

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 1 Term 2

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1 MAY 2019

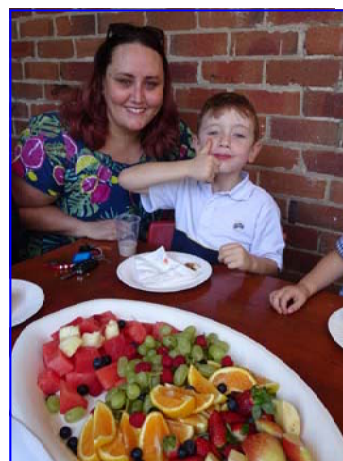
Calendar of Events

Wednesday 1 May	Upper Hunter PSSA Final Netball Selections P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library Year 6 Singleton High School Transition Day
Thursday 2 May	Golden tickets to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory issued Knights Opens Rugby League team Gala Day at Waratah Oval
Friday 3 May	Years 5 and 6 High Jump at school
Monday 6 May	KAOS Rehearsal at Singleton High School Classic Shield Opens Rugby League at Pirtek Park
Tuesday 7 May	PSSA Netball -V- Singleton Heights PS at Singleton Heights
Wednesday 8 May	Zone Cross Country at Karoola Park Muswellbrook KAOS Performance at Singleton High School at 6.00 pm Payment due for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Thursday 9 May	Enrichment Class Parent Information evening at Singleton High School 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Friday 10 May	MAGS Day (Mothers, Aunts, Grandparent and significant others) Stewart House donation and envelopes due back to school Touch Football Hunter Trials
Monday 13 May	PSSA Rugby Union Bryon Palmer Shield
Tuesday 14 May	Book Club Due - orders can only be processed online
Monday 13 May - Friday 24 May	NAPLAN online Years 3 and 5 (see timetable on page 4)
Tuesday 21 May	Interrelate at KSPS starting 6.00 pm
Wednesday 22 May	School Photos
Friday 24 May	Hunter Rugby Unions trials at Gateshead

There is no assembly this week.

The Week 2 assembly will be hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

Kindy Big Breaky



Easter Hat Parade



ANZAC Day



From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term filled with some great events and inspiring learning.

Canberra Excursion

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their excursion at the end of last term. What a wonderful week we had visiting our National Capital. Some highlights included meeting the Governor General, visiting the National Art Gallery to see a giant sculpture made completely from wax and melting slowly like a candle, descending into the basement levels of the National Library and testing our skills at Questacon and the AIS.

Our students were complimented continually for their outstanding behaviour and were truly great ambassadors for SPS.

Many thanks must also go to the parent helpers who accompanied us. We thank them for their support, assistance and involvement with our Year 6 students. Your efforts and support ensured the students had an experience to remember and got to make the most of their time at each venue. Without you, our excursion wouldn't have been as smooth and successful.

Thank you to Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben for their countless hours of organisation and their dedication to making sure Year 6 enjoyed every action packed minute of their time in Canberra.



ANZAC Day

Our students represented SPS at the Singleton ANZAC Day march during the holidays and were respectful ambassadors for our school when paying their respect for our fallen service men and woman.

Our school ANZAC Assembly was held yesterday with special guest Mr McCrone from the RSL. We thank Mr McCrone for talking with our students about his experiences with the armed forces.

Thank you to Georgia Haines for attending our assembly to play The Last Post and Reveille.

MAGS Day

We will be holding our annual MAGS Day event for Mother's Day on Friday, 10 May.

Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers and Significant Females are invited for a BBQ breakfast with their children.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you all.

NAPLAN The National Assessment Program

Literacy and Numeracy NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. 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 were held in Week 9 and 10 to provide students with an opportunity to utilise the online platform.

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal

 **The simplest way**
... to ensure your child gets the nutrients they need at school

Simply pack something from each of the 5 food groups plus water. Try this great example lunch box:



Wholegrain Breads & Cereals: Bread Sushi

Vegetables and salads: Corn cob

Meat & Alternatives: Baked bean muffin

Dairy: Yoghurt tub

Fruit: Strawberries

Water: Always pack a bottle of water

For these recipes and more examples of healthy lunch boxes visit our [website](http://healthylunchbox.com.au).

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Canteen Roster - Week 2 , Term 2 2019

Mon 6/5/19	1 volunteer needed
Tues 7/5/19	Evette Anderson
Wed 8/5/19	Cara Roohan, Allison Hodge
Thurs 9/5/19	Kylie Page, Mel Drew
Fri 10/5/19	Maxine Kolinos, Alan Hamson, Sheree Mell

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 2 2019

Mon 13/5/19	Sally Menere
Tues 14/5/19	1 volunteer needed
Wed 15/5/19	Stella Broadbent, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 16/5/19	Mary Franks, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 17/5/19	Tracey Adams, Lisa Delaney, Amanda Morris, Alison Ingram

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 - Responsible student, Ready to work

Notes that have been sent home:-

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Years 3 and 6 only

PSSA Netball

RAGE Note

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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

Zone Touch Trials

The PSSA touch trials were held on Tuesday, 2 April. Tyla Matthews, Chelsea Maher, Jack Gilmore and Charlie Lennard were selected to represent the Upper Hunter at the Hunter Trials on Friday, 10 May. Lachlan Muddiman, Charlie Knight, Josh Campbell, Lachlan Campbell, Caleb Baxter, Taj Vesper and Ella Radmacher also represented the school at Upper Hunter Trials but missed out on being selected.

Ms Zeidler
Organising Teacher

NAPLAN Timetable

	Monday 13/5/19	Tuesday 14/5/19	Wednesday 15/5/19	Thursday 16/5/19	Friday 17/5/19
Morning Session	NO TESTING	Writing test Year 3 (In 3 BC and 3F) Writing test Year 5 (Library and Computer Lab)	Reading Year 3	Reading Year 5	Catch up tests
Middle Session			Conventions of Language Year 3	Conventions of Language Year 5	Catch up tests

	Monday 20/5/19	Tuesday 21/5/19	Wednesday 22/5/19	Thursday 23/5/19	Friday 24/5/19
Morning Session	Numeracy Year 3	Numeracy Year 5	NO TESTS	Catch up tests	Catch up Tests

RAGE

Singleton Public School has been chosen to participate in a program run by Hayden Moore who is a qualified Youth Worker at Singleton Youth Venue. Permission notes have been sent home with children in Year 6 who expressed interest.

The program Hayden will run, RAGE, will take place throughout Term 2. There will be nine sessions in total which will involve 24 male students. 12 students will attend the first four sessions and the remaining 12 students will attend the final five sessions.

When: Wednesdays 1.45 pm to 2.45 pm for Term 2

Where: Singleton Youth Venue (Students will walk to the Youth Venue accompanied by Mrs Merrick)

Participants: 12 students – Mrs Merrick to accompany the group.

Program: RAGE

The RAGE program is a 4 week program that introduces the topics of: reflecting on anger, recognising anger symptoms & identifying the different faces of anger. It is a strengths-based, solution focused program that is hands on, practical and also fun for participants.

Mrs Merrick
Organising Teacher

PSSA Netball

The Singleton Public School PSSA netball team will play Singleton Heights Public School in round one of the PSSA competition.

Where: Singleton Heights Public School

When: Tuesday, 7 May 2019 at 11.35 am

Transport: Students will travel by private car to and from the venue accompanied by Mrs Merrick and any parents who are willing to volunteer to travel to Singleton Heights Public School. We will be leaving school at 10.55 am and returning at approximately 1.00 pm. Please indicate below if you are able to come to the game and help with transportation.

Permission slip are to be returned to Mrs Merrick by Friday, 3 May 2019.

Mrs Merrick
Organising Teacher

Thank You

Thank you to Singleton Family Support for a donation of school bags, pencil cases and drink bottles for us to donate to students in the school.

Kindy Big Breakfast

On Friday, April 12 Singleton Public School's Breakfast Club hosted its annual Kinder Brekky.

The Kinder Brekky event introduced the Breakfast Club program to all kindergarten students at the school.

All the children enjoyed a delicious spread consisting of fresh fruit, pikelets, fruit muffins, savoury scrolls and slices. Parents also attended the event and shared cuppas and cake.

The School's Breakfast Club aims to provide students with a nutritious start to their day. The highly successful program provided around 6000 breakfasts in 2018. In addition to breakfast, over 1500 sandwiches and 5000 items of fruit and veg were provided for lunch-box assistance. This program is very kindly sponsored by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre and the Singleton Heights Bakery, and resourced with a wonderful team of parent and carer volunteers. Singleton Public School and its P&C Association are very proud of the program's achievements in supporting the school community.

Sandy Tickell and Dale Green
Breakfast Club Coordinators



Opens Knights Knockout

The boys open rugby league Knights Knockout will be held on Thursday, 2 May at Waratah Oval, Waratah. Transport is by private vehicle. Students are to meet Mrs Black at the oval no later than 8.50 am. A note has been sent home previously.

Classic Shield

The opens rugby league team have been entered into the Classic Shield Competition that will be held on Monday, 6 May at Pirtek Park. Notes will be sent home in the coming days for more information.

Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts are being sent home this week. Items that may be listed on Statement of Accounts include voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levy, visiting shows, Canberra excursions, School magazine subscription, instrument hire, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

MAGS Day

MAGS (Mums, Aunties, Grandmas and significant females) are invited to a BBQ breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day with their children at SPS. Students art/craft works will be available for a gold coin donation. Donations of sanitary products, female toiletries./cosmetics are also requested and appreciated. All proceeds and products will go to "Share the Dignity" to brighten the day for another mum, aunty or grandmother.

FETE Request

Class KS organise the handicraft stall at our school fete held in September each year. With the cooler weather now arriving, its time to keep those hands warm. One way is to make items by crocheting, knitting, scarpbooking, sewing, woodworking and creating. The children love purchasing all that you make. Donations for the stall can be dropped off to KS classroom from next term. Your help is greatly appreciated by the children of Singleton Public School.

Mrs Scoles
Classroom Teacher

School Photos

MSP Photography will be taking the Singleton PS School Photographs on Wednesday, 22 May.

MSP Photography use a pre-pay system for their photographic services either cash (correct money only) or you can also make online payments to MSP. Instructions will be on the personalised photo envelopes that will be sent home in Term 2.

These personalised photo envelopes need to be filled in correctly, payment enclosed or receipt number from online payments written on the envelope, and returned to school on the Photo Day.

Please do not misplace the envelope as it contains a shoot key that enables you to order and pay for the photos online and a barcode for the photographers to scan on the day.

Family/sibling photo envelopes will be available from the school office. These envelopes will also need to be returned to school on the photo day. The family photos are for Singleton Public School students only.

Group photos will be taken on the day for our Student Council, School Leaders and School House Captains and Vice Captains. Students in these groups will need to meet on the hall verandah at 8.50 am. Please note: the school office or canteen does not handle change or money for photo day so the correct money is essential. The school office will be closed for the staff photo from approximately 8.30 - 9.00 am.

Full school uniform must be worn by all students, including navy socks and black shoes.

Charlie and Chocolate Factory

The magnificent musical, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', is showing in Sydney at the Capitol Theatre until September 2019. We are excited to announce that children in Years 3 – 6 have the opportunity to attend an excursion to see this amazing show! The children will be accompanied by teachers and five parents.

When: Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Time: We will leave school at 8.00 am sharp, eat lunch at the Botanical Gardens and then attend the matinee performance at 1.00 pm. The bus will return to Singleton at approximately 5.30 pm/6.00 pm.

Cost: Students : \$95 Parents: \$104.50 (includes the theatre ticket and bus fare).

How to get a 'Golden Ticket': An 'Expression of Interest' note will be available to students on Wednesday, 1 May.

Step 1. The first 60 students to bring their 'Expression of Interest' note back to Mrs Merrick will be issued with a GOLDEN TICKET. The note must be given to Mrs Merrick NOT the office.

Step 2. The GOLDEN TICKET ensures a place on the excursion if payment is made by 12.30 pm Wednesday, 8 May. If payment is not made by this date then students on the waitlist will be offered the place. Permission notes will be sent home after payment has been made.

Step 3. There are FIVE parent places to be filled. Please ensure you write your name on the EOI if you are interested in accompanying your child. Parents will be advised if they have been successful when the 60 student spots are filled.

Attendance on excursions will be based on students' demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school's Welfare and Discipline Policies.

Any musical is always a magical experience however 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' is exceptional, a real must see for any child!

Mrs Merrick
Organising Teacher

Cross Country

Our 2019 Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday, 5 April. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 had a wonderful day participating by running or walking around the track with energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to the staff members who worked hard to help ensure the day was a success. To our parents who volunteered on the day, a massive thank you! The carnival would not have run smoothly if we did not have your help and it was greatly appreciated by the staff as well as the students as they ran around the track.

Congratulations to all students who received a place at the carnival. Ribbons and medallions will be awarded at the Week 3 Friday's assembly.

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 8 May at Karoola Park in Muswellbrook.

Rebecca Street and Cheryl Alaban
Organising Teacher



say cheese
School Photo Day is
22 May 2019

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Credit card payments are available online - You will need your personalised shoot key located on your child's envelope to place your order online.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Easter Hat Parade

On Friday, 12 April Year K-2 paraded their creative Easter hats after assembly. The hats all looked wonderful. Well done students!



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	1 volunteer needed	Evette Anderson	Cara Roohan	Kylie Page	Maxine Kolinos
			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	1 volunteer needed	Stella Broadbent	Mary Franks	Tracey Adams
			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
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SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2

APR/ MAY 1	29 Staff Development Day	30 ANZAC Day Assembly	1 P&C Meeting 6.00pm	1 High School talk for Year 6	3 Year 5/6 high jump	4
		Soccer Gala Day- Boys and Girls	PSSA Final Netball Selections Yr 6 High School Transition day	Opens Knights Knockout		5
MAY 2	6 KAOS Rehearsal	7 PSSA Netball SPS v SHPS	8 Zone Cross Country	9 Enrichment Class Parent Info Evening	10 MAGS day Stewart House Donations Due	11
	Classic Shield Opens Rugby League		KAOS Performance	3.30pm AECG meeting KaWul Centre	Hunter trials Touch Football	12
MAY 3	13 Bryon Palmer Shield – Rugby Gala Day	14 NAPLAN – Paper NAPLAN – Online	15 NAPLAN – Paper NAPLAN – Online	16 NAPLAN – Paper NAPLAN – Online	17 NAPLAN – Online	18
		Book Club due			Junior High Jump	19
MAY 4	20 NAPLAN - Online	21 NAPLAN - Online	22 School photos	23 NAPLAN - Online	24 NAPLAN - Online	25
		Interrelate 6pm KSPS	NAPLAN - Online		Hunter Rugby Union Trials 9am Allen Davis Field Gateshead	26
MAY/ JUNE 5	27	28	29	30 Band Eisteddfod	31 HSC Seminar Day in School Hall Band Eisteddfod	1
						2
JUNE 6	3 School Performances Tour – 'Heave Ho Off We Go'	4 Under 10's Knight Knockout @ Cessnock TBA	5 P&C Meeting 6pm	6	7	8
						9
JUNE 7	10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	11 Stage 1 Singleton Museum	12 CAPA excursions Yr 3-6, 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory'	13 Science Challenge Day M/brookYr 6	14	15
						16
JUNE 8	17	18 Stage 1 Singleton Museum	19 Netball Schools Cup	20	21 Athletics Carnival K-6	22
						23
JUN / JUL 9	24	25 Stage 1 Singleton Museum	26 Hunter Life Ed. Van	27 Hunter Life Ed. Van	28 Hunter Life Ed. Van	29
						30
JUL 10	1 Hunter Life Ed. Van	2 Hunter Life Ed. Van	3 Hunter Life Ed. Van	4 Hunter Life Ed. Van	5 Athletics Carnival K-6 back up day	6
	NAIDOC Week at SPS				NAIDOC Day at SPS Last day of Term 3	7

Road safety

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
 - you cross the road
 - you're on the footpath
 - you're in a car park

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 11 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Abigail Leiland	K/10	Samson Riley
KS	Luca Tyson	1G	Annabeth Bray Pippa
1PH	Annie Lachlan	1/2Z	Zack Max
2H	Issac Georgia	2PD	Jaek Emily
3BC	Knox Taisie Seth	3F	Aidan Ila Alexis
3/4A	Delilah Matthew Siddique	4F	Bobbi Cohen
4/5B	Logan Eva Ben	5S	Luke Joshua Lillian
5/6N	Jayden Frankie Jacob	6D	Canberra
6M	Canberra	7B 7W	

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Phoebe Luca	Stage 1	Harry McKenzie
Stage 2	Taylah Isla	Stage 3	Hayley Ewan

RESPECT
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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.

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

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

Transport for NSW provides students with **free** school travel

In return, we ask that you tap on and tap off every time when travelling on public transport to and from school.



Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time



It is a condition of the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 8.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.

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



Are you interested in starting your own business – jewellery, sewing, candles or a tourism venture on the farm using empty buildings or a spare paddock? Then this may be for you, an opportunity to gain skills and have support as you develop another source of income for your farm.

BUSINESS TRAINING FOR RURAL FAMILIES IN SINGLETON

Five two-hour sessions focused on developing a micro- business or agritourism venture delivered by the Business Centre Newcastle on:

Starting your own business

Business numbers

Selling online

Marketing

Personal Development

The course is free, it will be delivered on Friday's between May 10 and June 14 from 10am-12 noon, followed by a light lunch. Child minding is available.

If you are interested contact the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre, 21 Mary Street Singleton on 65712499 or snc5@bigpond.com

SINGLETON HIGH SCHOOL
FOSTERING THE TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

KAOS
Kids Active on Stage

Singleton Learning Community is proud to present a showcase of talent from our students.

When:
Wednesday 8th May at 6pm

Where:
Singleton High School MPC

Cost:
\$2 per person \$5 per family.

All money raised will be donated to
Where there's a Will foundation.

All welcome.



Go4Fun
Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

NSW Health
GOVERNMENT Population Health

FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

TERM 2 CESSNOCK BASKETBALL STADIUM
THURSDAYS 4-6PM

Go to www.go4fun.com.au for more information.

Go4Fun is a **FREE** 10 week program. Children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about healthy lifestyle solutions.

Go4Fun is for kids 7-13 years.
A parent or carer also needs to attend.

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to register.



10 – 18 MAY

CALLING ALL ARTISTS 8 YEARS OLD & OVER

SINGLETON ART PRIZE



Download entry forms from Website www.singletononhunterrotaryorg.au



Year 6 In Canberra!

