

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

25 JULY 2018

Welcome to Term 3

It was great to return yesterday to smiling faces and eager students, ready to learn and engage for Term 3.

There are a number of events this term for our students, families and community. The Athletics Carnival this Friday will be a fun day filled with competition and friendly Sport House rivalry. We look forward to seeing our families cheering on students from the sidelines. NAIDOC Day, is next Friday, 3 August and families and community are invited to our assembly which will be held at 9:15 am instead of the usual 12:45 pm. Education Week runs throughout Week 3. We will be having our Open Day combined with Book Fair and Book Week Parade on Thursday, 9 August. We will have parades, activities, classroom visits and assembly on this day. Further details about Open Day will be sent home on a separate flyer.

Planned and Scheduled Maintenance of our Buildings

Work commenced on our buildings last term and continued over the holidays. There is some roofing still occurring on the verandahs of Block D but classes will be able to continue in their rooms. Exterior painting is well underway and some fencing and scaffolding remains to complete these works. Students have been asked to stay clear of these construction zones.

Year 6 classroom painting was delayed slightly due to the very cold weather we have experienced and the lengthy time it is taking for the paint to dry. They are working in the hall this week and should be on track to be back in their classroom next week.

Breakfast Club has returned to their normal mode of operation now the new flooring is finished.

Further roofing works will be conducted on Block B and C in conjunction with Aus Grid as the high voltage power lines need to be switched off.

Singleton Public School Facebook Page

Our official school Facebook Page will launch this week. The page will celebrate the amazing things that happen at SPS. Search Facebook for Singleton Public School and like the page. We will send a notification via the school app once it is live.

Save the Date

- Friday, 31 August – DUGS Day Breakfast. What does DUGS day stand for?

Dad, Uncle, Grandad, Stepdad or Significant male. A combined school and P&C event for students to invite their important male (DUGS) to breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. More information will be coming soon.

- Friday, 7 September – FETE Day

Kindergarten 2019

Parents and carers are requested to contact the school office to register their children for Kindergarten 2019. The Department of Education is enforcing school zoning restrictions across the State and this may impact the availability of places within our school. Non-local enrolments will be subject to the 'Non-local enrolment' procedures. Please ensure you have made contact with your local school to discuss enrolments for 2019 as part of this process. Non-local enrolment procedures require a panel to meet to consider any applications after consultation with your local school has occurred.

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal



Education

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 25 July	Canteen lunch orders due for Athletics Carnival
Thursday 26 July	Permission note and money due to office for Athletics Carnival Riverside Orchestra and Jazz Band visit 1.00 - 1.45 pm. Recess 1.45 pm - 2.15 pm
Friday 27 July	Athletics Carnival for Year 3-6 and Year 2 students turning 8 this year
Tuesday 31 July	ICAS - English test Touch Football gala day Years 3-6
Wednesday 1 August	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in the Library
Friday 3 August	NAIDOC Day at SPS
Monday 6 August - Friday 10 August	Education Week
Monday 6 August	Education Week Awards Ceremony - Civic Centre 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm
Thursday 9 August	Book Fair and Parade School Open Day
Monday 13 August	Kindergarten 2019 Information Evening
Tuesday 14 August	ICAS - Mathematics Test
Wednesday 15 August	PSSA Zone Athletics
Friday 17 August	St Caths Netball Gala Day Final Payment due for Year 4 Sydney excursion

There will no assembly this week due to the Athletics Carnival.

The Week 2 NAIDOC day celebration assembly will be at the starting time of 9.15 am.

Super citizen students enjoying afternoon tea with Ms Brown last term.



Debating

On Thursday, 28 June, our Year Six debaters (The Persuaders) and our Year Five debaters (The Convincables) went to King Street Public School for a debating day. In total there were four schools who competed in the day - King Street, Branxton and Kurri Kurri. It was a great day and all of our debaters demonstrated our core values- Respect, Responsibility and Quality. Year Six were successful in both of their debates and Year Five loved the experience and showed wonderful potential! We are all looking forward to debating King Street again early in Term 3.

Di Merrick
Organising Teacher

Thank you

A big thank you to the Year 5 boys that helped Mrs Botes erect our new soccer goals that were purchased with Sporting Schools funds.



Riding for Disabled

During Term 2, some of the students from 7B and 7W had participated in a 10 week Riding for the Disabled program held in Muswellbrook.

Over the weeks, the students confidence, balance, strength and coordination as well as developing a bond with their horses had greatly improved.

They learnt how to safely get on, as well as dismount off their horses at the end of the session. Each of the students followed instructions and participated in activities ran by the RDA volunteers. They went on trail rides in the paddock which was loads of fun. All of the students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour whilst on this weekly excursion.

We like to say a big thankyou to Riding for the Disabled team at Muswellbrook and also to the Singleton Golf Club, who had kindly allowed us to use their mini bus to transport the students. Included are some photos taken by Riding for the Disabled Association.

Elaine Bunnemeyer



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, athletics carnival, Year 4 Sydney excursion (Note: final cost is yet to be finalised), instrument hire, etc. For those families that have a child/ren in Year 4, an amount of \$200.00 has been invoiced for Sydney. This is so that families can start paying installments including the \$50.00 deposit. The final amount for the Year 3 excursion has now been invoiced.

Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion has now been calculated. The final cost of the excursion is \$195.00 minus the \$50.00 deposit. All outstanding payments of **\$145.00** must be paid to the office by 12.30 pm on **Wednesday, 12 September 2018**.

Sporting Schools

Unfortunately Sporting Schools will not be running in Term 3 as the school was not successful in gaining funding.

 **Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way

...to make cauliflower & spinach dahl.

Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil	½ tsp paprika
1 tbsp mustard seeds	4 ½ cups vegetable stock
1 red onion, diced	1 cup dried red lentils
3 cloves garlic, minced	1 can chickpeas, drained & rinsed
1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated	2 cups cauliflower florets
1 tbsp curry powder	2 cups baby spinach
1 tsp turmeric	¼ cup fresh coriander
½ tsp ground coriander	Naan bread or steamed rice

Method

Heat a large saucepan over a medium heat and add the olive oil. When hot, add the mustard seeds and cook for one minute. Add the onion, garlic, ginger and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the curry powder, turmeric, ground coriander and paprika and sauté for a further minute.



Add the stock, lentils and chickpeas and stir to combine. Bring to a simmer and then cover and reduce heat to medium low. Cook for 20 minutes and then fold through the cauliflower. Cover again and cook for another 8 minutes. Add the spinach and fold through. Top with fresh coriander and serve with Naan bread or steamed rice.

For more information visit
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Canteen Roster - Week 2 , Term 3 2018

Mon 30/7/18	Morgan Lees, Di Cooke, Aleks Jelaca
Tues 31/7/18	Evette Anderson
Wed 1/8/18	Cara Roohan, Julie Thomas
Thurs 2/7/18	Melissa Wilson, Maree Davidson, 1 more helper please
Fri 3/7/18	Rebecca & Craig Cooke, Amy Stone

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 3 2018

Mon 6/8/18	Di Cooke, Anna Adamthwaite, Sally Menere
Tues 7/8/18	Tony Whiting
Wed 8/8/18	Cara Roohan, 1 more helper please
Thurs 9/8/18	Kylie Page, Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 more helper please
Fri 10/8/18	Maxine Kolinos, Carolyn Martin, 1 more helper please

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 behaviour on verandahs and stairs ”

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

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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

Kinder Speeches

On Friday, 29 June, Kindergarten held their public speaking morning.

There was much anticipation to hear the speeches prepared by some of our Kindergarten children.

You could have heard a pin drop as the audience sat like statues, engaged in the myriad of subjects that revealed Kindergarten's hottest topics, presented by Lara, Bronte, Asha, Charlie, Max, Ivy, Layla, Andrew and Ruby.

These topics ranged from hugs, sport, TMNT (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles – for those of you who don't know), camping excursions with gold digging and native animal encounters and swimming. Local rugby matches, families, and we even had our own Kinder Karate Kid! Don't pick a fight with Layla! Mario cart was another passion and weekend adventures with families was another activity close to Kindergarten hearts.

Speeches were well prepared and spoken confidently, with eye contact and even the odd joke!

Well done to the participants and the great audience. How your confidence has grown this semester Kindergarten. A superb effort by all.

Miss Drinan
Kindergarten teacher



Band Link

On 5 and 6 July, 23 members of the Concert and Beginner Band travelled to McDonald Jones Stadium in Newcastle for 2 fun-filled days of musical fun. We left bright and early both mornings at 7.15 am and arrived back at school at 4.30 pm. The students were split into 3 bands: Knights, Jets and Rams. They had tutorials and workshops, rehearsing a handful of pieces in preparation for the concert. The students played very well and came away with lots of new skills. On Friday, each band performed on the sideline of the stadium while the audience watched from the grandstand. Their behaviour was excellent, which made a busy few days much more enjoyable. I'd like to send a very big THANK YOU to Mrs Stacie Haines, Mrs Isabella Bailey and Mr Bill Cause for coming along. Your company and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Kristy Dibley
Band Co-ordinator



Donations for Fete

KDM are after donations of Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins and small jars. Donations can be left KDM classroom.

School Facebook Page

Our school will be launching our Singleton Public School Facebook page. The aim of our Facebook page will be to acknowledge the positive efforts and work of individual children, staff and our community. Our page will reflect these amazing achievements and fantastic whole school events. It will be used to complement the school website and app as well as to communicate information to our school community. We will continue to distribute notes for school events and produce a fortnightly newsletter. The aim will be to offer day to day information and to showcase learning, events and excursions at the school. The Facebook Page will be created in line with the Department of Education's Social Media Policy. Posts will include photos of students, staff and our school community involved in different activities in the classrooms and around the school, excursions and events as well as upcoming events.

We have utilised the Department of Education guidelines to ensure our Facebook page is secure. Students will not be identified by full name on Facebook. Students will not be allowed to make comments on Facebook. The school asks that visitors to the page making comments show respect for other users by ensuring discussions remain civil. Personal attacks, trolling or spam will not be tolerated. The school will reserve the right to remove comments that do not adhere to the rules of engagement of the page and Facebook's standards. Rules of engagement and code of conduct will be pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

We understand that not everyone is on Facebook, we hope our Facebook page will be a valuable means of communicating school success with the community. Permission to Publish was gained or denied on your child's enrolment form at the time of enrolment by Parents / Carers. If you would like to change the Permission to Publish of your child, please contact the school office to make arrangements for the form to be printed, changed and re-signed. We are respectful and appreciative that there may be reasons parents do not wish for their child to be published. We have a very small percentage of students with no permission to publish, and if parents would like to change this permission, a new form will need to be completed and signed. This week the school will be sending home new Permission to Publish forms to any families that have either not advised the school of their child's permission to publish status or the permission to publish for the child is no. If you receive one of these notes, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Ethics Classes

Parents and carers are advised that the Ethics Classes have been suspended until further notice due to the teacher relocating to another area. If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school by becoming an Ethics teacher, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Liz Tudor on primaryethics@sps@gmail.com.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held this, **Friday, 27 July, 2018 (Wednesday August 1, if it is postponed. This will be advised via the school app)** at Alroy Oval. Both track and field events will take place on the day. Students need to assemble under the COLA at 9:00am with their class teacher. Students on late arriving buses will join their classes on arrival. We will leave school at 9:10 am, ready to start at 9:30 am. **This Athletics Carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and students turning 8 this year in Year 2. All students are expected to attend.**

All students will travel to and from Alroy Oval by bus and the cost will be **\$3.50. All students must come to school, have their name marked off the roll and then travel on the bus to Alroy Oval at the allotted time.** At the end of the day students may go home with parents after the carnival and names **MUST** be marked off the roll by their class teacher before leaving. Students should wear suitable sport clothes in their **house colours***, school hat and sunscreen and bring plenty of water.

The support and help of parents and family on the day is essential to running a quality carnival. Once again we are in need of helpers to make the day enjoyable for all. If you are able to help at the Carnival could you please fill in the note sent home and return it to class teachers. **Please have the permission note and payment returned to school by Thursday, 26 July (Week 1, Term 3).** If the bus money is not paid by this date, the students will remain at school and be supervised by available staff. As this carnival is for students in Years 3 to 6, all K-2 students will stay at school and have normal classes (with the exception of the participating 8 year old Year 2 students). All Year 3 to 6 teachers will be supervising at the carnival.

The High Jump events have taken place at school. Parents and spectators are most welcome.

Come along and support our students!

Canteen - Please be advised that there will not be a canteen operating on the day. Students and spectators will be able to pre-order their lunch for the carnival.

***Kendall-Red, Gordon-Yellow, Lawson-Blue, Paterson-Green**

Sharmyn Zeidler and Cathy Black
Organising Teacher

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019 Open

Is it becoming time for your child to commence their school education? The school is now able to register names of all siblings and family members for Kindergarten 2019. If you would like to start your child at school next year, please contact the school office to record your interest.

Full details of information evenings, transition days and enrolment forms will be sent out this week to all names on the school's register.

Library and Information Week - Find Yourself in a Library

We have had a very busy Term 2 celebrating many events.

We celebrated Library and Information Week with children joining in a number of activities during lunch and recess breaks. As part of these celebrations on 23 May we joined over 1,062,230 participants from over 8,255 locations for National Simultaneous Storytime. We all read *Hickory Dickory Dash* at 11.00 am. As a bonus this year we had a lucky door prize with Oliver winning a copy of the book. Our self portrait competition was won by Matilda and Taneesha.



Bastille Day

During the last week of term students had an opportunity to learn about Bastille Day and the French culture. Activities were available in the library. Also our amazing canteen staff whipped up some French food for students to buy to extend the experience.



Book Week News

Book Week is fast approaching. We will be holding the annual Book Fair and Parade during our Open Day celebrations in Education Week. The Fair will be held on Thursday, 9 August where many beautiful books will be available for purchase at the library. Our provider will Scholastic. Eftpos will be available on the day. The theme is Find Your Treasure.

Education Week

Singleton Public School Vivid group have been invited to perform at the Education Week awards ceremony to be held on Monday, 6 August. A note has been sent home to all students in Vivid. Please return this form to Mrs Hackett as soon as possible.



When we went to the LABrary we got to have a go at the VR and robot making, it was lots of fun at the Singleton Town Library. - Byron

My favourite thing at the town LABrary was the virtual reality. -Isi

The LABrary was great, my favourite part was the VR and we got to experience being on a rollercoaster. -Cooper

The LABrary was really fun and my mum really liked her present we made in the laser engraver. -Ashton

At the LABrary I really enjoyed the VR and playing the Epic Rollercoaster. -Jackson

At the LABrary I liked the VR. -Jordan

Yesterday was awesome at the LABrary, I liked the VR the most. - Lillyan

4/5R attended the LABrary open day on Thursday 5th, July. They had a fantastic time and enjoyed experimenting with the Virtual reality goggles, 3D printers, Laser engraver and cutter, Ozobots, R2D2 droids and the Green Screen.

The LABrary was really fun, it had laser cutting, VR, 3D printing, a green room and robots. - Regan

The VR was awesome at the LABrary. - Jack C.

The LABrary was lots of fun, my favourite bit was the VR. - Chelsea

I really enjoyed the VR and the robots at the LABrary. - Haz

The LABrary is a fun place where you can do fun stuff like coding, watch how 3D printers work and use the VR goggles. -Riley



The LABrary was very interesting and my favourite bit was the VR. -Sethuki

The thing that I liked about the LABrary was the VR. - Logan

The 3D printer was my favourite because you can print different things. - Joey



Yesterday we went to the LABrary, my favourite station was the green screen. -Zoe



NAIDOC Week Art Prize Winners



Congratulations to all of our students who entered the Singleton NAIDOC Art Competition. The spectacular entries are currently on exhibition Singleton Library. For the first time in the history of the competition our school has won a prize in every category! We congratulate the following prize winners:

Kindergarten - Laura Sutton

Year 1 - Allira Bailey

Year 2 - Zarleya Newbury

Year 3 - Cohen Matthews

Year 4 - Alisha Payne

Year 5 - Lillyan Newberry

Year 6 - Abbie Newberry

Touch Football Gala Day

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to participate in the NSW Touch Football Gala Day. The Gala day is to be held at Civic Park on Tuesday, 31 July, 2018. Students will walk to and from Civic Park accompanied by teachers, leaving school at 9.30 am and returning by 3.00 pm.

Students will be required to wear their school sports uniform i.e. school polo shirt and navy blue shorts. NB: No jewellery is to be worn, earrings must be removed NOT taped.

Children will need a water bottle (with a name on it), sunscreen, a hat and food for the day. No canteen will be available.

This is a non-competitive day and all students are encouraged to participate. There will be junior mixed, boys and girls teams as well as senior mixed, boys and girls teams.

There is no cost for the day as it is run by NSW Touch Football.

Students who do not wish to participate will stay at school with designated teachers.

Please return the permission slip to your class teacher as soon as possible.

School Photos

School photos have arrived back at school and they will be sent home this week. Family photos will be sent home with the eldest child. Other parent copies will be held at the office for collection. Order forms for group photos eg student council, house captains, etc will also be sent home. Further details and pictures of the photos will be in next fortnight's newsletter.

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:-

Name: Josh

Role: Gordon House Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Sport

Favourite Colour: Blue

Best thing about school:

Playtime.



What I like about SPS:

That it's a big school and we have a lot of things to do.

Name: Ivy

Role: Gordon House Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Art

Favourite Colour: Red

Best thing about school:

Spending time with my friends at lunch and recess.



What I like about SPS:

Helping little kids when they are lonely.

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Name: Harry

Role: Gordon Vice Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Colour: Green

Best thing about school:

There are so many roles and leadership roles you can do.



What I like about SPS:

How clean the playgrounds are.

Name: Clancy

Role: Gordon Vice Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Colour: Green

Best thing about school:

I get to see my friends.



What I like about SPS:

Everybody is treated fairly.

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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 9 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KDM	Alby MacKenzie	KL	Lucy Amber Harvey
KS	Joey Senudi	1LF	Olivia Isaac
1S	Flynn Annabelle	1H	Digby Brayden
2J	Amelia Jake	2L	Seth Kristy
2PD	Ashelee Elizabeth	3A	Hannah Chloe Ava
3C	Sabine Sarah Abbie	4B	Jessica Thomas Lilly
3/4Z	Amelia Cadel Tyrone	4/5R	Sethuki Ashton Kaden
5K	Beth Maegan Beau	5S	Trisha Ella Lynkin
6D	Harrison Ruby Seth	6M	Kaitlin Kristie Jeremy
7B	Anakin	7W	Phoenix

Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1	Annie	Stage 1	Peyton
Stage 2	Bailey	Stage 3	Samuel

Super Citizens

KS	Jenny	3C	Maddison
KL	Cayden	4B	Jazz
1H	Logan	6M	Tazma

2018

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

MONTH / WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
JUL 1	23 Students Return	24	25	26 Riverside Orchestra and Jazz Band 1-1.45 pm	27 Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival (and eligible Year 2)	28
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AUG 2	30	31 ICAS – English Test Touch Football Yrs 3-6	1 P&C Meeting 6.00pm Athletics Carnival back up date	2	3 NAIDOC Day at SPS	4
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AUG 3	6 Education Week Education Week Awards Ceremony- Civic Centre 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start	7	8	9 Book Fair and Parade and open Day for Ed Week	10	11
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AUG 4	13 Kinder 2019 Information Evening	14 ICAS – Mathematics Test	15 PSSA Zone Athletics	16	17 St Caths Netball Gala Day Final payment due Yr 4 Sydney	18
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AUG 5	20 Kinder to Town Library 11.30 – 12.30	21	22	23	24	25
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AUG / SEPT 6	27 Yr 5 Town Library visit 11.30 am – 12.30pm	28 Year 4 Sydney Kirkland Cup	29 Year 4 Sydney Yr 6 Town Library visit 11.30 am – 12.30 pm	30 Year 4 Sydney Public Speaking Competition	31 Father's Day Breakfast	1
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SEPT 7	3 Yr 3-5 Tennis	4 Year 4 Girl Talk K-2 Tennis	5 P&C Meeting 6.00pm 3/4Z, 4B, 4/5R to Town Library 1 – 2pm	6 Year 3 to Town Library 1 – 2pm	7 School Fete All Kinder 2019 enrolment and transition forms to be returned to Singleton PS	8
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SEPT 8	10	11	12 Final payment due Yr 3 excursion	13 Yr 5 Liddel Coal Mine Tour	14	15
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SEPT 9	17	18 Yr 5 Bulga Coal Mine Tour	19	20 Year 3 Outdoor Experience leave 8.45 am	21 Year 3 Outdoor Experience return 3.00 pm Kinder Enrolment acceptance letters to be sent out	22
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SEPT 10	24	25 Disco 5.00-6.00 pm K-2 6.00-7.30 pm Yrs 3-6	26	27	28 Last Day Term 3	29
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Great artwork in KL

Here are some budding artists. The drawing of the “Sitting Cat” done by Cayden, Jonathan and Bronte.



The “Sleeping Lion” drawn by Henry, Leah and Ivy.

