

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

2 MAY 2018

Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 2 and also to our new students who will be joining us throughout this week.

I would like to extend my appreciation and thanks to students, staff and parents for my welcome this week. As I commence my role as Principal of SPS, I look forward to getting to know the students, staff and community over the coming weeks and excited for the journey we shall have together to ensure SPS continues to grow and develop.

ANZAC Day March

The ANZAC Day march was held last week in Singleton. The student and staff support for the event was outstanding and shows the high level of involvement SPS has with the local community.

It was wonderful to be a part of such a special commemoration which involved students, adults and veterans from across our town. Special mention to all of our school student leaders for their role in leading our school in the march and laying of the wreath.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, 2 May commencing at 6.00 pm in the school library. All welcome to attend and assist our P&C support the school with ideas, resources and future endeavours.

NAPLAN

The annual assessment process known as NAPLAN will be occurring across all Australian schools from 15 -17 May. Students in Years 3 and 5 at our school will be undertaking assessments for Writing, Language Conventions, Numeracy and Reading. Students involved in the tests should be encouraged to attempt all questions, have a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast during the testing period. Staff are on hand to provide support throughout the assessments.

Deanne Brown
Principal

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 2 May	Parent / Teacher Interviews 2PD,3A,3C,4B,5S Girls and Boys soccer at Alroy Oval 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 U10's Knights Knockout at Ford and Kentish Ovals, meet Mrs Balck at school at 8.00 am
Friday 4 May	Parent / Teacher Interviews 1S,1FL Netball NSW Gala Day at Rose Point Park meet Mrs Merrick at courts at 8.00 am
Tuesday 8 May	ICAS Digital Technologies test PSSA Cross Country at Karoola Park Muswellbrook
Wednesday 9 May	PSSA Girls Cricket Sporting Schools commences Book Club due LOOP online orders only
Thursday 10 May	PSSA Boys Cricket
Friday 11 May	Stewart House donations due
Monday 14 May	Rugby Gala Day "Bryan Palmer shield"
Tuesday 15 May	NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing test
Wednesday 16 May	NAPLAN Reading test
Thursday 17 May	NAPLAN Numeracy test Kinder Excursion to "Josephine Wants to Dance"

**There is no assembly this week. Due to the Netball Gala Day and Parent Teacher interviews.
The Week 2 assembly will be hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

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



Education

Girls Netball

In Week 9, the school's PSSA Netball team went to Singleton Heights Public School to play in the first round of the PSSA competition. It was a tough game, leading into extra time to get the final result which was 11-8 our way. The girls will now continue into round 2!

Congratulations girls, you were awesome!

Di Merrick
Organising Teacher



Visiting Show Red Riding Hood

The children in K - 5 and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Red Riding Robyn Hood on Monday, 9 April while Year 6 were in Canberra.

They were engaged from the very beginning, enjoying the humorous narrative and energetic performers. They became involved in the comedy and the goodies' struggle to win back their taxes from the evil King George.

Sadly, the Australian Playhouse won't be visiting our region for the next few years.

Teresa Price
Organising Teacher



ANZAC Day March

Well done to all students who marched at this years ANZAC Day service. You have done SPS proud.



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Sign up to one of our **FREE** Fruit & Veg Sense workshops for parents at your local school.



In our free 60-minute sessions, you will learn:

- How to save money.
- How much is a 'serve' of fruit and veg and how many serves do we need?
- How to save time with easy, family-friendly recipe ideas.
- Strategies to manage fussy eaters.
- How to improve the long-term health of your family... and much, much more!

Register at eatittobeatit.com.au – if there aren't any sessions scheduled at or around your school, put your name on the waiting list and we can schedule one.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 2 2018

Mon 7/5/18	Morgan Lees, Di Cooke, Aleks Jelaca
Tues 8/5/18	Evette Anderson
Wed 9/5/18	Cara Roohan, Julie Thomas
Thurs 10/5/18	Melissa Wilson, Maree Davidson, 1 more helper please
Fri 11/5/18	Rebecca Cooke, Craig Cooke, Amy Stone

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 2 2018

Mon 14/4/18	Di Cooke, Anna Adamthwaite, Sally Menere
Tues 15/5/18	Tony Whiting
Wed 16/5/18	Cara Roohan, Amanda Gilmore
Thurs 17/5/18	Kylie Page, Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 more helper please
Fri 18/5/18	Maxine Kolinos, Bobbie Burrell, Carolyn Martin

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:-

“Responsible student ready to work”

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	Deanne Brown
AP ES1	Gai Scoles (Relieving)
AP Stage 1	Samuel Johnson (Relieving)
AP Stage 2	Sharmyn Zeidler (Relieving)
AP Stage 3	Katrina Hackett
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

Statement of Accounts

Statement of Accounts will be sent home this week. Items that may be listed on Statement of Account include voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levy, Hunter Life Van, Year 4 Sydney excursion, instrument hire, etc. For those families that have a child/ren in Year 4, an amount of \$200.00 has been invoice for Sydney. This is so that families can start paying installments including the \$50.00 deposit.

Book Club

Book club orders need to be completed by Wednesday, 9 May. All orders need to be purchased on the LOOP payment system with Scholastic. The school no longer accepts cash payments for book club.

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

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's **Book Club Organiser**.

Also available as an app:



Walk Safely to School

Walk safely to school day is about encouraging everyone to walk safely to school. The school would like you to participate with us on Friday, 18 May. All you have to do is:-

- Join us at the Singleton TAFE, at 8.45 am and walk safely to school with your child at 9.00 am, or
- Drop your child at the Golf Club, at 8.45 am sharp, so they walk with our school community leaving at 9.00 am, or
- Drop your child at the Anglican Church, at 8.45 am sharp, so they can walk with our school community leaving at 9.00 am.

Students will be actively participating in Road Safety lessons throughout the week leading up to Walk to School Safely Day. If you wish your child to walk to school on the Friday, May 18. Please return the permission note to you class teacher. This note was sent home last term.

Mrs Smith
Organising Teacher

Year 4 Sydney Excursion

The Year 4 excursion for 2018 is a three day trip to Sydney. The excursion will be from Tuesday, 28 – Thursday, 30 August.

The itinerary includes:

Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon Tour

The Australian Museum

Walks through the Botanical Gardens, Darling Harbour and a tour of The Rocks

Powerhouse Museum

Hyde Park Barracks

Taronga Zoo.

We will be staying at Naamaroo Cabins in Lane Cove National Park. Dietary options will be available for those with allergies and medical conditions.

The cost of the excursion is approximately \$345.00 for students.

In an effort to assist us to complete the booking of accommodation we are requesting that parents/guardians return an expression of interest slip. The slip is located at the bottom of the note sent home. Please detach and return to school before the end of Week 2 Term 2 (11 May) to assist us to finalise the accommodation booking.

A \$50.00 deposit is due by Monday, 25 June, to be paid at the front office. However you may pay up to \$200.00 prior to the final costs being determined, if you wish.

The total payment amount for the excursion is due by Friday, 17 August, 2018. Please note this is the final cut-off date and no payments will be accepted after this.

Once you have returned the note, if circumstances change and your child will not be attending, please inform us as soon as possible.

Any parents experiencing financial difficulty with payment for the excursion need to speak to Mrs Burns in the office as soon as possible to discuss Student Assistance. This must be done at least one month prior to the excursion date. All discussions are private and confidential.

Sharmyn Zeidler and Cathy Black

Josephine Wants to Dance

Singleton Public will be running a Kindergarten and Year 1 excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Friday, 18 May, to watch a performance of "Josephine Wants to Dance". The performance starts at 12.00 pm.

There will be 3 teachers attending the excursion who will be responsible for the group of 60 children. The cost of the excursion is \$28.00 and includes both the tickets and bus travel. The tickets for the children will be allocated on a 'first in, best dressed' basis. The children will need to return the permission note and the full payment as soon as possible to ensure a place on the excursion. **The spaces on the bus have not filled, therefore the tickets will be offered to Year 1 students on a 'first in, best dressed' basis from Monday, 7 May.** Please consider the approximate 1 ½ hr travel time both ways and the need for children to sit quietly during the hour long performance. There is no interval and no opportunity to leave the performance once it has started.

The excursion will be leaving school at 9.10 am. The bus will head straight to the park near Nobby's Beach for an early lunch. Then we will go to the Civic Theatre for the performance at 12.00 pm, before returning in time for afternoon buses back at school. Children will need to wear full school uniform and hat. They need lunch, afternoon tea, and at least 2 drinks. Please no lollies or soft drinks on this excursion.

Mrs Launder, Mrs Scoles, Miss Drinan and Miss Moon

P&C News

It is with much delight that following the AGM in March and then the subsequent April general meeting that all positions for the P&C have been filled this year. We are all so happy that so many new people have taken on such vital roles and that we will continue to be able to run all the P&C services this year. Please join me in congratulating the following people on their new roles:

Treasurer: Bennett Brewster

Secretary: Rebecca Hobbs

Vice President: Amanda Cooke

Band Coordinator: Stacie Haines

Magazine Coordinators: Amy O'Donnell and Cara Roohan

Canteen Liaison Officer: Kylie Broadbent

Fete Coordinator: Carrie Martin

Trish Bailey has stayed on as Vice President, Sandy Tickell & Dale Green are continuing on as Breakfast Club Coordinators and I have accepted the President position again for this year. If you see these people about please congratulate them and thank them for their efforts, they are such amazing people and deserve a pat on the back! We are also thrilled that our Breakfast Club and Canteen volunteer rosters are looking great and have been very well supported by many returning volunteers but also by many new faces. We are so grateful to each and everyone of you for giving your time and supporting all our services. We really cannot do any of it without you. So a million thank you's! Remember, it is never too late to get involved, if you are interested in volunteering please see either Lisa or Tracy in the canteen or Sandy or Dale at Breakfast Club.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to thank Donna Croft for all her hard work over the past 6 years as both Treasurer and Secretary of the P&C. Donna has decided to step away from the P&C this year. Her dedication, professionalism and knowledge will be very much missed, she has been a true asset to the P&C and we wish her the very best in the future.

It is also with much excitement and anticipation that we welcome our new principal Ms Brown to the school. The P&C is very much looking forward to working with you to achieve our goals for the school and we really can't wait to get started!

Thank you, Nicole Furness P&C President

Upper Hunter Zone Rugby League Trials

Late last term, eleven boys from Singleton Public School travelled to Muswellbrook to attend the Upper Hunter Zone Rugby League Trials. Over one hundred students trialled on the day, from schools all over the Upper Hunter. Two teams were chosen to represent the Upper Hunter Zone at the Hunter Regional trials. One team of Under Ten players and one team of Open Age players were selected.

Our students all played extremely well. Tyler (Opens), Tyler, Jack, Charlie and Hayden (Under Tens) were selected to attend the Hunter Regional trials in Raymond Terrace a few days later. The boys had a great day of football and played very well. At the end of the day Tyler and Hayden were selected to play in the "possibles and probables" game a week later. Unfortunately this date coincided with the Year Six Canberra excursion and Tyler had to make the difficult choice of missing Canberra or forfeiting his chance of making the regional team. He decided that the chance to spend the week in Canberra with his classmates was too important to miss and did not attend the match. Hayden played very well and was selected as a shadow player for the regional team and could be called up in case of injury etc to play at the State Cup.

It was a pleasure to accompany the Upper Hunter teams as team manager. The boys were delightful and a credit to their schools.

Cathy Black - Organising Teacher

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2019

There are 75 primary schools with opportunity classes across NSW eg, Rutherford Public School, New Lambton South Public School, etc. If your child is seeking placement in a Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2018, the application process has begun. Successful students attend the opportunity class full-time for the duration of Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement. If you attend to apply, a form can be obtained from the school office for completion.

Important dates are as follows:

Tuesday, 1 May 2018: Online applications open

Friday, 18 May 2018: Online applications close

Wednesday, 1 August 2018: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

Library News

Imogen (1H), Peyton (1S) and Cailin (2L) were winners in the latest Book Borrowers competition. They are pictured here with their prizes in the library.



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:-

Wednesday, 2 May	Thursday, 3 May	Friday, 4 May
2PD	KS	1S
3A	KDM	1FL
3C	3/4Z	
4B	5K	
5S		
In the Library	In the Library	In the Library

Student Health - Chicken Pox

In Term 1 there were reported cases of Chickenpox (Varicella) within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and skin rash.

The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

How is it spread?

Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing

Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters. Please exclude for at least 5 days after the first spots appear and all of the blisters have dried.

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

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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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Cross Country

Our Cross Country was held on Friday, 6 April. A great day was had by all students who attended. The ribbons and medallions for the cross country will be presented at the assembly on Friday, 18 May. Zone Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, 8 May at Karoola Park in Muswellbrook.



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 10 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KDM	Charlie Noah	KL	Jack Lucy
KS	Annabelle Annie	1LF	Lola Cruz
1S	Allira Sam	1H	Deon Macey
2J	Layla Karlie	2L	Stevie Hannah
2PD	Jai Isla Ashlee Brendan	3A	Molly Ben Jayke
3C	Lachlan Riley Aeryn	4B	Noah
3/4Z	Hayley Xavier Amelia	4/5R	Laila Ryan
5K	Jacob Abbey Erin	5S	Tyla Jack Jimmy
6D	Jett Jesse Ruby	6M	Lachlan Kaitlin Breez
7B	Stevie , Coleby	7W	-

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Sam , Charlotte , Markie , Leah	Stage 1	Meika , Alana
Stage 2	Ben , Kadah , Sophie	Stage 3	Josh , Kaylar , Abbey

Super Citizens

Meet our Year 6 Leaders



Singleton Public School Student Profile

Respect | Responsibility | Quality

The school is introducing two student leaders each week so that the school community get to know who they are. This week we are introducing:-

<p>Name: Charlie I</p> <p>Role: School Captain</p> <p>Class: 6D</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Maths</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Pink</p> <p>Best thing about school: We have a lot of playground and a lot of sport teams.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: The teachers and staff are nice.</p>	<p>Name: Ruby</p> <p>Role: School Captain</p> <p>Class: 6M</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Drama</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Red</p> <p>Best thing about school: The best thing is the teachers, students, Vivid and Panto.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: I like all of the opportunities we have at this school, and all my friends.</p>
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<p>Name: Hamish</p> <p>Role: School Vice Captain</p> <p>Class: 6M</p> <p>Favourite Subject: English</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Blue</p> <p>Best thing about school: 'Team 6' and playing with my mates.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: The teachers, sport and the academics. It's so much fun to get out and play with your mates.</p>	<p>Name: Kaitlin</p> <p>Role: School Vice Captain</p> <p>Class: 6M</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Sport</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Blue</p> <p>Best thing about school: Having friends, sport and Panto.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: You learn something new everyday.</p>
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<p>Name: Lachlan</p> <p>Role: School Councillor</p> <p>Class: 6M</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Maths</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Red</p> <p>Best thing about school: Sport.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: SPS is a friendly and kind school and lots of kind teachers.</p>	<p>Name: Alexis</p> <p>Role: School Councillor</p> <p>Class: 6M</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Spelling</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Turquoise</p> <p>Best thing about school: Teachers and friends.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: Everyone is really friendly.</p>
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<p>Name: Joe I</p> <p>Role: School Councillor</p> <p>Class: 6D</p> <p>Favourite Subject: Art</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Blue</p> <p>Best thing about school: You get to see your friends everyday.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: That the staff are great and everyone is polite.</p>	<p>Name: Abbie</p> <p>Role: School Councillor</p> <p>Class: 6D</p> <p>Favourite Subject: English</p> <p>Favourite Colour: Purple</p> <p>Best thing about school: Meeting new people.</p> <p>What I like about SPS: The staff and students.</p>
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6M - Canberra excursion

