At Singleton Gym and Swim

Wednesday 20th September 2017 – 4pm to 6pm

Monday 9th October 2017 – 4pm to 6pm

At McDonalds

Thursday 12th October 2017 – 4pm to 6pm

Season fees - \$110/swimmer

Discounts for families with 3+ swimmers

* Additional fees apply for pool entry, charged by YMCA

New registrations please bring birth certificate

First club night – 6pm, Friday, 13 October

Singleton Amateur Swim Club is a family friendly swim club, which caters for members of all ages & abilities. Our "Junior Dolphin" program (Under 7 years of age) caters for younger swimmers in free chaperoned races. The club also offers two free trial nights for those swimmers not too sure about joining.

For more information go to our website:

www.singletonswimming.org.au

email - singletonswimming@hotmail.com



Singleton Netball – Summer NetSetGo Clinic

Boys & Girls aged between 5 & 10 are welcome to attend our Summer clinic to be held on Monday evenings from 5pm until 5.45pm from 9th October through to 11th December.

We will have 3 age groups – activities will be tailored to the skill level of the attendees!

- 5 & 6 year olds - skill based activities

- 7 & 8 year olds - skill based activities

- 9 & 10 year olds - skills and game sense (pending court availability, otherwise this will be a skills program only)

Cost - \$60 for participants not already registered in 2017 (included in this cost is a NetSetGo pack sent out by Netball NSW) or \$10 for registered members.

Location will be confirmed in the coming weeks once we receive details of the court resurfacing!

Numbers are strictly limited to ensure quality time with each of the coaches.

Please register now by emailing singletonnetball@hotmail.com. Payment will be required on our registration night – 20th September from 4pm – 7pm.

** Registered coaches are also welcome to attend this clinic and learn some new coaching strategies **

Australian Reading Hour

@ Singleton Youth Venue



Singleton Youth Venue is celebrating Reading Hour! On Thursday 14th September, we're going to stop what we're doing for one hour and love ourselves in books.

We believe that Australians of all ages should take this opportunity to rediscover or introduce themselves to the benefits of reading.

- Thursday 14th September, 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- On site at Singleton Youth Venue
- Available to all children, young people, and families!
- Stories for 0-5s, 5-10s, 10-15s, and 15+
- Come in costume. Dress up in your PJ's, or as your favourite book character!

For more information, contact us on:
youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au
(02) 6578 7503



Singleton Youth Venue



Singleton Drill Dance

New members wanted

Under 12 Girls - local training once a week and only a few competitions per session.

Great exercise and good for coordination.

Drill Dance is a marching team to music.

MUMS - we have a masters team so you and your daughter can practise together.

Phone Penny on 0401806226

<https://www.drilldance.com.au/>



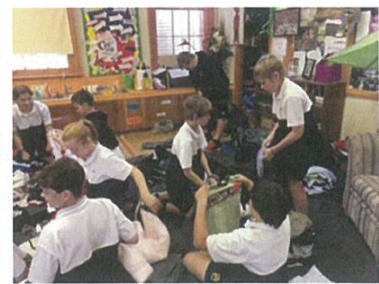
Year 6 Happenings!



Bake off!



Science activities led by the High School



Netball & getting ready for Fete!