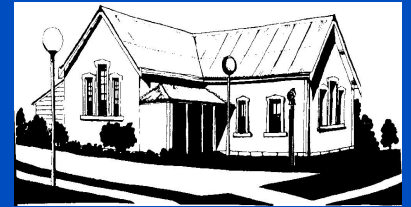


# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

30 OCTOBER 2019

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>	Intensive Swimming Year 2 students and selected students in Year 3 and 4
<b>Thursday 31 October</b>	Intensive Swimming Year 2 students and selected students in Year 3 and 4
<b>Friday 1 November</b>	Intensive Swimming Year 2 students and selected students in Year 3 and 4 Kinder 2020 Small Steps Program - Session 7
<b>Saturday 2 November</b>	Combined Schools Band Concert at 6.00 pm at Civic Centre
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	Boys Cricket team to play - more details to come
<b>Monday - Friday 4-8 November</b>	Intensive Swimming Year 2 students and selected students in Year 3 and 4
<b>Thursday 7 November</b>	Kinder 2020 Orientation # 1 9.30 am - 11.00 am Kinder 2020 Parent/Carer workshop Literacy session
<b>Friday 8 November</b>	Kinder 2020 Small Steps Program - Session 8 Kinder 2020 Parent/Carer workshop Road Safety and Numeracy session
<b>Monday 11 November</b>	Pantomime ticket sales at 8.30 am on Parsonage verandah
<b>Thursday 14 November</b>	Kinder 2020 Orientation # 2 9.30 am - 11.00 am
<b>Friday 15 November</b>	P&C Year Book orders due back to school Band - Instrument tryouts for 2020 at 1.30 pm in the hall Surf Fun Day note and payment due
<b>Wednesday 20 November</b>	Year 6 Rock and Water at Youth Centre - Group 2
<b>Thursday 21 November</b>	Puss in Boots Pantomime Performance - evening show at 6.30 pm Kinder 2020 Orientation # 3 9.30 am - 11.00 am
<b>Friday 22 November</b>	Puss in Boots Pantomime Performance - evening show at 6.30 pm Stage 1 Wetlands note and payment due

**The Week 3 assembly will be at starting time of 12.45 pm with a sneak peak performance from the Pantomime.**

**The Week 4 assembly will be hosted by 4F at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

**Please Note : There will be no paper copies of the newsletter sent home with students. All newsletters will be available online only.**

### 1PH Maths Activities



### PBL Winners - Riverside Park Visit



*From the Principal*

**Student Volunteers – Breakfast Club**

Thank you to the students who have been assisting our parent volunteers at Breakfast Club each morning. The students have been helping serve at the cereal counter, making sandwiches and cleaning up. They have been a great help, especially on the mornings when there has been a limited number of parent volunteers.

**Intensive Swimming**

Students started their intensive swimming lessons this week. The program is a highly beneficial experience for all students involved and we hope to see improved confidence and skills around the water for these students.

**Panto**

A ticket sales booth will open on Monday, 11 November at 8:30 am on the Parsonage verandah. I'm sure this will again prove extremely popular. This year's event is certainly looking like being an all time hit.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our 2020 Swimming Carnival will be conducted on Friday, 13 December this year. After a successful carnival at the end of last year we will again attempt to avoid the oppressive heat of February as well as providing classes a more settled period when commencing the 2020 school year. The carnival will involve students from Year 2 to Year 6 and will be the main qualifying events for students to progress to the Zone Primary Swimming in 2020. Parent volunteers to assist on the day will be required and greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs Black and Mrs Zeidler if you are available to assist.

**Mobile Phones and Mobile Watches**

Mobile devices are not to be used by students during school time. If your child has a mobile phone with them at school it should be switched off for the entire day and kept in their bag at all times. Please do not contact your child on their phone or watch device. Students are not allowed to make or receive calls/ messages on their mobile devices during the school day. All messages for students should be made via the office. If your child is unwell or parents need to be called, teachers or office staff will call parents, not the students.

**Staffing – Teacher Librarian Position**

Our teacher Librarian position is in the process of being filled. A panel has been formed and the position will be advertised in the coming weeks.

**Kindergarten 2020**

2020 Kindergarten information packs are available from the school office for the parents and carers who were unable to attend the Information Evening last Monday, 21 October.

Ms Deanne Brown  
Principal



IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR COPY

**2019 SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

**\$15**

Don't miss out! Orders close Friday 15 November

**2019 YEARBOOK**  
SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

The P&C Yearbook Coordinators have been busy behind the scenes collecting memories, collating events and designing fun pages for an exciting 2019 School Yearbook. The P&C love doing this each year for our students. It is a great way to enjoy and celebrate the great year they've had, and students can look back on it for years to come!

Many local businesses have generously sponsored the Yearbook, allowing us to offer families a more affordable publication. You can see all of our wonderful sponsors featured throughout the book along with all the highlights of the year. Get your order in, you don't want to miss out! Yearbooks will be delivered to classrooms in Week 10.

Cut off this order form and return it to the school office with your \$15 cash payment before Friday 15 November 2019.

**2019 SPS YEARBOOK ORDERS**

**\$15 EACH** Orders Due by 15 November

Student Name(s): .....

Class or Classes: .....

Total sum enclosed: ..... Receipt required: Yes / No

Please send in this order form with \$15 cash (only) in an envelope to the school office before 15 November 2019.

Yearbooks will be delivered to student classrooms in Week 10

Cash payments only - please do not use the Parent Online Payment system through the school's website



**\$15**

**2019 YEARBOOK**  
SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Good for Kids** good for life



**Canteen Roster - Week 4 , Term 3 2019**

Mon 4/11/19	Loren Arnott, Gabby Cooper
Tues 5/11/19	Tony Whiting
Wed 6/11/19	Alan Hamson, Maree Davidson
Thurs 7/11/19	Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 8/11/19	Maxine Kolinis, Bec McNaught, Dianne Morris

**Canteen Roster - Week 5, Term 4 2019**

Mon 11/10/19	Anna Adamthwaite
Tues 12/11/19	Lisa Mortensen, Rachel Bourke
Wed 13/11/19	Aleks Jelaca, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 14/11/19	Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 15/11/19	Kylie Broadbent, Nicole and Todd Furness

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

**Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It**

Every week 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 points are:-

*Weeks 1 and 2 — Welcoming new students and visitors to the school. Being respectful.*

**Notes that have been sent home:-**

Support Unit Oakvale Farm Note  
 Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion  
 Stage 1 Wetlands postponed  
 Year 6 Surf Fun Safe Life Saving  
 Year 6 Farewell

Combined Schools Concert Band  
 Summer Reading Program

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AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Rachel Frith
AP Stage 3	Rachel Nichols/ Diane Merrick
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

## Intensive Swimming

Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in a Intensive Swimming Program for the next two weeks. Many thanks to Mrs Price for organising this event for the children.



## CPR

Pictured below are some of Stage 3 students completing a CPR course on Monday, 28 October.



## Sam Poolman Visit

On Tuesday, 22 October Year 3 and 4 girls and boys had an opportunity to participate in a training session with Samantha Poolman who plays for the Giants and captained the Diamonds in the Fast 5 series in 2018. The children had the opportunity to run through some drills with Sam and ask questions. Thank you to Mrs Street for organising this great visit.



## Summer Reading Program

This summer we are collaborating with the Singleton Library to run our annual Summer Reading Program.

To beat the Summer Slide and maintain reading proficiency, we are encouraging students to sign up to our reading program.

Students need to return the signed permission note to Mrs Mullen in the library. The first 150 students will receive a reading bag full of goodies as well as the reading log.

This year, the students will have the opportunity to participate in this program with access to borrow books from both Singleton Public School and our Town Library.

Over the school holidays, the students will be able to go into the draw to win fabulous prizes. Prizes will be drawn at the Singleton Town Library on 13 December 2019, 8 January 2020 and 29 January 2020.

A note with more information has been sent home this week or extra notes can be collected from the Library.

Wendy Mullen  
Librarian

## Rock and Water

Year 6 has been invited to attend the **Rock and Water** course which is being offered to our Year 6 students through the Singleton Youth Venue. The course will be run by Youth Worker, Hayden Moore, who has been specifically trained to facilitate the course over four consecutive weeks.

What is the ROCK AND WATER program?

Rock and Water is a course that is delivered over a number of lessons to students in primary or high school. A series of exercises and games are practised to develop confidence and self-reflection. The games are martial arts based, and students learn to block, hit strike shields, stand strong, negotiate using "rock" or "water" verbal approaches, walk away from a fight, consider alternatives to aggression, and develop understandings about who they are, their intuitive feelings and their personal direction.

**When:** Every Wednesday, Group 1 has started and Group 2 starts on 20/11/2019 for 4 consecutive weeks.

**Where:** Singleton Youth Venue

**Time:** 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm

**Travel:** The students will leave school at approximately 1.35 pm and walk to the Singleton Youth Venue accompanied by Mrs Merrick or Mrs Dibben

Year 6 Teachers

## School Student Transport Scheme

School student applications for the School Student Transport Scheme in 2020 opened Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, please go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

## Child Protection Education – Stages 2 and 3

This term, Stages 2 and 3 will be learning about the issues surrounding Child Protection as part of mandatory learning in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

The focus of these lessons is to provide students with the skills to make informed decisions and to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Students may wish to discuss some aspects of their learning with you. We encourage this as the main message of the unit is on identifying and communicating openly with trusted adults.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Rachel Frith  
Organising Teacher

## Classes 2020

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2020. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year.

Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher – as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office.

Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2020 will not be considered. Submissions might include a comment on a child's capacity to relate to other children, or perhaps a style of teaching that a child has responded positively to previously.

The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned. If you have a specific concern, submissions need to be received by the office prior to Friday, 15 November, 2019. It is usually not possible to move a child to a different class once rolls have been established. Please also inform the office if your family is relocating in 2020.

Deanne Brown  
Principal

## Combined Schools Concert 2019

It's hard to believe that it's that time of the year again to start organising for the combined schools concert as part of the Singleton Town Band's annual concert. For those new to Concert Band, each year the local schools combine and play 3 - 4 pieces of music at the beginning of the Town Band's Annual Concert at the Civic Centre.

Date: Saturday, 2 November 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Singleton Civic Centre

Kristy Dibley  
Band Co-ordinator

## Stage 1 and Support Unit Wetlands

Our Wetlands excursion was postponed due to the weather. Please see the rescheduled date below.

Date: Monday, 25 November, 2019

Time: Departing 9.10 am sharp and returning by 3.10 pm

Location: Shortland Wetlands

Payment Due: Friday, 22 November (extended due to change of date)

Activities: Dip netting, Wetlands Education session, Wet room scientific investigations, Wetlands walk and discovery session.

Parent Helpers: Due to limited seating and the small rooms at the centre parent helpers are not required.

Requirements: Children are required to wear full school uniform, enclosed shoes and school hat. They will need to bring their backpack with a jumper, a packed lunch and recess (no facilities to purchase) as well as plenty of water for the day. Students may bring roll on mosquito repellent (no sprays please) and sunscreen as we will spend most of the day outside.

Stage 1 and Support Unit Teachers

## Surf Fun Safe Life Saving Program

Year 6 students will be participating in the 'Surf, Fun, Safe' Program. It is a one day event where students will learn different Surf Life Saving techniques and games. This program is run and supervised by Surf Life Savers.

When: Thursday, 28 November 2019

Where: Blacksmiths Beach, Newcastle

Time: Depart 8.15 am from Singleton PS

Return approximately 3.00 pm at Singleton PS

Cost: \$25.00 (This total cost has been partly subsidised by the school)

Uniform: Students are to wear full school uniform. Students are to bring their towel, swimmers, thongs (for the beach) and any extra clothing needed. They must wear enclosed shoes to school.

Year 6 Teachers

## Semester Two Students Reports

All semester two student reports will be handed out to students on Thursday, 12 December once the students have returned from the presentation assembly. If parents would like their child to bring their report home on the Thursday, students are required to return back to school after the presentation.

## Kinder 2020 Parent Workshops

The school will be conducting workshops for parents on Literacy, Numeracy and Road Safety during Kinder Orientation. The workshops are listed below with a brief explanation of what to expect. They will be held in the school library and run for approximately one hour.

On Thursday, 7 November a Literacy session will be held. This session will provide you with some practical tips to help you child at home with literacy and give you an idea of some of the activities and learning experiences your child will be participating in throughout their first year at school.

On Thursday, 14 November a Road Safety and Numeracy session will be held. This session will provide you with information related to road safety, followed by a session on numeracy. During the numeracy session, you will get to participate in some practical games and activities that you can do at home with your child.

## Community Announcements



**KIRKTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C  
COLOUR RUN &  
MARKET DAY  
3RD NOVEMBER 2019**

- Market 10am-2pm  
\$15 fee for a stall (insurance is required) Please contact Kim on 0438 176 237
- Colour Run from 1pm. \$5 entry fee (please wear a white shirt and bring your own glasses)
- P&C BBQ available all day
- P&C Cake & Plant Stall
- Carnival Alley 50cents per game

For more information about this event  
Claire Johnson—Principal  
Phone: 65747152  
Email: kirkton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
www.kirkton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au  
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COME AND JOIN THE FUN AT KIRKTON PS!



## Making the most of your NDIS plan

### Want to find out more about the NDIS and how to make the most of your plan?

Come along to this workshop where you will learn:

- about the role of your LAC
- how your NDIS funding works
- how to get the most from service providers
- about your rights and responsibilities

**Club Singleton  
60 Pitt Street, Singleton NSW 2330**

**Thursday 7 November 2019, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

RSVP by 31 October: <https://ps-singleton-7-nov.eventbrite.com.au> (external link)

Please note bookings are essential.

Please note this workshop is designed for NDIS participants, their families and carers. Service providers can only attend if they are supporting a participant who is also in attendance.

For more information about this workshop:

Phone: 1800 794 934 | Email: [LAC@vinnies.org.au](mailto:LAC@vinnies.org.au) | Website: [lac.vinnies.org.au/events/ndis.gov.au](http://lac.vinnies.org.au/events/ndis.gov.au)

## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 1 2019

### Class Award Recipients K-6

<b>KJ</b>	Alexa Kayden	<b>K/1OL</b>	Ivy Gracie Eli
<b>KS</b>	Tyler Watson	<b>1G</b>	Tilly Asha
<b>1PH</b>	Alannah Larni	<b>1/2Z</b>	Allira Deon
<b>2H</b>	Addison Isaac	<b>2PD</b>	Addison Harvey
<b>3BC</b>	Jamila Jai Jake	<b>3F</b>	Cailin Elizabeth Carter
<b>3/4A</b>	Tristan Cooper Jake	<b>4F</b>	Lincoln Kayden Aeryn
<b>4/5B</b>	Desert Eva Paige	<b>5S</b>	Alyssa Noah Sophie
<b>5/6N</b>	Jack Clancy Jordan	<b>6D</b>	Donny Hannah Lachlan
<b>6M</b>	Caleb Cooper Jackson	<b>7B 7W</b>	Bella Dre

### ***BLUEYS Awards***

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Harrison, Laykeava	<b>Stage 1</b>	Charlie, Cayden
<b>Stage 2</b>	Eric, Molly	<b>Stage 3</b>	Mia, Dominic

**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**QUALITY**



## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 2 2019

### Class Award Recipients K-6

<b>KJ</b>	Leiland Laykeava	<b>K/1OL</b>	Eli Hallie
<b>KS</b>	Harvey Zhayden	<b>1G</b>	Cooper Faith Bray
<b>1PH</b>	Larni Dexxter	<b>1/2Z</b>	Oliver Chen Jyun
<b>2H</b>	Jazmyn Macey          Danika	<b>2PD</b>	Cooper Frankie
<b>3BC</b>	Caitlin Meika Xanthe	<b>3F</b>	Carson Ila Kayla
<b>3/4A</b>	Tyla Abbie Jayke	<b>4F</b>	Max Bobbi Riley
<b>4/5B</b>	Jed Nate Evie	<b>5S</b>	Nash Jhy
<b>5/6N</b>	Kelsey Nichapa Tyler	<b>6D</b>	Lillian Beth
<b>6M</b>	Taj Regan Phoebe	<b>7B 7W</b>	Duke Blayke

### BLUEYS Awards

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Hallie Laykeava	<b>Stage 1</b>	Reeves Zoe
<b>Stage 2</b>	Isabella Coen	<b>Stage 3</b>	Zoe Ciah

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Classwork from 4/5B

