

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 10 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

20 SEPTEMBER 2017

Solid Academic Growth

The Department of Education has an application (SCOUT) that plots the achievements of cohorts over multiple years based on NAPLAN and other standardised testing. One of the scales recorded measures the value-added growth for students from Kindergarten to Year 3. It is pleasing to report that our school has had upwards growth each year over the past seven years.

Similar results have been achieved measuring growth between Year 3 to 5; and Year 5 to 7. While these results are pleasing we will not be resting on our laurels; in fact the school will shortly be developing our next three year plan to take us through to 2020 to ensure that we maintain and extend these pleasing results.

Tell Them For 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>.

Holidays & Term 4

At the commencement of Term 4 both Mrs Hackett and I will be taking leave. Mrs Launders will assume the mantle of Relieving Principal until my return. Mrs Scoles will step up to act as Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 and Mr Johnson will be covering Mrs Hackett's leave as Assistant Principal Stage 1.

Friday will be the last day of Term 3 for 2017. All students and staff will be returning on Monday, 9 October for the commencement of Term 4. I hope that everyone is able to spend quality time with their children over the coming two weeks.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

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 "Small Steps" Transition program commences
Monday 16 October	Intensive Swimming note and payment due back at school
Wednesday 18 October	State Athletics
Thursday 19 October	State Athletics
Friday 20 October	Concert Band Rehearsal at SHPS

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

School Security

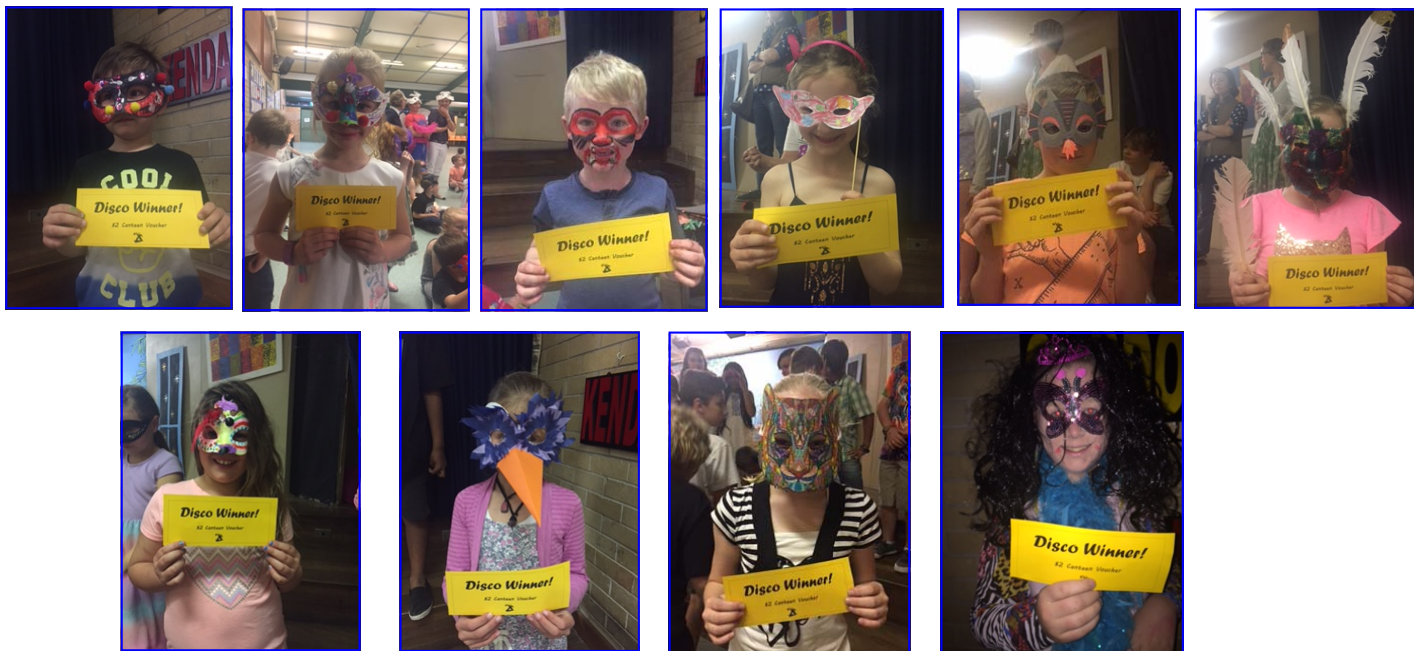
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Education

School Disco

The school disco was held last Tuesday, 12 September. Pictured below are the winners from the disco. Well done children there were some great masks!



Kindergarten Farm Visit

Last Wednesday, 13 September, Kindergarten had not one but TWO farm visit excursions!

Setting off on the bus at 9:30 am, we soon arrived at the McNamara family market garden. Mr and Mrs McNamara showed us all the delicious vegetables they grow on their farm and how they keep them cool in their giant cool room so they are still fresh when they get to the market – as far away as Newcastle – and sometimes even Sydney!

Mr McNamara showed us the different machines they use to help sow many seeds at once, including a demonstration of how the tractor plants the young plants into the prepared soil. Mr McNamara said that Old Mr McNamara sometimes has to get up at 2 am to start work! It's hard work being a farmer!

After a thank you to the McNamara family, we climbed back onto the bus and travelled out to the Algie family Dairy farm. We refreshed ourselves with morning tea before braving the wind and walking out to see Mr Algie's pigs. The sow had many piglets. They were very cute – but smelly!

Mr Algie then took us over to the milking shed and showed us how the milking machine attaches to the cows teats so they can be milked. It is much easier now than in the olden days when they had to do it by hand! We saw and touched the nice cool vat that chills and stores the milk for the milk truck, just before a hay ride with Mr Algie's tractor! What a treat!

Close to 1 pm, We climbed back upon the bus, windswept and exhausted, but exhilarated by the new experiences of the farm visits.

We would like to thank the McNamara family and Algie family for their time and hospitality when we visited them. It is greatly appreciated and Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Meg Drinan
Teacher



 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Everyone should aim for 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies, every day for good health. Sounds hard? It's easier if you include fruit and veg across the day. Try these simple ideas:

- **Pack vegetable sticks** – try carrots, celery, capsicum and cucumber – with hummus and vegetable based dips (like pumpkin, beetroot, spinach or red bean).
- Add a **small 150g tin of baked beans** to your child's lunch box (decant into a container your child can open).
- **Leftovers** are an exciting lunch box addition: try packing fried rice, a veggie stir-fry or some veggie frittatas – they all taste great cold!

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



Canteen Roster - Week 1 Term 4 2017

Mon 9/10/17	Teagan Hartcher, Di Cooke, Carolyn Martin
Tues 10/10/17	Lynda Damstra
Wed 11/10/17	Sarah Land, Melissa Muddiman, Julie Thomas
Thurs 12/10/17	Nicole Furness, Kylie Broadbent, Cara Roohan
Fri 13/10/17	Paula Stokes, Jen Andrews, Lauren Hales

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 time
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

K-2 Sports Carnival

The K-2 Sports Carnival was held on Friday, 15 September. The students had a great day participating in all events.



Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion

On Thursday, 14 September Year 3 set off on their first overnight school adventure. The students were excited to participate in the activities and take part in camp life.

On arrival 3N had the terrifying Giant Swing for their first activity. Zoe bravely volunteered to demonstrate just how high the swing was raised. 3A had fun on the dual flying fox where Jasmine and Nesha excitedly took part as the first participants. Afterwards students took part in archery, high ropes and the multi climb.

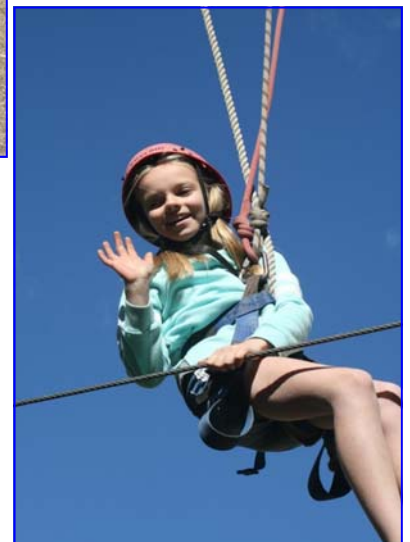
After many fun-filled activities the students participated in the 'County Fair' where rides and stalls were held before stories were shared around the campfire.

The next day students continued with archery, the multi climb, the dual flying fox and the giant swing before packing up and departing camp.

Both Mrs Alaban and Mrs Nichols would like to thank the students for their wonderful behaviour and their willingness to push past personal limits.

All students and staff had a great time.

Rachel Nichols and Cheryl Alaban
Year 3 Teachers



McDonalds Book donation

Thank you to McDonalds Singleton for the donation of library books for our school library.



PSSA Cricket

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Van Zyl who has been selected to represent the Hunter Region at the State Carnival in Cricket in Maitland from Monday, 30 October - Thursday, 2 November 2017. Well done Kaitlin!

Intensive Swimming

All children in Year 2 and selected Years 3/4 students will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (Monday, 23 October until Friday, 3 November 2017). This will occur every school day during these two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 children. We believe that every child should be able to swim at least 25 metres with correct breathing. An intensive swimming program is of vital importance for your child because of our Australian lifestyle and allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be \$80.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes back to school as soon as possible. The whole amount needs to be paid by Monday, 16 October - before the commencement of the program. You may prefer to start paying \$5.00 or \$10.00 per week so it is all paid beforehand. Refunds will not be possible as the Centre has organised the professional swimming teachers and they have a no refund policy. However, if you advise the school the week before that your child will not be attending, numbers can be changed with the pool and a refund should be able to be forwarded to you. Unfortunately, memberships/season tickets at the Gym & Swim Centre are not valid for learn to swim programs.

Children will be tested and put into groups according to their ability. The better swimmers will receive squad coaching while others may receive coaching on breathing and stroke technique, as well as activities to develop strength and stamina in the water. Therefore it is expected that ALL students participate in the program. Please note: Day 9 will be the assessing day and Day 10 will be Safety Day - please ensure children bring long pants and long sleeve top to swim in (no goggles) on this day.

We welcome any parents/carers who can assist with the program. Please indicate below the session and days you are available. You do not have to instruct but assist the professional instructors.

The session times for the two weeks are as follows:

Monday to Friday

Group 1 (2L, 2PD) 12.30 – 1.15 pm

Group 2 (2J, 3/4) 1.15 – 2.00 pm

The Gym and Swim requires any volunteers to have a current Working with Children Check. If you do not have a check, you are able to apply for one online and then have it completed at Services NSW. Simply go to <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>, complete the online application form, selecting the category Volunteer Worker. You will then be issued with an application number. Take this number and paperwork to the Services NSW with your 100 point check documents (eg Birth Certificate (70 points) and Driver's Licence (40 points)). Once a Working with Children Check number is issued (it may take a few days) please bring a copy into the school. If you have any queries about this see the office staff.

If you need assistance financing this program please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office. All requests are strictly confidential and must be made at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the program. Payments can be made to the school by Parent Online Payment, cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card.

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 today Wednesday, 20 September.



SINGLETON PCYC SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

"Young Fun"

8am to 4pm everyday
\$40 per day, \$20 half day

An All-Day multi discipline sports and crafts activity aimed at primary school children

'Teen Fit' Workout

Suitable for all levels of ability
12 – 17 year olds

Mon – Wed – Fri 1-2pm Cost \$8 per session

This program is a fun and friendly fitness option just for high schoolers. Develop positive exercise and healthy habits for life, as well as building physical strength and fitness, Teen Fit will boost confidence, self-esteem and opportun

'Hoops' basketball

Suitable for ages 5 and up
Tues & Thur 2-3pm Cost \$5 per session

Hoops is all about learning to play in a fun environment.

PLUS all our usual PCYC activities – Boxing, Active Kidz, Taekwondo....there is plenty to do at the PCYC

PCYC Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937

Singleton OOSH
Before / After School & Vacation Care

Vacation Care Sept/Oct 2017
Enquiries and information
6571 5780

29/09/17	30/09/17	01/10/17	02/10/17	03/10/17	04/10/17	05/10/17	06/10/17
Game day Board games Outdoor games Group games Woodwork	Civic Park Excursion Let's get outdoors – sports, games and fun	Dr Seuss Day at OOSH We want to see your crazy outfits, socks and hair. Join us for a day of wacky fun inspired by Dr. Seuss	Glow in The Dark Party Glow sticks, face paint and more String art Crazy hair	Messy craft outdoor games and fun	Public Holiday CLOSED holidays	1pm Magic Circus Workshop JD's World of Magic are coming to teach us magic... \$12 pp	Build-a-Camp Day Tent/Secret spaces AI OOSH Outdoor Woodwork
			Majestic Cinemas Excursion Movie – LEGO NINJAGO 11am – 222 pp Includes ticket, popcorn, drink and bus.	The Music Bus Workshop Entertaining, Interactive. Competitions, Games music and a talent show. 9.30-12.30pm \$10pp			

**2017 Glencore
Singleton Show**

Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th
(Horse Show) September 2017

Featuring Adam Eckersley & Brooke McClymont

www.singletonshow.com

TGIF Lawn Party | 9am-3pm
Date: Fri 29 Sept & Fri 6 Oct
Ages: 11-17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501

Wii & Pizza | 2pm-4pm
Date: Fri 29 Sept
Ages: 7 - 14yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Library
Contact: (02)65787500 (Bookings Essential)

Trivia Competition | 4pm-5:30pm
Date: Fri 29 Sept
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501

Safe Driver Day 2 (2 day course) | 9am-3pm
Date: Sat 30 Sept
Ages: Under 25yrs
Cost: \$140 for 2 days
Location: Singleton PCYC
Contact: (02)65721653 (Bookings Essential)

Game On Excursion | 9:30am-4pm
Date: Tue 3 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: \$50
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501 (Bookings Essential)

Singing Songwriting Workshop | 9am-6pm
Date: Tue 3 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501

Beauty Therapy Day | 9am-6pm
Date: Tue 3 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501

Intensive Swimming Lessons | 9:30am-11:30am
Date: Tue 3 Oct to Fri 6 Oct
Ages: School aged children
Cost: \$60.80 per child
Location: Singleton Swim & Gym
Contact: (02)65721359 (Bookings Essential)

First Aid Course | 10am-4:30pm
Date: Wed 4 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501 (Bookings Essential)

PCYC Excursion | 10am-1pm
Date: Wed 4 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: \$10
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501 (Bookings Essential)

Escape Room | 10am-4pm
Date: Thur 5 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: Gold Coin donation for 1hr timeslots
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787501 (Bookings Essential)

Paint a rock, find a rock | 11am-12pm
Date: Thur 5 Oct
Ages: 7 - 14yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Library
Contact: (02)65787500 (Bookings Essential)

Barefoot Bowls @ Diggers | 10am-12pm
Date: Fri 6 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787500

Movie Night | 4pm-6:30pm
Date: Fri 6 Oct
Ages: 11 - 17yrs
Cost: FREE
Location: Singleton Youth Venue
Contact: (02)65787500

Singleton COUNCIL
For a better future...

YMCA

PCYC SINGLETON

**School Holidays!
What's on in
Singleton?**

23/09/2017 to 08/10/2017

Laser Tag | 10am-4pm
Dates: Sun 24 Sept & Mon 25 Sept
Ages: 8yrs+
Cost: \$15 per 15min session
Location: Singleton Heights Sports Stadium
Contact: (02)65731517 (Bookings Essential)

All Day Multi Sport | 8am-4pm
Dates: Weekdays (ex public holiday)
Ages: 5-12yrs
Cost: \$40
Location: Singleton PCYC
Contact: (02)65721653

Classwork by 1F

