

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

5 SEPTEMBER 2018

Dugs Day

Watching so many of our Dads, Uncles, Grandads, Step Dads and Significant Men have breakfast at school last Friday with their children and families was an absolute treat!

Football games, climbing on equipment, photo booth and playground exploring featured on everyone's to do list and even had the grandads cheering on from the sidelines.

The memories made will stay with the children for many years to come. The social connections made between our male community will continue to support all of our students as well.

'Dress as a Farmer' and Portrait donations raised \$850 and lots food donations for the local 'Doin it Tough' campaign. "Doin it tough" have requested our monies raised be used to purchase bales of hay for them to deliver.

Many thanks to all the staff and P&C volunteers for hosting such a terrific event. Your efforts are appreciated by us all.

Thankyou also to Sarah Scott for rallying up the bacon and egg donations and to COLES Singleton for their support with donations of sausages, bread and rolls.

PS. A heartfelt email was sent to school by a member of our parent community, to acknowledge and thank the efforts of our staff and volunteers. Your email has made our hearts full and our smiles wide. Thank you.

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal

On Friday afternoon, the Singleton Public School community lost Miss Moon who had been a valued and integral member of our school for over twenty years. Miss Moon had valiantly fought cancer over the last fourteen months. She will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the students and families of Singleton Public School, both past and present.

Miss Moon was enthusiastic about Australian history and passionate in sharing her knowledge. Over the years she loved coaching soccer teams, running the garden club, encouraging healthy eating and in particular organising social occasions.

Miss Fiona Moon will be missed as a colleague, teacher and friend.

The funeral will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, High Street, Singleton at 10.00 am.



Calendar of Events

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| Wednesday 5 September | 3/4Z, 4B, 4/5R to Town Library 1.00 - 2.00 pm P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library |
| Friday 7 September | School Fete 10.00 am to 2.00 pm All Kinder 2019 enrolment and transition forms to be returned to Office Stage 1 HV Zoo note and payment due |
| Monday 10 September | Stage 1 Excursion to HV Zoo arrive at school by 8.50 am Scholastic LOOP Book Club Orders due online Connecting Country School launch |
| Wednesday 12 September | Final Payment due for Year 3 Excursion (no late payments can be accepted) |
| Thursday 13 September | Year 5 Liddell Mine Tour 9.00 am - 12.00 pm |
| Friday 14 September | Tell Them from Me Survey opt out due back |
| Monday 17 September | Year 5 Aussie Bush parent helpers expression of interest note due back to school |
| Tuesday 18 September | Year 5 Bulga Mine Tour 9.00 am - 12.00 pm |
| Wednesday 19 September | K-2 Sports Carnival at Cook Park |
| Thursday 20 September | Year 3 Outdoor Experience excursion please arrive at school by 8.20 am |
| Friday 21 September | Year 3 Outdoor Experience returning to SPS by 3.00 pm Kindergarten to Singleton Show |

There is no assembly this week due to the Fete.

The Week 8 assembly will be hosted by 3C at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

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



Education

Zone Public Speaking

The Upper Hunter Zone Public Speaking competition was held at Muswellbrook South Public School on Thursday, 30 August. We sent a talented team who represented our school to the highest standard with their attitude, sportsmanship and amazing speeches. Our team consisted of Cailin and Zahra from Stage 1, Mitchell and Hudson from Stage 2 and Hamish and Erin from Stage 3. Congratulations to Cailin who came first and Zahra who came second and congratulations to the whole team for their outstanding efforts.

Cheryl Alaban
Organising Teacher



Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Phoebe, Archie, Siaan, Lachlan, Kaitlin and Max the age athletics champions for 2018. Well Done!

Absent from photo - Archie.



Kirkland Cup

A fantastic day was had by all at the Kirkland Cup Rugby League Gala Day on Tuesday, 28 August. The Under 10's team which consisted of Year 3 students only, played extremely well in their pool. They dug deep in every game they played and showed great sportsmanship both on and off the field!

Our Open's Team of Year 5 and 6 boys, displayed impressive skills in attack and their defence was outstanding, helping them to win two games and draw one in their Pool B matches. This fabulous result earned them a place in the grand final, up against the winners of Pool A, King Street Public School. Our boys played extremely well showing great pride and respect on the field, unfortunately we did not win the game but were gallant in defeat.

A huge thank you to our Under 10's coach Billy Davidson, our Open's trainer Peter Knight and Open's coach Brett Ward. The day would not have been as successful without all your hard work and dedication. Also a big thank you to all the mums, dads and family members who came down to support our teams on the day! Well done everyone!

Mrs Street and Mr Black



Tennis Workshop

Hunter Tennis Academy along with Tennis Australia have attended Singleton Public School on Monday, 3 September to give students from Kindergarten to Year 2 a chance to participate in a mini tennis lesson. They have brought with them three qualified coaches to take the students through their paces. Students will learn the basics of tennis, play some games and hopefully start to develop a love for what could be a life long sport. A session for Years 3-5 will be held at Howe Park at a date to be advised. A great time was had by all students in Kinder to Year 2.

Congratulations to Kaitlin Van Zyl

Congratulations to Kaitlan who was selected to represent the Hunter team at State level for Shot Put and Discus. Kaitlin will travel to Sydney Olympic Park on Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1 November to compete in these two events. We wish Kaitlin all the best.



Good for Kids good for life**MASTERING THE OVER-ARM THROW**

Over arm throwing is one of many Fundamental Movement Skills which requires practice. Fundamental Movement Skills are taught at school but you can help teach your child these important skills at home.

To master the over arm throw:

1. Focus eyes on target area throughout the throw.
2. Stand side-on to target.
3. Throwing arm moves in a downward and backward arc.
4. Step toward target area with foot opposite to throwing arm.
5. Hips, then shoulders rotate forward.
6. Throwing arm follows through, down and across body.



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Canteen Roster - Week 8 , Term 3 2018

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| Mon 10/9/18 | Di Cooke, Monica Louw, Gabby Cooper |
| Tues 11/9/18 | Elissa Tanner, Monica Louw |
| Wed 12/9/18 | Lisa Delaney, Melanie Drew |
| Thurs 13/9/18 | Melissa Wilson, Judi Wyllie |
| Fri 14/9/18 | Rachel Bourke, Holly Cameron, 1 more helper please |

Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 3 2018

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| Mon 17/9/18 | Rebecca Beattie, Allison Hodge, 1 more helper please |
| Tues 18/9/18 | Lisa Mortensen |
| Wed 19/9/18 | Cara Roohan, Alan Hamson |
| Thurs 20/9/18 | Kylie Broadbent, Nicole and Todd Furness |
| Fri 21/9/18 | 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:-

****Using manners, demonstrating responsibility and respect****

Notes that have been sent home:-

- Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion - medical note and activity restriction form
- Stage 1 HV Zoo permission note (payment and note due back by Friday, 7 September)
- Year 5 Mine Tour
- Year 5 Aussie Bush note
- Tell them from me survey

Singleton Pubic School Details

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| Phone | 02 6571 2250 |
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| Principal | Deanne Brown |
| AP ES1 | Christine Launders |
| 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

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| 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 |

Year 5 Aussie Bush

The Year Five major excursion for 2018 is a four-day (over-night) trip to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The excursion supports and enhances our study of PD/H/PE, as well as encouraging independence and mutual co-operation.

During the excursion we are hopeful that the following activities will be available (weather permitting): *High Ropes
*Rock Climbing *Lost (Mud world) *Canoeing *Night Activity (Country Fair) *Flying Fox

Travel is by bus which will depart at 8:45am sharp on Tuesday, 27 November 2018 and return to school by 3.00 pm on Friday, 30 November 2018. Full information packs will go home closer to the date of the camp. We welcome you to go online and find out more information at www.bushcamp.com.au.

Approximately 90 students and 4 staff will attend the excursion. Due to limited accommodation facilities, there are a very limited number of places available for parents who are interested in accompanying us. **If you are interested, please indicate on the permission slip and return by Monday, 17 September.** This will allow time for us to look at numbers for students going, perform a ballot and advise the parents selected.

Cost: \$355.00

This includes: coach travel, accommodation, programmed camp, qualified staff organising and managing camp activities, night activities and provided meals.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00, which needs to be paid by 12:30 pm on Monday, 24 September 2018.** If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. No late payments will be accepted.

Payment: The balance of money owing needs to be paid to the office by 10.30am on Monday, 19 November 2018. Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher or Mrs Burns at the office with regards to the Student Assistance Program. This must be completed at least one month prior to the final payment date. All discussions are private and confidential.

Year 5 Teachers

Band Instrument Hire Term 3 Payment Due

Thank you to the parents who have their child's Band Instrument Hire payments up to date. Please be aware that Term 3 payments for instrument hire are now due and Term 2 payments are in arrears. Could all parents please ensure that payments are up to date before the end of the term.

Student Health – Influenza B

There has been reported case of Influenza B within the school community. Influenza, or flu, is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. There are three main types of influenza virus that cause infection in humans - types A, B and C - and many sub-types or strains. Influenza can occur throughout the year but influenza activity usually peaks in winter. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

People with influenza typically experience some or all of the following symptoms:

fever and chills

cough, sore throat and runny or stuffy nose

muscle aches, joint pains, headaches and fatigue (feeling very tired)

nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea (more common in children than adults).

How is it spread?

Influenza viruses are mainly spread by droplets made when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Influenza can also be spread through touching surfaces where infected droplets have landed.

People with influenza can be infectious from the day before their symptoms start. Children remain infectious for 7-10 days, and people with weakened immune systems may be infectious for longer.

How long do children need to be excluded from school?

If you are sick with flu, stay at home and avoid close contact with other people to prevent them from also becoming sick. Keep sick children away from school and other activities. Wait at least 24 hours after fever resolves so you that you are unlikely to infect other people.

Miss Edgar Thank You

Over the last few months, I have reflected on my years at Singleton Public School and the incredible part it has played in my life. A school is truly a community with all the challenges this entails but with the support and encouragement to deal with them.

When I first arrived in 1987, Gai Scoles was a new arrival too (followed shortly after by Trish Bailey). SPS was a much smaller school, the library was upstairs, the staffroom was where one of the Year 5 classes is now, we had cricket nets at the end of the playground and many more trees. I was a relatively young teacher who had not long returned from five years travelling, living and working in other countries beginning with 18 months teaching in New Zealand. I loved travelling (still do!) and did not think that I would be staying in Singleton for long. Thirty-one years later I am finally moving on.

So, what is it that I have been reflecting on? What do I see, hear and feel in my memories? Well it is a school, ... so voices seem to echo. The shouts, laughter and arguments of the playground, the questions and chatter, the unmistakable hum of a working classroom. The cheers of competition during carnivals, the words of encouragement during challenges at camp and the joyous responses to performances (concerts, musicals, pantomimes). But also the soft sorrowful whispers when things go wrong and the heated struggle to communicate feelings.

I see faces. So many faces. The students I first taught now have children of their own and many times I have had a student tell me that I had taught their father or mother. It is always fun to have parent interviews and recognise their faces (they haven't changed as much as mine). Or to meet the grandparents of my students and realise that it wasn't that long ago that we were discussing their children not their grandchildren. Then there are the faces of the people I have worked with. The warm supportive smile of a colleague at the end of a difficult day is always welcome. Each face is etched into my memory but I do have some difficulty, at times, linking faces with names. Mind you, I am like that with my own family and I am sure I forget my own name occasionally.

In my time at SPS I have experienced a range of emotions. Mostly relating to a sense of belonging, of being part of something important. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to help guide so many wonderful students and to interact with their families especially during excursions and camp. I have of course experienced stress and frustration but that is easily outweighed by the friendships and support I have received.

Teaching is a challenging career but it has given me the opportunity to be part of the SPS school community for which I am very grateful. I would like to thank you, my wonderful colleagues, for the support you have given me. I am constantly amazed at the creativity, innovation and knowledge that is displayed in classrooms every day. However, the thing I am most grateful for is your friendship. I would like also to thank the parents and guardians of our students for their support and contributions to our school. You are marvellous. Now as to our wonderful students, thank you for being part of my life, for constantly surprising me with your wonderful ideas and enthusiasm for life. I will miss your smiles.

Wishing all at SPS continued success and wonderful lives,

Robyn Edgar

Year 5 Mine Tour

Year 5 students have the opportunity to participate in the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Mine Tour on either Thursday, 13 September at Liddell Mine or Tuesday, 18 September at Bulga Mine. The students will leave SPS at 9.00 am and return by 12.00 pm for bus.

Uniform: Students must wear enclosed footwear to address Health and Safety requirements. Students must also wear a hat as per sun safe policy.

Mobile Phones: Mobile phones and cameras will not be permitted on this excursion as per mine site Health & Safety policy. A photo opportunity for students will be offered as part of the excursion. Permission notes have been sent home and need to be returned by Monday, 3 September to the class teacher. There is no cost for this excursion.

Benita Van Der Wel
Organising Teacher

Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience 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**.

Before and After School Safety Reminders

We ask that parents and students observe the safety precautions when arriving at and leaving from school.

MORNINGS:

- Students are not to arrive before 8.40 am
- Supervision commences at 8.40 am
- Students who arrive to school on an early bus before the morning play bell MUST sit on the steps outside the kindergarten classrooms and wait until morning bell rings - NO PLAY
- Students may place their bags at their class location after 8.40 am

AFTERNOONS:

- Students must leave the school grounds via the appropriate gates on Hunter or Elizabeth Streets. Carpark and driveway gates are not to be used by students or parents
- Students catching a bus must report to bus lines immediately after being dismissed from class
- Students and parents must use the Hunter and Elizabeth Street Pedestrian Crossings to cross the road. Teachers assist at these crossings to keep our students safe. Please DO NOT call children across the road from the footpath on the other side, between cars or in the middle of the road. The streets are congested during this time and the crossings are the safest place to cross, even if it means walking a little bit further.

Stage 1 Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion

As part of the Stage One current Science unit, Living Things, Stage One students will visit the Hunter Valley Zoo on Monday, 10 September 2018. Students and teachers will travel to and from the Zoo by bus.

Children must be at school by 8.30 am as buses will leave school at 9.00 am SHARP and will return to school by 3.10 pm. The cost will be \$24.00 per student. Permission notes and money must be sent to the office no later than 12.30 pm Friday, 7 September 2018. Due to the large number of zoo staff and SPS staff, parent helpers won't be required on this excursion. Children will need their sports uniform, shoes (joggers), hat and sunscreen, recess, lunch and their drink bottle. Please ensure you have returned your child's Medical Information Sheet that was sent home earlier this year. If you require another sheet, please notify your teacher.

Class Donations for Fete

- KDM are after donations of Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins and small jars. Donations can be left at the KDM classroom.
- KS are running a handicraft and gift basket stall. They are after donations of handicraft eg: peg dolls, finger puppets, sock puppets, gift tags, bookmarks, paper windmills, handmade cards, knitted items, handmade soaps and candles, bangles and necklaces, earrings, Christmas decorations, hand towels and knitted coat hangers. A major hit at the fete is slime and putty.
- KL, 2J, 2PD are running a cake stall. They are after donations of homemade cakes and sweets. Please label all ingredients on packaging and refrain from using nuts.
- 1S are after donations of any unwanted/pre loved items for their Trash and Treasure. Please do not send in any electrical goods. Examples include Soft toys, books, games and jig saws.
- 1H and 1LF are after donation of clean stuffed toy for their book and bear packs and one or two of the following lollies - Plain freddo frogs, jellybeans, snakes, sour worms.
- 3A are after donations of fur baby toys, treats and items to spoil your pooche.
- 4B and 3/4Z are after donations of bags or blocks of chocolate for their side show alley.
- 4/5R are running a bottle stall (similar to Tombola). They are asking for donations of jars filled with new items as prizes.
- Year 6 are in need of second hand kids clothing for their fete stall. Donations of any clothing that your child may have grown out of are appreciated, however they are being very particular about the clothes they sell and would only like good quality items. Please donate going out wear – not house wear/old clothes.
- Support Unit Monster Fete Raffle. Staff and students from the Support Unit require your assistance with the donation of prize(s) towards our stall. They greatly appreciate your support and if you know of any local businesses who would like to contribute towards our stall, please pass on the information. Some examples of prizes needed include: - Toys, vouchers, anything for children, candles, movie tickets, Big W/Coles/Woolworths/Bunnings vouchers

Monster Raffle Pre Sale Tickets

The Support Unit are running a Monster Raffle at this years fete. Raffle tickets were sent home and they only cost \$1 each. Please clearly write your name and phone number on each ticket and return them with your money to the Support Unit.

Here are some of the fabulous prizes that you could win for only \$1 per ticket :-

Garmin Vivo fit 2, Repco Blade 60cm Mountain bike, Mambo Stunt Scooter, Magical Cubby house, Moki head phones, children's wheelbarrow, Bliss Gift voucher, Big W voucher plus many more prizes.

Also, if you would like to donate a prize towards the raffle, please drop them off at the Support Unit.

Thank you

Elaine Bunnemeyer

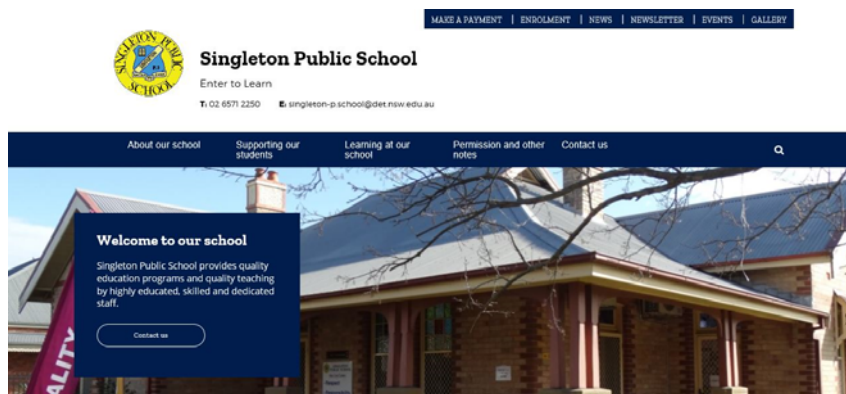


New look website

The new Singleton Public School website went live on Thursday, 30 August 2018.

All information can still be found on the website but it is in a new platform. The website address has also changed slightly.

You can now find the website at <https://singleton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



Year 4 Sydney



Dugs Day



Tell Them from Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27 August and 26 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home last week to students from Year 4 to Year 6. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by the date advertised on the upcoming letter. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Deanne Brown



BROKE VILLAGE FAIR
AND VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY

SUN 9TH SEPT

9am-3pm, McNamara Park

VINTAGE CARS AND MACHINERY • MARKET STALLS
LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT • KIDS RIDES
LASER TAG • ROCKER COVER CAR RACING • MAGIC SHOW
TUG-O-WAR • FOOD AND WINE • MINE TOURS

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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 5 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

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| KDM | Charlie Sienna | KL | Kayden McKenzie |
| KS | Xander Andrew | 1LF | Maria Cruz |
| 1S | Tristan Stella | 1H | Ryda James |
| 2J | Carson Karlie | 2L | Taisie Stevie |
| 2PD | Aidan Flynn | 3A | Baylie Ashton Jackson |
| 3C | Eva Mackenzie Connor | 4B | Lily Tom Hunter |
| 3/4Z | Sophie Nate Jed | 4/5R | Jordan Riley Jack |
| 5K | McKayla Abbey Seth | 5S | Heath Jimmy Emily |
| 6D | Joshua Lucy Tommy | 6M | Alex Lara Hamish |
| 7B | Brodie, Anakin | 7W | Joseph |

Singleton Stars

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| Early Stage 1 | Pippa | Stage 1 | Brendan |
| Stage 2 | Hayley | Stage 3 | Chloe |

Super Citizens

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| KS | Gemma | 4/5R | Chelsea |
| 1S | Rosie | 6D | Clancy |
| 2PD | Meika | S.U | Duke |

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 6 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

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|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| KDM | Pippa Noah | KL | Miley Clay |
| KS | Charlotte Larni | 1FL | Matthew Omar |
| 1S | Blake Adyson | 1H | Liam Brayden |
| 2J | Molly Joseph | 2L | Cailin Seth Jake |
| 2PD | Harry Jenna | 3A | Olivia Harry Hannah |
| 3C | Isabella Lachlan Abbie | 4B | Year 4 Sydney Excursion |
| 3/4Z | Year 4 Sydney Excursion | 4/5R | Kaden Joey Ashton |
| 5K | Charli Lachie Brianna | 5S | Dominic Jack Skye |
| 6D | Hugh Charlie Charlie | 6M | Jayce Jack Tazma |
| 7B | Coleby | 7W | Henry |

Singleton Stars

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|----------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Early Stage 1 | Markie | Stage 1 | Danika |
| Stage 2 | Coen | Stage 3 | Hugo |

Super Citizens

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| KM | Alby | 3A | Mitchell |
| 1LF | Olivia | 5S | Skye |
| 2J | Mia | 5K | Lachie |