

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 10 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

4 APRIL 2018

Farewell

After more than seven years, the time has come to say farewell to a place and people that have filled my thoughts and actions on a regular 24/7 basis. A place that I have constantly referred to as "OUR SCHOOL". It is with a strong sense of achievement that I leave Singleton Public School, as I believe that I have achieved considerable good during my stewardship of the school.

As I reflect back, I wish I could recall all of the names of the children that have come through our school since 2011 but that is impossible. I will however, recall many of the smiling faces and memories of seeing our students engaged in learning through such activities as:-

- the Science Fair in Muswellbrook
- our swimming carnivals where all students that dive in are helped to finish
- students attending excursions from local visits to Canberra
- students proudly demonstrating reading progress in my Office
- our Year 6 students freely supporting younger children in the school
- our Support Unit kids increasing their physical skills on the trikes
- Kindergarten students achieving 50-75-100+ home reader awards
- Year 5 cringing in horror when Miss Edgar offers to sing
- the magic that is Panto!

I am proud to have contributed to the resurgence and growth of the band program and our Aboriginal Culture group, as well as the establishment and embedding of Breakfast Club and wellbeing Wednesday within the school. I feel a sense of achievement with the building, renovation and resourcing work that I have led across the school.

No one person could achieve these feats alone, accordingly it is with huge amounts of gratitude I recognise the great support from our fantastic staff in our learning spaces, the Office and playground. Of equal importance, has been the support of our parents (especially the P&C) in assisting the school to provide each of our students with the best education that we can deliver.

My last day on site at the school will be Friday 6 April; however I will be completing my time with Singleton Public School travelling to Canberra to share one last excursion with Year 6 during the last week of term.

As I climb off the bus on Friday evening, I am sure to have a lump in my throat as I wish all the best for the future to everyone in "YOUR SCHOOL".

TERM 2 dates

Staff will return to school on Monday 30 April to prepare for the new term. All students commence Term 2 on Tuesday, 1 May.

TRAFFIC REVIEW

A road safety officer from our local council will be conducting a review of traffic actions around our school over the coming weeks. This is partially in response to the actions of some parents when dropping off and collecting students from the school. Issues that will be investigated include parking practices, safety levels at our two school crossings, and how traffic affects visibility on the two streets. Please also be advised that the local Police command has been contacted regarding providing extra patrols during drop-off and collection periods.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 4 April	Military Museum - Year 4 and Support Unit, Year 6 and Year 1 Sporting Schools concludes P&C Meeting in School Library 6.00 pm
Thursday 5 April	Military Museum - Year 3
Friday 6 April	Visiting Show (Red Riding Hood) payment due Years 3-6 (and eligible Year 2 students) Cross Country at Cook Park at 9.15 am Farewell for Mr Crowe Assembly starting at 2.15 pm
Monday 9 April	Year 6 Canberra excursion Red Riding Hood visiting show
Tuesday 10 April	Year 6 Canberra
Wednesday 11 April	Year 6 Canberra
Thursday 12 April	Year 6 Canberra
Friday 13 April	Year 6 Canberra Last day of Term 1
	TERM 2
Monday 30 April	Staff Development Day - OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 1 May	Parent / Teacher Interviews 1H,2L,2J,6D,6M
Wednesday 2 May	Parent / Teacher Interviews 2PD,3A,3C,4B,5S P&C Meeting in School Library 6.00 pm
Thursday 3 May	Parent / Teacher interviews KS,KDM,3/4Z,5K Year 6 Study Skills Day 9.30 - 2.30 pm at Singleton High School
Friday 4 May	Parent / Teacher Interviews 1S,1FL Netball NSW Gala Day

The Week 10 assembly will be a Farewell to Mr Crowe at the starting time of 2.15 pm.

There will be no assembly in Week 11.



Education

Easter Hat Parades

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Easter Hat Parade. All the hats were fantastic. Pictured are some of the 2018 winners. Stevie, Brendan, Cia, Erin, Jesse and Faith.



Rugby 7's Gala Day

On Tuesday, 27 March the SPS Rugby 7's team travelled to Maitland to participate in the Newcastle Hub (2nd Round) of the NSW Primary School Rugby 7's competition.

Our team was placed in a tough pool on the day but we were ready for the challenge. The first match was against Bolwarra 2 and we displayed great sportsmanship and skill. Unfortunately Bolwarra defeated us in a hard-fought game, 4 tries to 3. The second game against Rathmines Public School allowed our team to regain our confidence with a clear win 6 tries to 2. Our passion for the game continued into the third game where we faced a strong Valentine PS. Both teams displayed outstanding force and speed. This game was the match of the day. A win against Valentine would have sent us to the finals, however Valentine worked hard to keep us from crossing on the bell (3 tries to 2).

Our final game was an outstanding victory over Edgeworth PS, resulting in our school being placed 5th in the Hunter area. Valentine went on to win the overall competition on the day. I am proud to say that the coach of Valentine made a point to say that our team was their hardest competition on the day. The co-ordinator and referees all applauded the efforts of our team on the day. All commented on the spirit and skill our team showed in all matches.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Anthony Partridge who coached our team on the day. We really appreciate having such skilled and passionate people dedicating their time to assist our development. A big thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport and supported the team with such great encouragement. Without you our representative days would not be possible.

Well done boys. Singleton Public School and I am so very proud of you all.

Mrs Foster
Organising Teacher



Red, Black and White Day

Well done to all students who participated in the Mufti Day on Wednesday, 28 March. The students raised just over \$500 for the Maddie Riewoldt's Vision. What a fantastic effort SPS.

 SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Canteen Roster - Week 11, Term 1 2018

Mon 9/4/18	Morgan Lees, Di Cooke, Aleks Jelaca
Tues 10/4/18	Evette Anderson
Wed 11/4/18	Cara Roohan, Julie Thomas
Thurs 12/4/18	Melissa Wilson, Maree Davidson, 1 more helper please
Fri 13/4/18	Rebecca Cooke, Craig Cooke, Amy Stone

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 2 2018

Mon 30/4/18	Staff Development Day
Tues 1/5/18	Lisa Mortensen
Wed 2/5/18	Cara Roohan, Claire Elgar
Thurs 3/5/18	Kylie Broadbent, Nicole Furness, Todd Furness
Fri 4/5/18	Maxine Kolinos, Sandy Tickell, Tracey Adams

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

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:-

“Speaking in a friendly, polite manner and respectful interaction with visitors”

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	Sharmyn Zeidler (Relieving)
AP Stage 3	Di Merrick (Relieving)
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

Kindergarten Breakfast

On Friday, March 23, Singleton Public School's Breakfast Club hosted its annual Kinder Brekky.

The Kinder Brekky event introduced the Breakfast Club program to all kindergarten students at the school. All the children enjoyed a delicious spread consisting of fresh fruit, pikelets, fruit muffins, savoury scrolls and slices. Parents also attended the event and shared cuppas and cake.

The School's Breakfast Club aims to provide students with a nutritious start to their day. The highly successful program provided around 6000 breakfasts in 2017, and over 3000 sandwiches and fruit were provided for lunch-box assistance. This program is very kindly sponsored by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre and the Singleton Heights Bakery, and resourced with a wonderful team of parent and carer volunteers. Singleton Public School and its P&C Association are very proud of the program's achievements in supporting the school community.



PSSA Soccer Trials

On Friday, 19 March six students from SPS trialed for the PSSA Upper Hunter soccer team. They all displayed fantastic sportsmanship to their school mates as well as those from other schools. Four out of the six made it through to the final 22 (out of 80) players. They were all amazing! Congratulations to Joe for being selected for the team.



PSSA Touch Football

Congratulations to all students that trialed for the PSSA Upper Hunter touch football team. The girls on the day tried their very best and displayed great sportsmanship. Unfortunately there were no selections for the girls today. As for the boys, congratulations goes to Tom and Tyler who were selected in the Hunter PSSA Zone touch team. They now go onto play at Wallsend on, 11 May.



Military Museum

Pictured below are Kindergarten enjoying their first experience at the Military Museum.



Staff Development Day - Term 2

Staff will return to school on Monday 30 April to prepare for the new term.

The office will be CLOSED on this day due to Staff Development off site.

All students commence Term 2 on Tuesday, 1 May.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, 1 May to Friday, 4 May. Please see below the designated days for each class:-

Tuesday, 1 May	Wednesday, 2 May	Thursday, 3 May	Friday, 4 May
1H	2PD	KS	1S
2L	3A	KDM	1FL
2J	3C	3/4Z	
6D	4B	5K	
6M	5S		
On the Library	In the Library	In the Library	In the Library

Please note Mrs Launders (KL) and Mrs Nichols (4/5R) will be held on a separate day.

Notes were due back to school today.

Active Inclusion Sports Day for 7B

Despite the wet weather last Wednesday, 21 March, some of our students from 7B and 7W participated in the Activate Inclusion Sports Day that was held at the Forum, University of Newcastle. Active Inclusion Sports Day gave our students the opportunity to try sports that they might otherwise miss out on. Our students stepped out of their comfort zones and tried most of the activities and they had had a lot of fun. They all participated in Cricket, Wheel Chair Basketball, Gymnastics and Goal ball activities.

Elaine Bunnemeyer
Teacher



Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held on Friday, April 6. The carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and eligible (8 year old) Year 2 students who wish to participate. Students will walk from school to Cook Park with their class teacher at 9.15 am and return to school around 1.00 pm.

Students are to wear sports house uniform and bring your hat, at least two drink bottles, medications if needed and wear your joggers. Make sure you are wearing sunscreen!

Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance. 8/9 and 10 year olds will compete 2km and 11 and 12/13 year olds will complete 3km.

Selections for the Zone Carnival, held on the Tuesday, 8 May in Muswellbrook, will be based on these results.

There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip needed for this event as students should have already handed in their 2018 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

Parent Helpers Needed- If you are able to assist on the day please fill out the slip on the note sent home, we would be very grateful. The job that is required would be to sit in a designated place along the track to ensure children are travelling along the course in the right direction and to provide encouragement for students who may be struggling.

Cheryl Alaban and Kelli Shaunessy
Organising Teachers

Road Safety

There have been several reports from concerned parents and staff regarding the crossing areas in both Hunter Street and Elizabeth Street. If you are driving, please ensure you slow down and/or stop for the crossings. We have had reports that children are waiting at the crossings and cars keep driving through instead of stopping for them to cross safely. Also please refrain from stopping in the crossing zone and the bus zones to let your children out of the car. This is for the safety of our school students and community.

Visiting Show Red Riding Hood

On Monday, 9 April, the Australian Playhouse will be performing their new show "Red Riding Robyn Hood". This humorous and entertaining play tells the story of King George who has lost the plot!

There will be two sessions – K-2 from 12.00 pm and 3-6 from 2.00 pm. **The cost is \$6.50 per student which needs to be returned to the class teacher with the permission note by Friday, 6 April, 2018.**

Please note this visiting show is covered by Supercover. If you have paid Supercover, you do not need to return the permission note.

Teresa Price
Organising Teacher

Hunter Life Van

On Monday, 25 June we will have Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education visiting our school to deliver Life Education classes to our children. A big thank you to Singleton Diggers for supporting the funding of these classes. Life Education supports us by empowering Hunter young people to make safer and healthier choices through education. This program is covered by Supercover - Individual permission notes and a timetable will be sent home next term.

Stewart House

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent out to all children. If you wish to make a donation and be in the running to win a \$4,000 holiday, please place money in the envelope and return to the office by Friday, 11 May 2018. All money raised will go to Stewart House.

WIN A \$4,000 HOLIDAY
to a destination
of your choice



NSW Public Education's
Charity of Choice

Stewart House Donation Drive 2018

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY
Friday 25th May 2018
to participate in the draw



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ANZAC Day March

Marchers from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March to be conducted on Wednesday, 25 April down the main street of Singleton. This is a great tradition in which our students can demonstrate pride and respect to an important sector of our community. Students will need to be in **full school uniform**. Staff will be on-site to organise and march with our students.

All students are to meet at the Bailey's Union Park, John Street between 10.00 am - 10.15 am and be ready to march at 10.30 am. The march will conclude at Burdekin Park where the official Anzac Service will be held at 11.00 am. Students can be collected after they have marched and before the Service commences. It will be up to parents if they wish their child to remain for the service.

When: Wednesday, 25 April

Where: All students (K-6) meet at Bailey's Union Park, John Street

Wearing: Full school uniform

Time: Arrive at 10.00 - 10.15 am, ready to march at 10.30 am

Birthdays at School

Just a reminder about student birthdays at school. Parents and carers are welcome to bring in a cake or cupcakes for their child's birthday at school (please refrain from bringing chocolates or lollies). Please deliver the cake/s to the classroom before 9.10 am on the day to avoid interrupting the class. Teachers will make a time through the day for the cake. Also remember the canteen offer Cupcakes for classrooms. See the school websire on the our school tab and then in P&C Information tab.

School Supplies

Could all parents and carers please check their child's school supplies such as pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc as they tend to need replacing towards the end of term.

Messages to students

Due to limited communication throughout the school, messages to students need to be manually handed out. Therefore the office staff respectfully ask that any messages are phoned in prior to 2.00 pm, except in the case of an emergency.

Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent

The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over \$100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous \$600 to our school!

Fundraising made easy Introducer Program



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Subject: Our School App Is Live!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has some great news to share with you. Our school smartphone mobile app is available

on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. These instructions will help you:-

How to Install Our School App

On Apple

- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play

- On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our School App

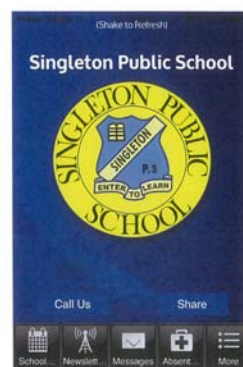
- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted select OK to use your current location and OK to send you Push Notifications (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)
- Read the information on the screen, and swipe to the left and click on Get Started. You will now be able to select the icons at the bottom of screen to view the School Calendar, Newsletter, Messages and other features.

If you encounter troubles:-

- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact www.activeschoolapps.com.au/support for help within 48 hours.

If you are not receiving the notifications/messages:-

- You may have not selected OK to allow the App to use your current location or OK to send you the Push Notifications:-
 - To change current location - On your device select Settings, Privacy, Location Services, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and allow.
 - To change push notifications - On your device select Settings, Notification Centre, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and select it. Change the settings.



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 8 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KDM	William Mila	KL	Amber Clay
KS	Charlotte Larni	1LF	Oliver Addison
1S	Charles Eloise	1H	Macey Danika
2J	Carson Sunny	2L	Elena Jamila Dakodah
2PD	-	3A	Jackson Mia Zeke
3C	Ewan Kadah Harriet Bailey	4B	Jessica Gabby Taneesha
3/4Z	Sophie Noah Jack	4/5R	Jasmine Cooper Isabelle
5K	Riley Chloe Lochie	5S	Emily Hannah Lincoln
6D	Charlie Ivy Josh	6M	Edie Ruby Lara
7B	Dre, Brodie	7W	Bella , Damian

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Maggie	Stage 1	Charles
Stage 2	Hannah	Stage 3	Jack

Super Citizens

KDM	Olivia	4/5R	Jack
1FL	Matilda	5S	Hannah
2J	Carson	6M	Alicia
3A	Cohen		

Farewell Mr Crowe



Classwork by 3C and their 3D faces!

