

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 7 Term 4

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27 NOVEMBER 2019

Calendar of Events

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| Thursday 28 November | Year 6 Surf Fun Day departs SPS 8.00 am |
| Friday 29 November | SHS Enrichment Science Challenge Day at SHS |
| Tuesday 3 December | Year 6 Orientation Day at Singleton High School Year Aussie Bush departs 8.30 am |
| Wednesday 4 December | Year 5 Aussie Bush K-6 Christmas scripture service Stage 2 Party Day note and payment due Year 6 Rock and Water Group 2 |
| Thursday 5 December | Year 5 Aussie Bush K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am |
| Friday 6 December | Year 5 Aussie Bush returns 2.30 pm Year 6 Farewell payment due Support Unit Oakvale Farm excursion note due K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert 9.45 am Year 5 Party Day note and payment due Year 6 Party Day note and payment due |
| Monday 9 December | Stage 2 Party Day Sports House Captain Speeches |
| Tuesday 10 December | Captains Speeches and Election Support Unit Oakdale Farm excursion |
| Wednesday 11 December | Kinder Party Day Stage 1 Party Day Year 5 Party Day Year 6 Party Day Year 6 Rock and Water Group 2 Deadly Australian Awareness Program at school for K-4 students |
| Thursday 12 December | Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm start Student Reports to be sent home |
| Friday 13 December | 2020 Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6 (and 8 year old Year 1 students) |
| Monday 16 December | Year 6 Assembly at School Hall starting 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell at Club Singleton 5.30 pm - 8.30pm for students and 5.30 - 6.30pm for parents |
| Wednesday 18 December | Last day of 2019 for students |
| Thursday 19 December | Staff Development Day |
| Friday 20 December | Staff Development Day |

The Week 7 assembly will be at the starting time of 12.45 pm.
This is the last assembly for 2019.

There will no be assembly in Week 8 due to the K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that there are children in our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts. This includes all nut products including peanut butter and Nutella. Even a trace of peanut butter on another child's breath or coming in touch with some residual peanut butter from eating lunch can be fatal for children who are anaphylactic. Please support these children by not sending your child to school with any nut products.

Pantomime 2019 - Puss in Boots



From the Principal

Deadly Australians

With summer here and the movement of our native reptiles being more apparent, (including our recent visits from a snake at school) we have booked the DEADLY AUSTRALAINS show to help educate our students and community on reptile safety.

On Wednesday, 11 December the Deadly Australians Awareness Program will be visiting our school to present a program educating Australian children about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea. **There is no cost for this show as it will be funded by the school.**

Some of the exhibits displayed may include Box Jellyfish, Blue-Ringed Octopus, Conus Shells, Stonefish and Ciguatoxic Fish, Arachnids - Ticks & Spiders, European Wasps, Small Scaled Snake, Taipan, Common Tiger Snake, Pythons, Lizards and Freshwater Turtles, Death Adders, Common Black Snake, Irukandji Jellyfish, Common Brown Snake and Sea Snakes.

Some of the animals are displayed with a "hands on" session, to enable students to appreciate non-venomous reptiles that occur throughout Australia. Venomous exhibits are kept in locked containers and are not handled on the school site.

The most important part of the session, First Aid, is demonstrated for each bite and sting situation.

Years 3 and 4 will watch the show from 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm and K-2 at 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm. Years 5 and 6 will not attend the program due to their party day activities.

Deadly Australians in conjunction with SPS extend an invitation to parents, friends, and families as well as any community members who would like to attend the show. You are welcome to come along to either of the sessions FREE OF CHARGE!

Panto

Another PANTO season has drawn to a close with resounding success! Congratulations to all our students and staff on a show that received standing ovations from the audience. Our cast of students and the backstage crew challenged themselves, aspired to new heights and made a lasting impressions on our school community.

Director Merrick and Director's Assistant Dibben have again led a cracking team for 'Puss in Boots' 2019. Mrs Alaban, Mrs Street, Mrs Miskin and Mrs Dibley worked tirelessly with their dance and singing groups and polished the performances to perfection.

Many thanks to all who assisted with props, costumes and makeup as well. SPS certainly knows how to put on a show!

Aussie Bush Camp

Our intrepid Year 5 campers will be leaving the school early on Tuesday, 3 December to travel to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Students (and parents) are reminded to pack the items included on the packing list and to leave valuables at home.

Parents and carers are requested to have all students at school by 8.30 am so that the buses can leave on time; also please check the school app for advice regarding expected returning times on Friday.

Kinder Orientation for 2020

Our 2020 Kindergarten students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit the school and get to know the teachers, make new friends and practise some school routines ready to start their 'big school' adventure next year. We have approximately 60 new students joining the school next year who are keen and eager to learn and grow with their peers. At the end of our third Orientation session students were presented with a library bag, a set of school playing cards to support maths games and a road safety bag. Students who were absent from this session will be able to collect their items at their Best Start testing appointment next year. Surprise mail will also be coming in future weeks for students with a special Christmas treat.

School Presentation Day

Our 2019 Presentation Day is scheduled to be held at the Civic Centre on Thursday, 12 December commencing at 12 o'clock. All students will be transported to the Civic Centre for the ceremony. As well as presenting our annual awards we will also be announcing the incoming School Captains, School Councillors and Sport Captains for 2020.

Support Unit Presentation

On Friday, 6 December a number of our students in the Support Unit will be recognised at our K-2 Concert assembly with their Annual Presentation awards. The students to be recognised are our younger students and those that may be overwhelmed at the larger presentation at the Civic Centre. Parents and carers of the students involved have been invited to attend this special assembly.

End of Year Activities

Parents and carers are urged to ensure that permission notes and payments are returned promptly to school for the various class and year activities being held in these last few weeks. Please also keep in mind that the K-2 Christmas Concert which is always a highlight for our younger students is being held next week. As per tradition, entry is by donation of non-perishable food items that we can donate to local charities for Christmas Hampers.

Deanne Brown, Principal



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to swap ham out of the lunch box.

We know that ham is a lunch box staple for many families, however, Cancer Council recommends that we limit or avoid processed meats such as ham, salami and bacon, because of their link with increasing the risk of bowel and stomach cancer.



One way to help your family limit their intake of processed meats is to keep them out of the lunch box. Better choices include:

- BBQ chicken with skin removed
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Boiled eggs
- [Hummus](#)
- Cheese
- Leftover home-cooked meat
- [Home cooked rissoles](#)

For more ideas visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Canteen Roster - Week 8 , Term 4 2019

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| Mon 2/12/19 | Loren Arnott, Gabby Cooper |
| Tues 3/12/19 | Tony Whiting |
| Wed 4/12/19 | Alan Hamson, Maree Davidson |
| Thurs 5/12/19 | Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 volunteer needed |
| Fri 6/12/19 | Maxine Kolinis, Liz Brewster, Dianne Morris |

Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 4 2019

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| Mon 9/12/19 | Anna Adamthwaite |
| Tues 10/12/19 | Lisa Mortensen, Rachel Bourke |
| Wed 11/12/19 | Aleks Jelaca, Logan Eveleigh |
| Thurs 12/12/19 | Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed |
| Fri 13/12/19 | Kylie Broadbent, Todd & Nicole 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 7 and 8 — Demonstrating awareness that our playground and classrooms are shared spaces, requiring cooperation.

Notes that have been sent home:-

Support Unit Oakvale Farm Note
Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
Presentation Day Note
Stage 2 Party Day
Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 End of Year Party Day
Summer Reading Program
Swimming Carnival
Year 5 Party Day
Stage 1 Party Day

Singleton Pubic School Details

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| Phone | 02 6571 2250 |
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| Principal | Deanne Brown |
| AP ES1 | Anna O'Brien |
| 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

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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 |

Pantomime - Puss in Boots

Well done to Mrs Merrick, Mrs Dibben, Mrs Alaban, Mrs Dibley, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Miskin, Mrs Street and all the students who participated in this years Pantomime. This again was another great performance. Congratulations to all involved you have done SPS proud!



Wetlands Stage 1 and Support Unit

An amazing Day was had by stage 1 at the Wetlands.

Students delighted in spotting all the bird life, dip netting in the ponds and walking through the beautiful bush setting. In the classrooms we used microscopes and magnifying glasses as well as constructing birds nests and puzzles, and talking about all that we learnt today.

Mrs Pearce
Organising Teacher



2020 Student Council

Congratulations to our 2020 Year 6 student councillors. Good luck with the upcoming election!

Annual 2020 Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival for 2020 will be held this term.

When: Friday, 13 December 2019

Where: Singleton Swim & Fitness Centre 50m pool.

Who: All students in Years 2 – 6. Year 1 students who will be turning 8 next year, are confident swimmers and wish to compete can also attend.

Cost: The cost will be \$6.00 per child (to cover pool entry and bus). Payment and permission note due 12.30pm BEFORE Thursday, 12 December 2019. No late payments can be accepted.

Season Ticket Holders:

Students may swipe their season tickets on the day but must pay \$2.60 for the bus to the office. This includes students involved in Learn to Swim.

Travel: Carnival will commence at 9.45 am

Students will be transported by bus from school at 9.15 am and return by 3.00 pm.

All Students must come to school and travel by bus to the pool.

Students are encouraged to stay for the whole day to support their house and to be available for the relay events in the afternoon. At the completion of events, students going home with parents must be signed out with their class teacher. Students not participating in the races are encouraged to attend and support their sport houses.

Clothing: Students should wear shirts and shorts in their house colours with their swimmers underneath or children may change at the pool.

They should also wear enclosed shoes to school but may bring thongs for during the day at the carnival. * Please bring sunscreen, swim shirt, a towel and wear a hat.

Label all clothing with your child's name. (Kendall - Red; Paterson - Green; Gordon - Yellow; Lawson - Blue).

Spectators: Entry fee for is \$2.40 to be paid to the pool on entry.

Canteen: The pool canteen will not be open for the students. Students will need to bring their own recess, lunch and drinks.

Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to assist on the day, please fill out your availability on the permission note.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER: A message will be on the Singleton Public School App if the carnival has to be cancelled. Please complete and return the permission note on the following page with payment to the office.

Sharmyn Zeidler
Organising Teacher

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, 5 December and Friday, 6 December beginning at 9.45 am and concluding by 11.00 am. Please bring a donation of cans and/or non perishable goods for the Neighbourhood Centre as your entry to the concert. Parents of students in 7B are invited to stay after the concert for the presentation of their End of Year Awards.

Update Address and Contact Details

It is important that the school has current contact details for all of our students. Please contact the Office if you have changed phone numbers, employment or address in the past few months and ensure that your details are correct.

Please also advise the school if your family circumstances have changed, changes in living arrangements or parents separation. It is also important to remember to keep emergency contact details up to date as well. As the end of year approaches any change of address details are particularly important as the school will be sending invitations to the award recipients for our Presentation Day Ceremony and any student reports that have not been collected by the end of the school year.

Presentation Day Ceremony

The school annual Presentation Day will be held on Thursday, 9 December. A permission note has gone home for students to catch the bus to and from the Civic Centre. If you do not return the note, students will walk to the Civic Centre and back on the day accompanied by a teacher.

Stage 1 Party Day

Stage 1's (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Party day will be held on Wednesday, 11 December 2019.

Where: Majestic Cinemas, Singleton

When: 9:10 am - children walk to the cinema

10:00 am - viewing of the movie to commence

12:00 pm - return to school for lunch

Transport: Walking to and from the cinema

Cost: \$7.00 (no late payments will be accepted)

Payment Due: Tuesday, 10 December 2019

Clothing: Full School Uniform including school hat.

Students should also bring an extra water bottle or container of drink.

Students will eat lunch when they return to school.

They are to bring lunch, recess and a snack for in the afternoon. Bags will not be taken to the cinemas students will eat upon their return to school.

Stage 1 Teachers

Stage 2 End of Year Party Day

Stage 2 students will be walking to Majestic Cinemas in Singleton to watch 'The Addams Family' before making their way back to school to enjoy a lunch picnic in playground three, followed by playtime activities.

When: Monday, 9 December 2019

Where: Majestic Cinemas Ryan Avenue, Singleton and Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10am – 3:10pm

Cost: \$7.00 (ticket price) and \$7.50 (popcorn and drink – optional) - total for both \$14.50

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, enclosed shoes and a hat.

Stage 2 will be attending the 2020 House Captain's speech in the afternoon.

Please return the permission note and payment to the front office by Wednesday, 4 December, 2019.

Stage 2 Teachers

End of Year Party Day - Year 5

This year, Year 5 students will be taking part in games at school before having a pizza lunch.

When: Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Where: Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10am – 3:10pm

Cost: \$7.00 (pizza and a drink)

Uniform: Mufti clothes with enclosed shoes and a hat

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students are encouraged to bring a small treat to share with their peers as part of the celebration – please no products containing nuts.

Please return the permission note and payment to the front office by Friday, 6 December, 2019.

Year 5 Teachers

End of Year Party Day – Year Six

This year, Year 6 students will be walking to the Singleton Youth Centre and taking part in games before having a pizza lunch. They will then be watching the movie 'Grown Ups' which is rated PG.

When: Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Where: Singleton Public School / Singleton Youth Centre

Time: 9:10 am – 3:10 pm

Cost: \$7.00 (pizza and a drink)

Uniform: Mufti clothes with enclosed shoes and a hat

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students are encouraged to bring a small treat to share with their peers as part of the celebration – please no products containing nuts.

Please return the permission note and payment to the front office by Friday, 6 December, 2019.

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.

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

Band Instrument Hire Term 4 Payment Due

Thank you to the parents who have their child's Band Instrument Hire payments up to date. Please be aware that Term 4 payments for instrument hire are now due and Term 3 payments are in arrears. Could all parents please ensure that payments are up to date before the end of the term.

2020 Kindergarten Parents

Thank you to all of our parents who took the chance to bring their children into the school for the transition afternoons. The children had the opportunity to meet their new classmates and spend the afternoons participating in activities such as listening to stories, colouring and cutting and even a play in the playground. These experiences will help the children settle into school next year.

Canteen News

The last day for canteen lunch orders and counter service for 2019 will be Friday, 13 December. On Monday, 16 December and Tuesday, 17 December there will only be counter service. No lunch order will be taken.

Lunch orders only will be available on Thursday, 12 December as it is the school Presentation Day. There will be no counter service on this day.

Tracy Matthews
Canteen Supervisor

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

Class Award Recipients K-6

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| KJ | Ethan Abigail | K/10L | Hallie Nixon |
| KS | Luca Tyson | 1G | Noah Markie |
| 1PH | Lachlan Penelope | 1/2Z | Eloise Henry |
| 2H | Lochie Alana | 2PD | Jack Annabelle |
| 3BC | Kristy Oliver Oliver | 3F | Lexi Eric Stevie |
| 3/4A | Hannah Tayla Hannah | 4F | Ava Cohen Mackenzie |
| 4/5B | Ella Paige Keyori | 5S | Luke Lillian Bobbie |
| 5/6N | Jasmin Seth Jayden | 6D | Kaden Brianna Siaan |
| 6M | Erin Cooper Jackson | 7B 7W | Aiden Coleby |

BLUEYS Awards

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| Early Stage 1 | Alexa Lesley | Stage 1 | Flynn Ivy |
| Stage 2 | Kadah Tyler | Stage 3 | Sheridyn Alyssa |

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY

Community Announcements



Road safety

40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
- educationstandards.nsw.edu.au
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Road safety

Driving safely near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- Give way to buses
- Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

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Key road safety messages

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Help them practice the road safety messages they will learn at school by sharing them whenever you are out and about.

| Early childhood | Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten - Year 2) | Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) | Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) |
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| Pedestrian safety | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always hold a grown-up's hand • When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes • Always cross the road with a grown-up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road • Hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath • Hold a grown-up's hand when you're in a car park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a safe place to cross the road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road |
| Passenger safety | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always buckle up safely • Always stay buckled up - awake or asleep • Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click, clack, front and back • Always buckle up safely • Get in and out of the car on the footpath side • Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road | | |
| Safety on wheels | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy • Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate • Ride your bike away from the road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride your bike away from busy roads | |



The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Centre is visiting **Singleton Square**,
 Monday 25 November, 9.30am – 3.00pm (3 more donors needed)
 Tuesday 26 November, 1.00pm – 6.30pm (1 more donor needed)
 Wednesday 27 November, 1.00pm – 6.30pm (8 more donors needed)
 Thursday 28 November, 1.00pm – 6.30pm (5 more donors needed)
 Friday 29 November, 9.30am – 3.00pm (9 more donors needed)
 If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can [make an appointment online](#) or call us on 13 14 95.
 1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donate. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,
 Australian Red Cross Lifeblood

[Make an appointment »](#)

Classwork by 1G

