

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 5 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

29 MAY 2019

Calendar of Events

Thursday 30 May	Band Eisteddfod at Muswellbrook 1/2Z Knitting Workshop at Town Library
Friday 31 May	Parent payment due for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Visiting show payment due Regional Cross Country at Cessnock Racecourse HSC Seminar Day at SPS
Monday 3 June	Visiting Show - Heave Ho off We Go
Tuesday 4 June	Under 10's Knight Knockout at Cessnock
Wednesday 5 June	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in school library
Thursday 6 June	Boys Cricket team Vs Denman PS at Denman Note and payment due for Upper Hunter Science Challenge
Monday 10 June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 11 June	Stage 1 to Singleton Museum
Wednesday 12 June	CAPA excursion to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Thursday 13 June	Year 6 Science Challenge Day
Friday 14 June	Year 4 Sydney excursion deposit due Year 3 Outdoor Education excursion deposit due

There is no assembly this week due to the HSC seminar day.

The Week 6 assembly will be hosted by 5/6N at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

Kindergarten 2020

Is it becoming time for your child to commence their school education?

The school is now able to register names of all 2020 Kindergarten students. If you would like to start your child at school next year, please contact the school office to record your interest. Full details of information evenings, transition days and enrolments forms will be sent out later this term to all names on the school's register.

Cross Country winners



PBL winners



Education

From the Principal

Staff Development Day Change of Date for Term 3

Several of our public schools in the Singleton Learning Community will be undertaking Professional Learning together on Monday, 12 August, from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. This professional learning is called Visible Wellbeing. The keynote speaker, Professor Lea Waters is a positive psychology expert in regards to education, organisations and parenting. Professor Lea Waters has devoted her time to help people thrive using the science of positive psychology. Our schools are striving to create positive wellbeing across our communities, and to strengthen our partnerships with the Where There's a Will foundation.

Because of the availability of Professor Waters in coming to the Singleton Learning Community, our schools have had to rearrange our Staff Development Days. In Term 3, students will return to school on the first Monday back, 22 July, and then our school will be closed on Monday, 12 August, Week 4, so staff can attend the Visible Wellbeing workshop. A small amount of administrative staff will be onsite during this day.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause, but we are giving our communities plenty of notice about this, in preparation for the change.

PBL

Our PBL Bluey draw has been a great incentive with our students to demonstrate our core expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Quality. Students are more focused on their achievements and are demonstrating behaviour to reflect our high expectations. The weekly draw has seen a variety of experiences offered to two students from each stage.

Last week, Mrs O'Brien and I were lucky enough to spend some time 'scootering' with the winners along the cycle way. (The students were all very impressed with our skills at staying upright on the scooters!)

Our Bluey Barrel is almost at the halfway line. Once we reach the marker we will hold our whole school reward afternoon. Stay tuned for details as we get closer!

I'm looking forward to seeing what reward comes from the Bluey Spin Wheel this week!

This Friday we will be holding our 'Teacher Play' reward afternoon at the end of recess for all students who have not attended Reflection Room in the past 5 weeks.

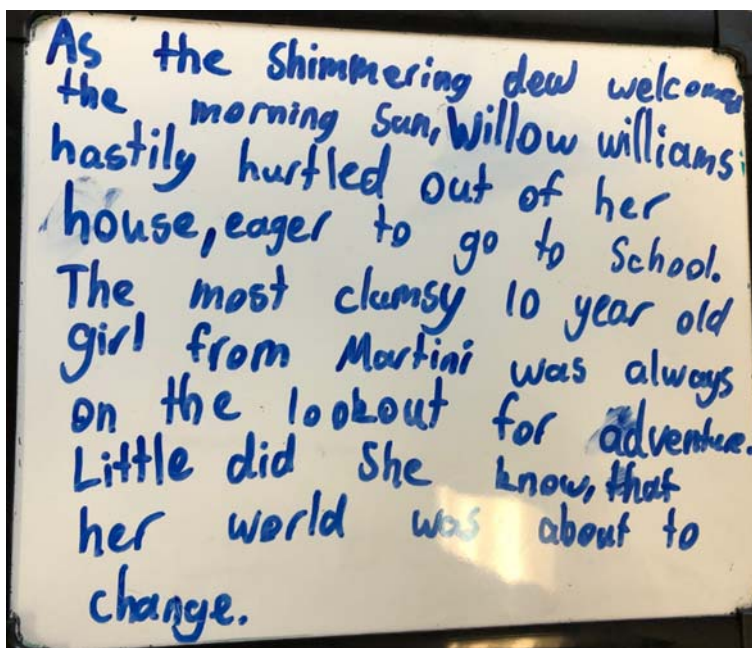
Explicit Instruction

This term our teachers are focusing on the writing component of Explicit Instruction. This sample from 3F (after just 2 lessons) shows the amazing capabilities of our students here at SPS.

New Interactive Boards for classrooms

Exciting times last week as our new interactive boards were installed in classrooms!

Thank you to our fantastic P&C for working with the school to jointly fund these amazing contributions to our classrooms and learning. Our students are very happy to now be able to see the boards without closing all the blinds and turning off the lights!



Cold Weather

As the cold weather begins to roll into the Hunter it is a pertinent time to remind everyone about labelling all jumpers and jackets. We have had a number of brand new items being left in the playground and it is difficult to return them to their owner if they aren't labelled.

Gates

A reminder to all parents/carers that morning staff supervision starts at 8.40 am. Students should not arrive at school before this time. Should your child arrive at school before this time eg due to early bus arrival, they should be sitting on the steps of the Kindergarten rooms until the bell rings.

In the interest of student safety, the gates on Hunter Street will remain closed until at least 8.15-8.30 am of a morning.


Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make vegies easy to eat.

Eating 5 serves of vegetables and 2 serves of fruit each day doesn't need to be a chore. It's easy to reach these targets if you spread your fruit and veg out throughout the day.



Breakfast: Start your vegie intake in the morning with avocado or baked beans or tomato on toast

Morning tea: try some [zucchini slice](#) or wholegrain crackers and hummus.

Lunch: Include some salad with lunch. Try our tasty [salad recipes](#).

Afternoon tea: have your favorite piece of fruit.

Dinner: Try our delicious vegie filled [recipes](#).

Dessert: Berries and yoghurt or [healthy apple crumble](#).

healthylunchbox.com.au

Canteen Roster - Week 6 , Term 2 2019

Mon 3/6/19	1 volunteer needed
Tues 4/6/19	Evette Anderson
Wed 5/6/19	Cara Roohan, Allison Hodge
Thurs 6/6/19	Kylie Page, Mel Drew
Fri 7/6/19	Maxine Kolinos, Alan Hamson, Sheree Mell

Canteen Roster - Week 7, Term 2 2019

Mon 10/6/19	Public Holiday
Tues 11/6/19	1 volunteer needed
Wed 12/6/19	Stella Broadbent, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 13/6/19	Mary Franks, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 14/6/19	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 5 and 6 - Respectful manners are appreciated.

Notes that have been sent home:-

Year 3 Outdoor Education Excursion
Year 4 Sydney Excursion
ICAS Exam Note Years 3-6 (in newsletter)
Band Eisteddfod
Under 10's Newcastle Knights Knockout competition
Science Challenge

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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

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

Girls Cricket Vs Muswellbrook PS

On Monday, 20 May our girls cricket team played in their 2nd round PSSA Knockout match against Muswellbrook Public School. The girls played brilliantly, particularly with their bowling and fielding to come away with a very convincing 76 run win. A huge thank you to Mr Carman for being the square leg umpire and to our wonderful parents who helped transport the girls to the match. The girls showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the entire match and should be proud of their efforts! We are looking forward to our next big match!

Mrs Street
Organising Teacher



Hunter Rugby Trials

On Friday, 24 May, Lachlan and Dominic attended the PSSA Hunter Rugby Union trials in Gateshead. Both boys were selected in the possibles and probables and will retriail on Wednesday, 5 June for possible selection in the Hunter team. Well done and good luck!



PSSA Netball VS KSPS

On Friday, 24 May, our PSSA netball team played a wonderful game against King Street Public School. We were victorious, winning 39 to 3. The game showed a great deal of sportsmanship and teamwork on both sides. We would like to thank Mrs Merrick for organising the match, Lucie Merrick for her wonderful umpiring, Gail Solman for her inspiring coaching, the parents for the transport and support. We will be playing Muswellbrook Public school in the next round so stayed tuned!

Mrs Dibben
Organising Teacher



Library News

On Wednesday, 22 May 2019, Singleton Public School participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. It is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

This year, KS, KJ, K/1OL and 4F enjoyed the event in the library by watching a video clip of 'Alpacas with Maracas', written and illustrated by Australian Author Matt Cosgrove. Students were then invited to come to the library at lunch time and recess to complete activities based around the story.

As part of the celebrations, we had a lucky door prize with Abigail from KJ winning a copy of the book and her own set of Maracas.

Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all the people who helped with activities on the day.

Wendy Mullen
Librarian



Band Eisteddfod

The Eisteddfod is on tomorrow Thursday, 30 May, 2019 at St James Primary School, Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook.

Travel will be by private vehicle. We will meet at the parsonage at 11.40 am to get organised to leave. Our section begins at 1.30 pm and we are first on. There are only 2 bands in our section. They usually give the results straight after the section, but I'm unsure how it will run this year.

Kristy Dibley
Music Teacher

Under 10's Knights Knockout

The Singleton Public School Under10's Rugby League team is entered in the 2019 All Schools Newcastle Knights Competition.

When: Tuesday, 4 June, 2019

Time: Meet at school at 8.00 am, first game is at 9.30 am

Where: Mt View Park, Cessnock (across the road from Mount View High School)

Transport: Private vehicle

Equipment: Boots, mouth guard, blue football shorts, blue and yellow socks and plenty of water and food. There will be a canteen operating on the day. A football jumper will be supplied.

The team will play at least 5, twelve minute games during the competition. There are quarterfinals and semi-finals for successful teams. If we qualify for the semi-final there is the possibility that we will not be back at school until after 3.10 pm and you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up when we return to school. We will contact you if we qualify and will not be back prior to 3.10 pm.

We need assistance with transport – if you can assist, please indicate on the permission note and return to Mrs Street. If we are unable to provide transport for the whole team we will have to withdraw from the competition.

Rebecca Street
Organising Teacher

Upper Hunter Science Challenge

Selected Year 6 students will be participating in the Upper Hunter Science Challenge.

Date: Thursday, 13 June

Time: 8.45 am meet at the Year 6 room

Location: Muswellbrook Sports Centre

Transport: Students will travel by bus. The bus will depart at 9.00 am from Elizabeth Street, returning at approx.2.45 pm.

Equipment : Water bottle, morning tea snack and hat. Lunch will be provided by the Lions Rotary Club (sausage sizzle)

Cost: \$5 which covers the cost of the transport

Please return the permission slip to Mrs Moore by Thursday, 6 June 2019.

1/2Z Knitting Workshop

1/2Z will be attending at knitting workshop that is being held at the Singleton Town Library tomorrow Thursday,30 May. They will walk to the Library, this is covered under the general permission note.

Visiting Show

This term we have the visiting show "Heave Ho, Off We Go" from School Performance Tours performing at our school. This fun and creative show will inspire and entertain all our students from K to 6. The shows are being held on Monday, 3 June. Cost is \$6.00 for all students who have not paid supercover. **Payment is due by Friday, 31 May.** No late payments can be accepted.

Mrs Price
Organising Teacher

Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

Continuing until June, 25 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn and Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art and crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at

Mrs Nichols
Organising Teacher



Hunter Life Van

The 'Healthy Harold' Life Education Van will be at Singleton Public School from Wednesday, 26 June to Thursday, 4 July 2019. All classes will visit the van in separate sessions over this period. Each grade follows a different program so it is important for children to participate each year. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PD/Health/PE curriculum. A brief outline of the program contents is:

Support Unit and Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten - "My Body Matters"

Personal hygiene, healthy food choices, importance of physical activity and safety.

Stage 1 - Year 1 - "Ready, Steady, Go"

Benefits of physical activity, body workings, safe strategies, nutritious diet.

Stage 1 - Year 2 - "Growing Good Friends"

Explore what health messages mean, identify safety signs, physical activity and nutrition, positive relationships.

Stage 2 - Year 3 - "bCyberwise"

Explores cyber safety and responsible and respectful behaviour online.

Stage 2 - Year 4 - "Mind Your Medicine"

Medicines and their safe use, positive communication, managing stressful situations and health and wellbeing.

Stage 3 - Year 5 - "On the Case"

Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal skills.

Stage 3 - Year 6 - "Relate Respect Connect"

A unique, contemporary module that explores building positive, safe and respectful relationships.

The cost is \$10.00 per child. Permission notes and money must be paid no later than **12.30 pm on Thursday, 25 June.** **The Hunter Life Van is covered by Supercover**, therefore if you have paid Supercover there is no need to pay for this event. **PLEASE NOTE permission notes will sent home in Week 6.**

Katrina Hackett
Organising Teacher

Year 3 Outdoor Education

The Year Three major excursion for 2019 is a two-day (over-night) trip to Outdoor Education in Morisset. The excursion supports and enhances our study of PD/H/PE, as well as contributing to all other areas of development.

- Date:** Thursday, 19 September – Friday, 20 September 2019
- Time:** Departing 9.00am sharp and returning by 3.00pm
- Location:** Outdoor Education in Morisset more information found on website <http://www.outdoorednsw.com.au/morisset/>
- Cost:** \$195.00. This includes: coach travel, accommodation, programmed camp, qualified staff organising and managing camp activities, night activities, meals provided from Lunch on Day One to Lunch on Day Two.
- Deposit:** To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00, which needs to be paid by 12:30pm on Friday, 14 June. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. No late payments will be accepted.
- Final Payment:** The balance of money owing needs to be paid to the office by 12.30pm on Wednesday, 11 September. Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher or Mrs Burns at the office with regards to the Student Assistance Program. All discussions are private and confidential.
- Information:** Approximately 65 students and 3 staff will attend the excursion. Due to limited accommodation facilities, we will only be able to take parents whose child's medical needs require them to be present. During the excursion we are hopeful that the following activities will be available (weather permitting): *High Ropes*Multi Climb*Night Activity (Country Fair) *Giant Swing *Archery *Bush craft *Bush walk

Full information packs will go home closer to the date of the camp.

Year 3 Teachers

Year 4 Sydney Excursion

Our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to attend a three day trip to Sydney to complement our History Unit, 'First Contacts'.

- Date:** Tuesday, 27 August – Thursday, 29 August 2019
- Time:** Departing 7.00am sharp and returning by 5.45pm
- Location:** Naamaroo Cabins in Lane Cove National Park
- Cost:** Students approximately \$360.00 depending on final numbers
- Deposit:** \$50.00 deposit due by Friday, 14 June. No late payments will be accepted.
- Final Payment:** The balance of money owing needs to be paid to the office by 12.30pm on Monday, 19 August. Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher or Mrs Burns at the office with regards to the Student Assistance Program. All discussions are private and confidential. Until final numbers and costs are confirmed, payment of up to \$300 can be accepted. This amount will be updated.
- Itinerary:** Maritime Museum, Powerhouse Museum, a tour of The Rocks, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Pylon Lookout Tour, Lunch at the Botanical Gardens, Australian Museum, and Taronga Zoo
- Parent Helpers:** Interested adults attending will be required to pay a cost of approximately \$375.00. As with the student payment, the original invoiced amount may change to reflect the numbers of attendees.

If you are interested in coming along to the excursion in a support role we ask that you complete the slip on the permission note and return it to school by Friday, 24 May. To ensure equitable access, parent names will be placed in a ballot with successful parents to be notified by Friday, 31 May. Please note that all parents will require 'Working with Children Check' form and a completed Appendix 5 as required for legal and child wellbeing purposes. First Aid qualifications would be beneficial.

More information is provided on the note that has been sent home with students this week.

Year 4 Teachers

Kindergarten 2020

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P&C News

Canteen News

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Tracy Matthews into the role of Canteen Manager and Cara Roohan to the role of Canteen Assistant. Tracy and Cara were offered these roles at the end of last term and were able to start Term 2 as the amazing new canteen duo! We are so thrilled to have both Tracy and Cara in these roles and we know the canteen is in safe hands with these two amazing women in control. Please get in touch with Tracy and Cara if you would like to help out on the roster, they would love to see you in the canteen.

A super big Thank You to Kylie Broadbent for steadying the ship during the transition to our new Canteen Manager, your support and guidance has been amazing and we are so grateful to you. Also to all the volunteers that helped out through Term 1, thank you for your continued support and we can't wait for you to join us for the remainder of the year with Tracy and Cara, it is going to be fun!!

FlexiSchools

FlexiSchools has been a massive success this year! There were a few teething problems initially but now we are flying along. FlexiSchools makes life so much easier in the canteen and saves the volunteers time in the morning counting money, sorting and tallying orders. It takes us a good 45 minutes to get through this process with paper bags and cash, however with FlexiSchools we can get it done in about 15 minutes. So if you haven't signed up yet, please do, it is simple to use and makes things so much easier in the canteen.

Don't forget this month we are running a promotion, all Flexi School Users will be able to purchase Red Rock Deli Chips for just \$1.00 for online lunch orders only until the end of May 2019. Sign up to Flexi Schools by visiting www.flexischools.com.au or download the app.

P&C Levy

Last term we put out the call for everyone to please pay the P&C Levy so we could help with the cost of replacing the SmartBoards in 7 of the classrooms. A massive thank you to all those who paid, we received \$7,500 in levies and have been able to ensure the new Commboxes were installed to the classes that needed them. If you still wish to contribute, please do, this is a portion of the money that we committed to the project so the more levies we receive the more we are able to do.

Nicole Furness
P&C President



The Welcoming Committee – Singleton

Meet at:

Singleton Public Library

Meet on:

First Wednesday of the month from 9.30am.

Come along for morning tea and conversation.

This friendly group is open to all – not just newcomers to the town.

The 5th June meeting supports Cancer Council with a big morning tea, for a gold coin donation.

DONOR MOBILE VISITING SOON

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting **Singleton Mobile**,

Monday 27 May, **9.30am – 3.00pm** (15 more donors needed)

Tuesday 28 May, **1.00pm – 6.30pm** (7 more donors needed)

Wednesday 29 May, **1.00pm – 6.30pm** (9 more donors needed)

Thursday 30 May, **1.00pm – 6.30pm** (7 more donors needed)

Friday 31 May, **9.30am – 3.00pm** (19 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 donates. 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 Blood Service

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University of New South Wales ICAS Tests

Each year the University of New South Wales offers students across the world the opportunity to participate in a number of tests across a number of curriculum areas for children in Year 3-12.

These tests are the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and occur through the year. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by our team of subject matter experts.

All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student's school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions.

This year we are offering for any interested children from Years 3-6 the chance to participate in the following UNSW competitions:

- Digital Technologies (Computer Skills): Tuesday, 3 September
- Science: Thursday, 5 September
- English: Tuesday, 17 September
- Mathematics: Thursday, 19 September

Each of these tests costs parents \$14.50. If you would like your child or children in Years 3-6 to participate in any of the tests please complete the form below and **return it with payment to the school by Friday, 21 June**. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late entries.

✂ _____

Childs Name _____ Child's Class _____ (return to office by Friday, 21 June 2019)

Tests I would like my child to participate in:

English / Mathematics / Science / Computer Skills

(Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

Each tests costs \$14.50 Total enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 3 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Callen Cody	K/10	Paris Albie
KS	Shiloh Riley	1G	Lucy Imogen Lucy
1PH	Alana Annie	1/2Z	Deon Charlie Eli
2H	Jazmyn Hailey	2PD	Brodie Thomas
3BC	Addison Archie Lucy	3F	Kayla Cailin Brendan
3/4A	Joseph Tyla Delilah	4F	Ewan Emily
4/5B	Sanjay Maddison Reese	5S	Chad Cameron Charlotte
5/6N	Connor Jasmine Chelsea	6D	Jimmy Emily Caleb
6M	Regan Charlie Talan	7B 7W	Sophie -

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Abbey Laykeava	Stage 1	Jack Zach
Stage 2	Will Joseph	Stage 3	Tyrone Bobbie Bailey

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

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Lachlan Christopher	K/10	Kayden Layla Andrew
KS	Matilda Kaden	1G	Mackenzie Nikkaelah
1PH	Joey Penelope	1/2Z	Henry Oliver
2H	Alana Danika Lochie	2PD	Charlotte Charles
3BC	Anne Caitlyn Archie	3F	Will Zahra Logan
3/4A	Matthew Tristan Jackson Ella	4F	Avah Jaylen Ava
4/5B	Sanjay Arli Ella	5S	Jayden Sophie Lilly
5/6N	Tyler Borden Sethuki	6D	Roman Beau Camron
6M	Rubybelle Jacob Jack	7B 7W	Kaiden -

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Matilda Zoe	Stage 1	Emily Hannah
Stage 2	Sunny Caitlin	Stage 3	Leo Logan

RESPECT
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QUALITY

Classwork by 1PH

