

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 8 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

20 MARCH 2019

Calendar of Events

Thursday 21 March	Year 6 Canberra payment due Harmony Day wear something orange for a gold coin donation
Friday 22 March	Hunter Netball Boys cricket teams V's SHPS Parent / Teacher Interview bookings close at 3.00 pm
Tuesday 26 March	Activate Inclusions Sports Day payment and note due
Wednesday 27 March	Supercover note and payment due Hunter Rugby League Trials Activate Inclusions Sports Day - selected Support Unit students
Thursday 28 March	Hunter Boys Soccer
Friday 29 March	Military Museum payment due
Monday 1 April	Military Museum Year 1, Year 2, Year 3
Tuesday 2 April	Military Museum Year 5, Year 6 and Year 4 Zone Touch trials
Wednesday 3 April	Military Museum Kinder
Thursday 4 April	Regional Girls soccer trials
Friday 5 April	Cross Country Years 3-6 and 8 year old students from Year 2
Monday-Friday 8-12 April	Year 6 Canberra
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1 Kindy Big Breakfast K-2 Easter Hat Parade - during assembly under COLA

The Week 8 assembly will be hosted by 2H at the starting time of 12.45 pm. The Zone Swimming ribbons will also be presented.

The Week 9 assembly will be hosted by 3F at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Please remember to book your parent / teacher interview by 3.00 pm on Friday, 22 March. No interviews can be made through the app after this time.

Lively Learning at SPS

Year 1

Shapes in our Environment



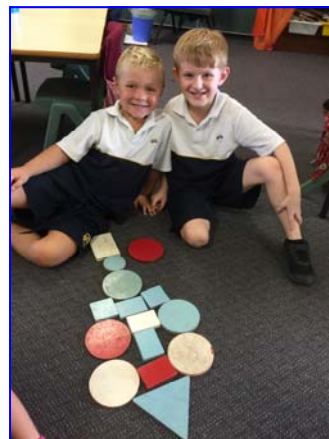
2H

Learning about earthworms in Science with Mrs Moore



K/1OL

Enjoying identifying and sorting 2D shapes



From the Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews 2019

Have you booked an interview time yet? Spaces are filling fast! A note went home with all students detailing how to book an interview with their child's teacher for 2019. All class teachers will be available to meet with parents and carers to discuss progress. Bookings are at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Our school booking code is 68c22.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class program is for academically gifted students in Years 5 and 6. Application for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020 opens on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 and closes on Friday, 17 May 2019. Parents can apply from this website at that time. Late applications are not accepted. The date for the Opportunity Class Placement Test is Wednesday, 31 July 2019. More information at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

NAPLAN The National Assessment Program

Literacy and Numeracy NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 this will be held in May. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Singleton Public School students will sit the tests 'online'. This means that students will sit the test on a school computer. Practice sessions will be run in Week 9 and 10 of this term to provide students with an opportunity to utilise the online platform. More information is listed below and on pages 15 and 16.

Before and after school safety reminders

We ask that parents and students observe the following safety precautions when entering and leaving our school.

Mornings:

- Students are not to arrive before 8:40 am
- Supervision commences at 8:40 am
- All Students who arrive before the bell MUST sit on the steps outside the library under the shade shelter and wait - NO PLAY
- Students may place their bags at the classrooms after 8:40 am

Afternoons:

- Students must leave the school grounds promptly at 3:10 pm
- Play equipment is not to be used
- Students catching a bus must report to bus lines promptly
- Students and parents must use the Elizabeth and Hunter Street Crossings to cross the road

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal

NAPLAN Online
extended test window

The test window for NAPLAN Online is nine days, compared to three days for paper-based NAPLAN. This extended test window allows schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodates schools that have fewer devices than students.

NAPLAN Online tests will need to be taken in a specific order. This increases the security of the writing prompt and is required for some test linkages. For instance, students must complete the reading test before accessing the conventions of language test, so that the results of the reading test can be used to determine the level of difficulty of the conventions of language test items (tailored test design).

All students in a school must complete one domain before moving onto the next (other than catch-ups).

MAY 2019									
WEEK ONE					WEEK TWO				
MON. 13 Prep. day	TUE. 14 Day 1	WED. 15 Day 2	THU. 16 Day 3	FRI. 17 Day 4	MON. 20 Day 5	TUE. 21 Day 6	WED. 22 Day 7	THU. 23 Day 8	FRI. 24 Day 9

WRITING TEST
The writing test must be completed any time within the first two days only of NAPLAN Online for Years 5, 7 and 9. Year-9 students do a paper-based writing test and this is to be completed on day 1 only.

READING TEST
The reading test can be completed any time AFTER the writing test, but must be completed BEFORE the conventions of language test.

CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE
The conventions of language test can be completed any time AFTER the reading test, but must be completed BEFORE the numeracy test.

NUMERACY TEST
The numeracy test can be completed any time AFTER the conventions of language test.

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NAPLAN
ONLINE

 SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

... to choose a SunSmart hat

A SunSmart hat not only protects the face, head, neck and ears, it can also reduce the amount of UV radiation reaching the eyes by 50%.



CHOOSE a SunSmart hat:

- Broad-brimmed hats
- Bucket hats
- Legionnaire style hats

Baseball caps and sun visors do not protect the cheeks, ears and back of the neck and are not recommended.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

Canteen Roster - Week 9 , Term 1 2019

Mon 25/3/19	Loren Arnott, Gabby Cooper
Tues 26/3/19	Tony Whiting
Wed 27/3/19	Alan Hamson, Maree Davidson
Thurs 28/3/19	Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 29/3/19	Maxine Kolinos, Bec McNaught, Dianne Morris

Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 1 2019

Mon 1/4/19	Anna Adamthwaite
Tues 2/4/19	Lisa Mortensen, Rachel Bourke
Wed 3/4/19	Aleks Jelaca, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 4/4/19	Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 5/4/19	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:-

Week 8 - Packing Away Equipment

Week 9 - 5 L's of Learning

Notes that have been sent home:-

- Year 6 Canberra
- Military Museum
- Cross Country
- Interview Booking Notes

Singleton Pubic School Details

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
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

School Cross Country Carnival

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 5 April 2019 at Cook Park Singleton.

The carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and Year 2 students turning 8 this year.

Date: Friday, 5 April 2019

Time: Departing at 9:15am and return to school at approximately 1.00pm

Location: Cook Park, Singleton

Transport: Students will be walking to the park

Uniform: Sports uniform and/or sport house colours with joggers. Students are required to wear their school hat.

Equipment: Water bottles x 2 and sunscreen. Asthmatic students will need to carry their puffer with them.

8/9 and 10 year olds will complete a 2km course. 11 and 12/13 year olds will complete 3km course. Selections for the Zone Carnival will be based on results from our school carnival.

This activity is covered by the General Permission Note 2019. If you have not returned the General Permission note please ensure it is returned prior to the event.

Parent Helpers: If you are able to assist on the day please fill out and return the slip attached to the note. Parents helpers will be stationed at various locations across the course to assist students running in the correct direction and providing encouragement to participants.

Mrs Alaban and Mrs Street
Organising Teachers

PSSA Girls Cricket Vs SHPS

On Wednesday, 6 March 2019 12 fabulous girls competed in their first round match against Singleton Heights Public School at Cook Park. Our Captain Siaan won the toss for us and decided to send the opposition in to bat first. Our bowlers Siaan, Chelsea, Chloe, Alyssa, Sethuki, Tyla and wicket keeper Ella worked tirelessly, as did the fielders and their efforts were rewarded with 3 run outs and a classic catch from Charli. The final score for the first innings of 25 overs was Singleton Heights Public School 4 for 89.

It was now our turn to bat and in went our opening batsman Siaan and Ella. The girls produced a wonderful partnership providing us with many early runs to help set us up to win the game. Chelsea Maher also came into bat and had an outstanding innings, with Tyla coming in to face the winning ball. As a result of the girls' outstanding efforts, we were able to comfortably win the game from the first ball of the 17th over.

A huge thank you goes to the wonderful Mr Carman for being our Square Leg Umpire for the game and for helping to transport equipment down to the field. We are all looking forward to the next round.

Mrs Street
Organising Teacher



Regional Swimming Carnival

The regional swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, 5 March. Congratulations to our students who all participated well on the day but were unfortunately unsuccessful in progressing further. The students showed great sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. Well done to our swimmers!

PSSA Soccer

On Wednesday, 13 March 6 students attended the PSSA soccer trials held in Scone. Well done to Jack, Cooper, Lachie, Josh, Jack and Sanjay who all represented Singleton Public School. Congratulations go to Lachie and Josh Campbell who have progressed to the next level and will now trial for the Hunter team on Thursday, 28 March. Well done boys!

Hunter Boys cricket

Congratulations to Keanu who has been selected to play in the Hunter cricket team. Keanu will play at Wollongong in October. Well done Keanu!

Elizabeth Street Gates

A reminder that the gate closest to the church fence on Elizabeth Street will be open in the afternoon from 3.00-3.25 pm for pedestrian access. Students and parents who are walking home or accessing their vehicle parked on the Elizabeth Street side of the school are encouraged to use this point of exit and entry to help relieve some congestion pressure from the bus lines area and gate. Students who are not accompanied by a parent must leave school via the bus line gate.

Easter Hat Parade

The annual K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held as part of the school assembly in Week 11 on Friday, 12 April at 12.45 pm. All children K-2 will be participating. All hats are to be made at home.

Blueys

BLUEYS are our new PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) awards. BLUEYS can be gained in the playground and in the classroom. BLUEYS are received for showing our school's core values of Respect, Responsibility and Quality.

When a student receives a BLUEY they can write their name and class on the back of the award then the bud goes into a bucket in the library.

At Friday assembly a number of students will be drawn from the boxes and receive a small reward.

All the buds will then go into a large barrel to work towards a whole school reward.

Canberra 2019

Our Canberra excursion will be here very shortly. The excursion cost for students has now been confirmed at **\$600**. This means there is \$550 outstanding after paying the \$50 deposit. The cost for parents attending the excursion will be **\$695**. Payment at the office (whether by instalment or the full amount) would be appreciated, with all monies being received by the school no later than **Thursday, 21 March (no later than 12.30 pm for banking purposes)**. No payments can be accepted after this date.

Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben
Organising Teachers

Military Museum

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 1 April, Tuesday, 2 April and Wednesday, 3 April.

The cost of the excursion is \$7.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and payment **by 12.30 pm on Friday, 29 March**. No late payments can be accepted. GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT

Monday, 1/4/19 - 9.15 am Year 1, 11.15 am Year 2, 12.30 pm Year 3

Tuesday, 2/4/19 - 9.15 am Year 5 and Support Unit, 11.15 am Year 6, 12.03 pm Year 4

Wednesday, 3/4/19 - 9.15 am Kinder

Support Unit students in 7W will be travelling with various years. Students in 7B will not be participating in this excursion.

Each grade looks at and learns about different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.

Wendy Pearce
Organising Teacher



School Uniform

Our school uniform policy has been formulated to encourage all children to wear their school uniform with pride. The whole school community expects that all students will wear the school uniform every day. In this regard, parents have an important role in overseeing what their children wear to school. A navy school hat is part of the school uniform. All items of uniform, are available for sale at Lowes in Singleton Square.

SUMMER

GIRLS: Blue checked dress OR navy shorts and unisex polo shirt; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

BOYS: Unisex polo shirt; navy shorts; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

WINTER

GIRLS: Unisex polo shirt and navy trousers OR blue and gold checked pinafore with a white blouse or unisex polo shirt; royal blue zip-up jacket (optional), royal blue tracksuit top (optional); navy socks or stockings; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

BOYS: Unisex polo shirt and navy trousers; royal blue zip-up jacket (optional) royal blue tracksuit top (optional); navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

SPORT: Children may bring joggers to wear with unisex polo shirt and navy sport shorts during sport. Alternatively, black joggers may be worn at all times. Navy school hat must be worn at all times.

P&C News

The P&C held their AGM on 6, March and I wish to thank all those in attendance. Special thanks to all those who again accepted roles on the Executive and Committee again. It shows what an amazing group of people we have and the support we all show one another as the line up is pretty well unchanged from last year. I wish to congratulate the following people on their roles:

Treasurer: Bennett Brewster

Secretary: Rebecca Hobbs

Vice President: Trish Bailey

Breakfast Club Coordinators: Sandy Tickell & Dale Green

Band Coordinator: Stacie Haines

Fete Coordinator: Carrie Martin

We would all like to welcome Kirstin Blaikie to her new role as Vice President, we all look forward to working with Kirstin this year. The role of Canteen Liaison Officer has been held over until the appointment of the new Canteen Manager has been finalised.

You will notice that the School Magazine Coordinator roles have not been filled. We ask that any interested community members please contact the P&C if they wish to take on this role. If we are unable to find coordinators then unfortunately there will not be a School Magazine in 2019.

We are also thrilled that our Breakfast Club and Canteen volunteer rosters are looking great and have been very well supported by many returning volunteers but also by many new faces. We are so grateful to each and everyone of you for giving your time and supporting all our services. We really can not do any of it without you. So a million thank you's! Remember, it is never too late to get involved, if you are interested in volunteering please see Tracy or Kylie in the canteen or Sandy or Dale at Breakfast Club.

I have accepted the role of President again this year and look forward to working with Ms Brown, the teachers, the school staff and the P&C Committee to achieve our goals for the betterment of our school.

Nicole Furness

P&C President



P&C News

The P&C would like to thank Mr Pat Murray for his generous and very thoughtful donation to the school canteen. Mr Murray's donation is intended to offer a treat to those students who ordinarily would not have the chance to experience the yummy treats that the canteen offer. Mr Murray we thank you for your support and look forward to putting some smiles on some children's faces.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This years Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 8 for 3/4A, Week 9 and 10 for 6D and 6M and Week 10 and 11 for all other classes. All interviews will be booked on the school interviews website. Please see information below on how to make your appointment time. The booking system will close at **3.00 pm 22 March 2019**. Requests for bookings after the closing date will need to be made directly to the class teacher.

Student Health

Keep coughing kids home and see your GP. Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members

Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough

Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the NSW Health Website(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the alerts page(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>).


Interrelate

Interrelate are holding an information night at King Street Public School with two sessions available on Tuesday, 21 May 2019.

Session one : "Where Did I Come From". This is aimed at students in Year 3 and Year 4. This is a 60 minute session focusing on the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and birth process, and personal safety and protective behaviours. The starting time is 6.00 pm.

Session Two: "Preparing For Puberty". This is aimed at students in Year 5 and Year 6 and their parent/carers. This is a 60 minute session focusing on the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone. Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls and Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours. The starting time is 7.15 pm.

Family cost: 1 session \$32 per family | 2 sessions \$37 per family. This can be paid to the school office.




School Interviews

Dear Parents,


Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 02 6571 2250. Please note the Support Unit will have already completed their Individual Education Plans therefore do not need to book interviews.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au


MAKE A BOOKING enter the code 68c22

1



Enter your details

2


Select the teachers you wish to see

3


Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.
DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by 22 March at 3 pm when the online booking system will close.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.



HARMONY DAY

When: Thursday 21 March

Wear: Orange Mufti

Bring: Gold coin donation

What is happening on the day: Activities run by councillors during lunch and recess

Supporting: Black Dog Institute

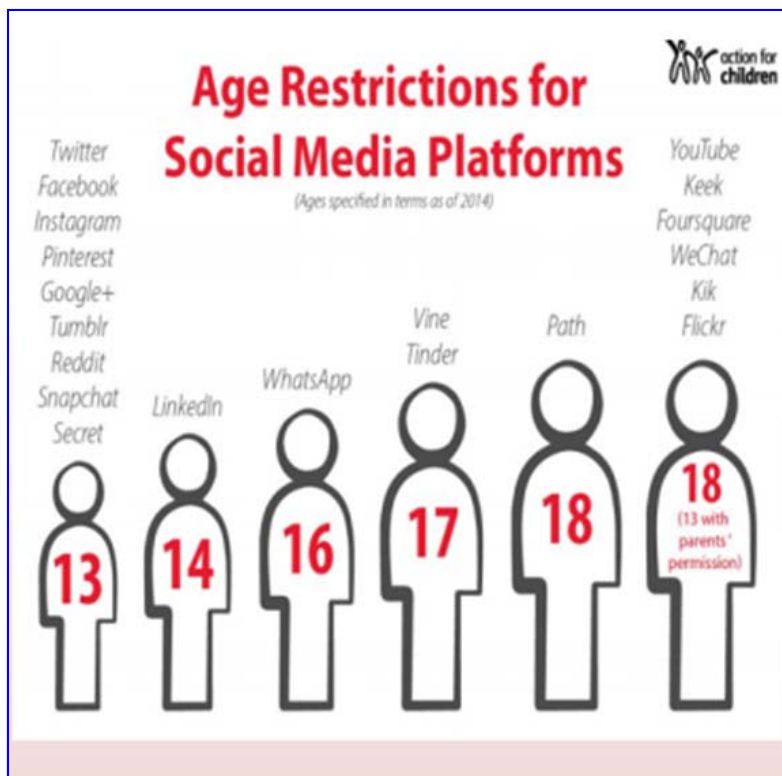


SPS Volunteer Canteen Roster 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	Loren Arnott	Tony Whiting	Alan Hamson	Kirsten Roxburgh	Maxine Kolinos
	Gabby Cooper		Maree Davidson	1 volunteer needed	Bec McNaught
					Dianne Morris
	25-Feb-19	26-Feb-19	27-Feb-19	31-Jan-19	01-Feb-19
	25-Mar-19	26-Mar-19	27-Mar-19	28-Feb-19	01-Mar-19
	20-May-19	21-May-19	22-May-19	28-Mar-19	29-Mar-19
	17-Jun-19	18-Jun-19	19-Jun-19	23-May-19	24-May-19
	12-Aug-19	13-Aug-19	14-Aug-19	20-Jun-19	21-Jun-19
	09-Sep-19	10-Sep-19	11-Sep-19	15-Aug-19	16-Aug-19
	04-Nov-19	05-Nov-19	06-Nov-19	12-Sep-19	13-Sep-19
	02-Dec-19	03-Dec-19	04-Dec-19	07-Nov-19	08-Nov-19
				05-Dec-19	06-Dec-19
WEEK 2	Anna Adamthwaite	Lisa Mortensen	Aleks Jelaca	Candice Longbottom	Kylie Broadbent
		Rachel Bourke	Logan Eveleigh	1 volunteer needed	Nicole Furness
					Todd Furness (9-12)
	04-Feb-19	05-Feb-19	06-Feb-19	07-Feb-19	08-Feb-19
	04-Mar-19	05-Mar-19	06-Mar-19	07-Mar-19	08-Mar-19
	01-Apr-19	02-Apr-19	03-Apr-19	04-Apr-19	05-Apr-19
		30-Apr-19	01-May-19	02-May-19	03-May-19
	27-May-19	28-May-19	29-May-19	30-May-19	31-May-19
	24-Jun-19	25-Jun-19	26-Jun-19	27-Jun-19	28-Jun-19
		23-Jul-19	24-Jul-19	25-Jul-19	26-Jul-19
	19-Aug-19	20-Aug-19	21-Aug-19	22-Aug-19	23-Aug-19
	16-Sep-19	17-Sep-19	18-Sep-19	19-Sep-19	20-Sep-19
	14-Oct-19	15-Oct-19	16-Oct-19	17-Oct-19	18-Oct-19
	11-Nov-19	12-Nov-19	13-Nov-19	14-Nov-19	15-Nov-19
	09-Dec-19	10-Dec-19	11-Dec-19	12-Dec-19	13-Dec-19
WEEK 3	Monica Louw	Evette Anderson	Cara Roohan	Kylie Page	Maxine Kolinos
	1 volunteer needed		Allison Hodge	Mel Drew	Alan Hamson
					Sheree Mell
	11-Feb-19	12-Feb-19	13-Feb-19	14-Feb-19	15-Feb-19
	11-Mar-19	12-Mar-19	13-Mar-19	14-Mar-19	15-Mar-19
	08-Apr-19	09-Apr-19	10-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	12-Apr-19
	06-May-19	07-May-19	08-May-19	09-May-19	10-May-19
	03-Jun-19	04-Jun-19	05-Jun-19	06-Jun-19	07-Jun-19
	01-Jul-19	02-Jul-19	03-Jul-19	04-Jul-19	
	29-Jul-19	30-Jul-19	31-Jul-19	01-Aug-19	02-Aug-19
	26-Aug-19	27-Aug-19	28-Aug-19	29-Aug-19	30-Aug-19
	23-Sep-19	24-Sep-19	25-Sep-19	26-Sep-19	27-Sep-19
	21-Oct-19	22-Oct-19	23-Oct-19	24-Oct-19	25-Oct-19
	18-Nov-19	19-Nov-19	20-Nov-19	21-Nov-19	22-Nov-19
	16-Dec-19	17-Dec-19	18-Dec-19	19-Dec-19	20-Dec-19
WEEK 4	Sally Menere	Monica Louw	Stella Broadbent	Mary Franks	Tracey Adams
		1 volunteer needed	Logan Eveleigh	1 volunteer needed	Lisa Delaney
					Amanda Morris
					Alison Ingram
	18-Feb-19	19-Feb-19	20-Feb-19	21-Feb-19	22-Feb-19
	18-Mar-19	19-Mar-19	20-Mar-19	21-Mar-19	22-Mar-19
	13-May-19	14-May-19	15-May-19	16-May-19	17-May-19
		11-Jun-19	12-Jun-19	13-Jun-19	14-Jun-19
	05-Aug-19	06-Aug-19	07-Aug-19	08-Aug-19	09-Aug-19
	02-Sep-19	03-Sep-19	04-Sep-19	05-Sep-19	06-Sep-19
	28-Oct-19	29-Oct-19	30-Oct-19	31-Oct-19	01-Nov-19
	25-Nov-19	26-Nov-19	27-Nov-19	28-Nov-19	29-Nov-19
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Social Media

We have been speaking students this term about the importance of appropriate use of the internet and especially social media. Parents are reminded to stay vigilant and monitor all internet use, particularly social media. Primary aged students should not have social media accounts as age restrictions apply, and are in place for good reasons. Exposing children to these sites too early may be harmful and expose them to unwanted attention and bullying.



Stewart House

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent out to all children. If you wish to make a donation and be in the running to win a \$4,000 holiday, please place money in the envelope and return to the office by Friday, 10 May 2019. All money raised will go to Stewart House.



Stewart House Donation Drive 2019

Your donation supports the 1,700 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

“Stewart House was one of the highlights of my teenage years and I met so many people I am still friends with today. The dedicated staff that run this program are amazing.”

– Past student, Facebook review 2/10/2018

**NSW Public Education's
Charity of choice**

Win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice

- Place a \$2 coin or equivalent in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw



All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday 31st May 2019
in time for the draw at 12pm on this date

Parent/Carer Feedback – Learning Support

As part of the annual review process, schools seek feedback from parents, staff and students about the effectiveness of systems and processes. SPS would like to invite you to share your thoughts on how well we support student learning by completing a short Google survey.

All responses are anonymous. Your feedback will allow us to refine and improve what we do.

A link to the survey has been posted on the school's Facebook page.

Alternatively, scan the QR code to be taken directly to the survey page.

Thank you for your time,

The Learning Support Team



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 6 2019

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

KJ	Lachlan Laykeava	K/10	Mason Ruby
KS	Tyler Hadrian	1G	Xander Noah
1PH	Mila Bronte	1/2Z	Lawson Stella Rosie
2H	Layla Liam	2PD	Addison
3BC	Cooper Jai Knox	3F	Carson Will Tenisha
3/4A	Koby Jayke Hamish	4F	Jackson Aeryn Mackenzie
4/5B	Lauren Desert Connor	5S	Hamish Alyssa Ciah
5/6N	Isabelle Kelsey Tyler	6D	Jake Kaden Siaan
6M	Rubybelle Jacob Phoebe	7B 7W	Aiden Stevie

Year 1

Shapes in our Environment



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 7 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Kayden Ethan	K/10	Eli Hallie
KS	Zhayden Harvey	1G	Asha Lucy Tilly
1PH	Senudi Domenic	1/2Z	Omar Zoe
2H	Lachlan Alana	2PD	Tristan Maria Thomas
3BC	Dakodah Amelia Caitlin	3F	Harry Zara Flynn
3/4A	Hannah Tayla Grace	4F	Noah Max Coen
4/5B	Baylie Paige Miley	5S	Jack Jazz Hayden
5/6N	Jacob Jasmine Rylie	6D	Rihann Lachlan Lillyan
6M	Caleb Jack Joey	7B 7W	Duke Bella

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Matilda Joey	Stage 1	Olivia Albie
Stage 2	Aeryn Tenisha	Stage 3	Jacob Maddison

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY



"Is That Behaviour Normal?"

A Mental Health Workshop for
Parents/Carers of Adolescents

Have you ever wondered if your adolescent's behaviour is normal? What is normal?

Come and join a panel of professionals for a relaxed and interactive mental health workshop.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Venue: Sacred Spaces Singleton
30 Queen Street, Singleton, NSW

This is a free event however a gold coin donation upon entry would be appreciated

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Contact: Anne Brooker
on 6572 2398 or
office@sacredspaces.org.au

Bookings essential
www.trybooking.com/468151



This event is brought to the community in partnership of:



COLLECTABLES IN THE CONVENT

Have your family heirloom or treasure valued by
a professional Valuer on the day.
Bookings essential as places are limited-
maximum of 3 items to be valued.

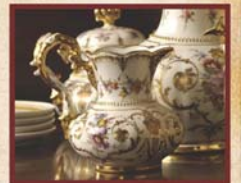
Wander through the Convent viewing local collections and
treasures. Listen to informative talks along the way and enjoy
great music and food in the garden.

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL
9AM TO 4PM

Sacred Spaces Singleton in the
Sisters of Mercy Convent
30 Queen Street, Singleton

Entry \$5 per person under 10yo free

To book your valuation or to present your collection, please contact
Anne at Sacred Spaces Singleton
on 02 6572 2398 Monday to Friday mornings only
or email office@sacredspaces.org.au



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PERMISSION NOTE – Supercover (please complete even if you have already paid)

Return to class teacher with payment by Wednesday, 27 March 2019 if you would like to use Supercover.

I give permission for my child of class
to :-

- Attend the visiting show at the school in Week 6, Term 2;
- Attend the Hunter Life Education Van at the school in Term 2;
- Attend an excursion to the Military Museum where students will travel by bus in Week 10, Term 1.

Signed:

Parent/Guardian

Enclosed: \$ \$20.00 for Supercover if you have already paid your School Contribution
OR \$80.00 for School Contribution and Supercover

My son/daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details).

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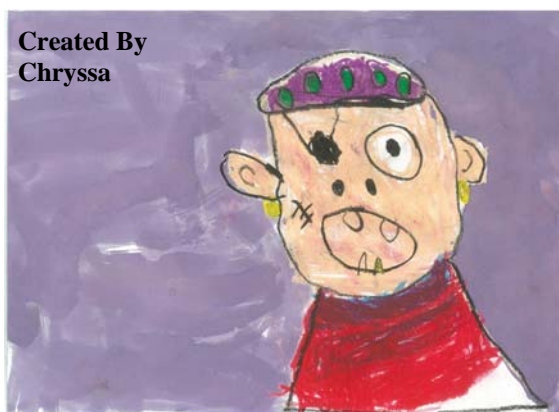
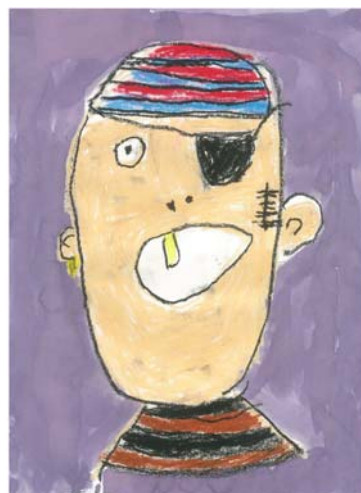
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Classwork by KS

KS have recently studied the book "I Wish I had a Pirate Suit" in class. We got the chance to draw a pirate (very handsome characters they all were). Here is a selection. Arrrrrr!!

Created By Matilda**Created By Watson****Created By
Chryssa****Created By Tannah****Created by Harvey****Created By Madison**

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers

**2019**

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy