

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 7 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

12 JUNE 2019

### Calendar of Events

<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	CAPA excursion to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	Year 6 Science Challenge Day
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion deposit due Year 3 Outdoor Education Excursion deposit due
<b>Monday 17 June</b>	Debating Day Book Club due - only online orders accepted Equipment Stocktake - bring in hired for musical instruments for sighting
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	Netball Schools Cup
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	Athletic Carnival payment due
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 (and Year 2 turning 8) ICAS payment and note due
<b>Sunday 23 June</b>	P&C Working Bee starting at 9.00 am
<b>Monday 24 June</b>	Return family email address slips
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	Hunter Life Van payment and note due Last day for Earn and Learn Stickers
<b>Wednesday 26 June - Thursday July</b>	Hunter Life Education
<b>Monday 1 July</b>	NAIDOC Week at SPS Kindergarten 2020 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 2 July</b>	Opens Knights Knockout Grand Final at McDonald Jones Stadium
<b>Thursday 4 July</b>	NAIDOC Day at SPS
<b>Friday 8 July</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2</b> Student Reports to be sent home Athletics Carnival back up day

The Week 7 assembly will be hosted by K/1OL at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

There is no assembly in Week 8 due to the Athletics carnival.



### Staff Development Day 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

**There will be no Staff Development Day on Monday, 22 July.**

## From the Principal

### Staff Training and Professional Learning

Next Tuesday, all staff will attend a twilight training and professional learning session to undertake Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and Anaphylaxis face to face training. The training will run from 3:30-6:30pm and is part of the DoE mandatory compliance training schedule.

### P&C Working Bee

The P&C will be holding a 'WORKING BEE' on Sunday, 23 June commencing at 9.00 am. We will be undertaking works on our garden and play spaces. If you can spare an hour or two or even the day, please come along and support our band of volunteers. Bring your gardening tools, etc as many hands make light work of our playground projects.

### Kindergarten 2020

Parents and carers are requested to contact the school office to register their children for Kindergarten 2020. The Department of Education is enforcing school zoning restrictions across the State and this may impact the availability of places within our school. Non-local enrolments will be subject to the 'Non-Local enrolment' procedures and a panel will meet to consider any applications.

### School Reports

Staff are busy preparing mid-year reports, that will be sent home during the last week of term. These reports are based on the outcomes and learning addressed during Semester 1 and reflect the achievements and efforts of our students during this time.

### Public Speaking

Our school Public Speaking process is underway and the students will be giving their speeches in class over the coming weeks. Our school 'Public Speaking Finals Day' will be held early in Term 3. I am looking forward to being part of the adjudicating panel with our special guest adjudicator Mr John Quinn.

### Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Program

On Tuesday, 25 June Way Ahead will be presenting a Small Steps Anxiety Program for Parents in our school library at 1.00-2.30 pm and 7.00-8.30 pm. Booking can be made via [stickytickets.com.au/87666](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87666).

Ms Deanne Brown  
Principal



### 1 in 10 children are affected by anxiety

Problematic anxiety can have significant impacts on a child's social, family and school life. However, early intervention through informed care, treatment and support may assist in preventing the development of more serious problems later in life.

Small Steps seminars share the tools to identify differences between normal levels of worry and problematic anxiety, spot signs and symptoms and consider potential options going forward.

24th of June	24th of June	25th of June
1 - 2:30 pm	7 - 8:30 pm	1 - 2:30 pm or 7 - 8:30 pm
Lecture Theatre Mental Health Admin Building Cnr Edith and Platt Streets Waratah	Elsie Graham Centre Wallsend Hospital Campus Longworth Ave Wallsend	Singleton Public School 8 Hunter St Singleton
<a href="https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87664">stickytickets.com.au/87664</a>	<a href="https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87665">stickytickets.com.au/87665</a>	<a href="https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87666">stickytickets.com.au/87666</a>

Please book via links above to secure your place



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to ensure your child is eating from the five food groups

Try our nutritious Chicken Burrito Bowl which ticks off three of the five food groups.



Grain (Cereal) Foods

Meat & Alternatives

Vegetables

Together with a piece of fruit and some dairy, such as a tub of reduced-fat yoghurt, lunch is sorted!

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

### Canteen Roster - Week 8 , Term 2 2019

Mon 17/6/19	Loren Arnott, Gabby Cooper
Tues 18/6/19	Tony Whiting
Wed 19/6/19	Alan Hamson, Maree Davidson
Thurs 20/6/19	Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 21/6/19	Maxine Kolinos, Bec McNaught, Dianne Morris

### Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 2 2019

Mon 24/6/19	Anna Adamthwaite
Tues 25/6/19	Lisa Mortensen, Rachel Bourke
Wed 26/6/19	Aleks Jelaca, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 27/6/19	Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 28/6/19	Kylie Broadbent, Nicole and Todd Furness

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

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

Every week our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight's focus points are:-

**Weeks 7 and 8 - Taking responsibility for the choices you make.**

### Notes that have been sent home:-

ICAS Exam Note Years 3-6 (in newsletter)  
Under 10's Newcastle Knights Knockout competition  
Science Challenge  
Netball Schools Cup note  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory final note

#### Singleton Pubic School Details

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AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Rachel Frith
AP Stage 3	Rachel Nichols/ Diane Merrick
P&C Meetings	First Wednesday of the Month

#### Bell Times

8.40 am	Play
9.10 am	Morning Muster - class time
11.10 am	Eating time
11.20 am	Lunch 1
11.40 am	Lunch 2
12.00 pm	Middle session
1.30 pm	Recess
2.00 pm	Afternoon session
3.10 pm	Home

## Band Eisteddfod

On Thursday, 30 May, the Concert Band competed in the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod at St James Primary School in Muswellbrook. They played Sunset on the Sahara and Rock Around the Clock. Our competitors were Scone Grammar School and I am so happy to say that we came 1st place! They listened to each other, watched me and played their music so well I got goosebumps! I am very proud of them all. I would like to thank Mrs Ali Campbell and Mrs Isabella Bailey for giving up their Thursday afternoon to assist with transport on the day and being our cheer squad. Also a huge thank you to Mrs Miskin for also driving and helping with crowd control!

Mrs Dibley  
Band Co-ordinator



## 1/2Z Knitting Workshop

On Thursday, 30 May 1/2Z attend a knitting workshop at the Singleton Library. All students had a wonderful time learning how to knit.



## Visiting Show - Heave Ho Off We Go.

On Monday, 3 June School Performances Tours produced a funny and creative magic show with amazing illusions.

The children were engaged and challenged, trying to work out what they saw and then what actually happened. They tested their listening, observation and problem solving skills in a hilarious, captivating format.

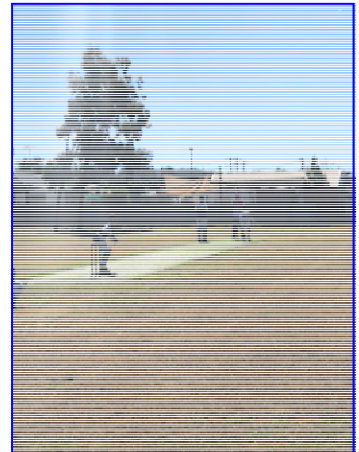
Teresa Price  
Organising Teacher



## Boys Cricket

On Thursday, 6 June, our SPS Boys Cricket team travelled to Denman to play Denman Public School in the 4th round of the PSSA knockout competition. It was a fantastic day of great skill and sportsmanship. Denman won the toss and decided to bat first. Our bowlers showed great talent to keep their score low and a number of great wickets and catches were taken. Our batsmen were equally impressive with a number of boundaries made in a short time. After 20 overs we were able to claim victory with 5/89 runs. Congratulations to our boys for their hard work, great sportsmanship and positive attitudes and a huge thank you to our parents who helped with transport and scoring.

Mrs Foster  
Organising Teacher



## School Cup Netball NSW Gala Day

Selected students are invited to attend the Schools Cup.

Where: Rose Point Netball Courts

When: Wednesday, 19 June 2019

Time: Registration 8.30am (The first games will be played at 9.00am and the day will end approx. 2.30pm.)

Transport: Students will walk to Rose Point Park Netball Courts accompanied by Mrs Merrick. They will leave from the Parsonage at 8.00am – PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE.

Uniform: Players will be required to wear their school sports uniform i.e school polo shirt and navy blue shorts. NB: No jewellery is to be worn; earrings must be removed NOT taped.

What to bring: Children will need a water bottle (with a name on it), sunscreen, a hat and food for the day.

Cost: It will cost \$4.00 to participate in this event (It is \$40 per team entry). Your child must bring \$2 on the day to give to the umpires.

Di Merrick  
Organising Teacher

## Upper Hunter Science Challenge

Selected Year 6 students have been selected to participate in the Upper Hunter Science Challenge.

**Date:** Tomorrow, 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

Mrs Moore  
Organising Teacher

## Hunter Life Education 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 included on the permission note. The cost is \$10.00 per child. **Permission notes and money** must be paid to the class teacher no later than 12.30 pm on **Friday, 25 June**. This enables the office staff to compile reports of payment for the class teachers. **The Hunter Life Van is covered by Supercover, so if you have paid Supercover there is no need to pay for this event.**

Katrina Hackett  
Organising Teacher

Day/Date	Wed 26/6	Thurs 27/6	Fri 28/6	Mon 1/7	Tues 2/7	Wed 3/7
Session 1 9.30 to 11.00 am	6D	4F	6M	4/5B	3BC	5S
Session 2 12.00 to 1.30 pm	KS	3/4A	5/6N	3F	7B/7W	KJ
Session 3 2.00 to 3.00 pm	2H	2PD	1PH	1/2Z	1G	K/1OL

## Athletics Carnival

When: Friday, 21 June 2019

Where: Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights

Who: This Athletics Carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and all Year 2 students turning 8 this year.

Time: Students need to come to school first and assemble under the COLA at 9:00 am with their class teacher. Students on late arriving buses will join their classes on arrival. We will leave school at 9:10 am, ready to start at 9:30 am.

Transport: All students will travel to and from Alroy Oval by bus and the cost will be \$4.00. At the end of the day students may go home with parents; however parents MUST sign out their child with their class teacher before leaving the oval.

Clothing: Suitable sport clothes in their house colours - Kendall – Red, Gordon – Yellow, Paterson – Green, Lawson – Blue.

Equipment: School hat, sunscreen and plenty of water.

As this carnival is for students in Years 3 to 6, all K-2 students will stay at school and have normal classes (with the exception of the participating 8 year old Year 2 students). All Year 3 to 6 teachers will be supervising at the carnival.

The support and help of parents and family on the day is essential to running a quality carnival. Once again we are in need of helpers to make the day enjoyable for all. If you are able to help at the Carnival could you please fill in the note attached to the permission slip and return it to class teachers.

The High Jump events have taken place at school during sport times. Parents and spectators are most welcome. Come along and support our students!

Canteen - The Canteen will be operating a sausage sizzle on the day. There will be a small canteen service as well with a selection of drinks, cakes, slices, chips and ice blocks. A price list will follow shortly.

Please have the permission note and payment returned to school by Thursday, 20 June 2019. If the bus money is not paid by this date, the students will be walked to Alroy Oval under the general permission note.

Sharmyn Zeidler, Cathy Black and Rebecca Street  
Athletics Organisers

## 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 25, June 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.

Mrs Nichols  
Organising Teacher

## School Magazine Subscription

In 2019 the school has subscribed to The School Magazine Subscription for students in Years 3, 4 and 5. The School Magazine is Australia's most-loved and longest-running literary publication for children. The four magazines under The School Magazine imprint have been introducing young readers to a world of words for more than a century. The secret of its enduring success is the quality literature which engages and inspires young readers. The subscription includes 10 copies of the magazine per year. The subscription is at a cost of \$11.00 per child payable at the school office as soon as possible. More information can be found at <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au>.

# Road safety



## Wearing helmets and riding safely

### Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

### Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

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

### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

### Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

## Equipment Requirements

Please see below the items required for each year group. Please ensure your child/children's equipment is checked each term and replaced if required. Students need to have their own white board markers for each lesson and they run out very quickly.

Kindergarten		
Total Qty	Item	✓
1	headphones	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	whiteboard markers	
1	scrap book	
Year 1		
2	glue stick	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	whiteboard markers	
Year 2		
1	school magazine subscription \$11 (to be confirmed by teacher in 2019)	
8	HB pencils 2 per term (minimum) (good quality)	
1	packet coloured pencils (good quality)	
1	packet textas (good quality)	
2	pencil sharpener	
2	erasers	
1	pair scissors	
8	glue sticks - 2 per term (good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	pencil case	
4	tissues - 1 box per term	
1	paint shirt	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	whiteboard markers	

Year 3		
Total Qty	Item	✓
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
1	pencil case	
1	packet 10 HB good quality lead pencils with name	
1	packet coloured pencils with name	
1	packet texta colours	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
4	large glue sticks (1 per term -good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	30cm ruler	
2	large erasers	
1	paint shirt	
1	pencil sharpener in container	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	pair of scissors	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	whiteboard markers	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	
Year 4		
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
1	pencil case	
1	packet of 10 lead pencils—good quality HB lead with name	
1	packet coloured pencils - with name	
1	packet textas - with name	
1	30cm ruler	
4	large glue sticks (1 per term; good quality, not pens or liquid)	
1	pair scissors	
2	erasers	
2	sharpeners	
2	boxes of tissues	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
1	paint shirt	
1	whiteboard markers	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	

### Additional Information

No white out of any sort is allowed at school

No permanent markers are allowed at school

These lists are basic requirements. Additional equipment may be required during the year, as requested on an individual classroom basis.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT IS LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

## Equipment Requirements Con't

All Year 5 and Year 6 students will need:		
Qty	Item	✓
1	school magazine subscription Year 5 only \$11	
1	pencil case	
1	pack of 10 Graphite 2B lead pencils	
8	blue & red biros (minimum of 2 per term)	
1	packet coloured pencils or crayon pens (wind-up crayons)	
1	packet of coloured textas	
1	pack highlighters (at least pack of 4)	
1	white soft eraser	
1	pencil sharpener	
4	large glue sticks (large - 1 per term)	
1	dictionary / thesaurus available for purchase at school office \$22	
1	30cm ruler with both centimetre and millimetre measurements	
1	pair scissors	
1	USB storage device (unused) with lanyard	
3	large boxes of tissues	
1	pair of headphones or earbuds	
2	plastic envelope folders	
1	whiteboard markers	
2	coloured A4 document wallets	

## Stocktake of School Equipment - Band Instruments

Each year the school conducts a stocktake of all school equipment. This is being conducted next week. All students that hire band equipment are asked to bring their instrument in to the office to be sighted during week eight or to have the instruments sighted by Mrs Dibley during band. There are also students with outstanding instrument hire fees for Term 1 and 2, please ensure these are paid as soon as possible.

## 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.

Please note the Kindergarten Information Packs were posted out last Friday, 7 June. The first Parent/Carer Information Evening will be held on Monday, 1 July from 6.00 pm.



### FREE BUSINESS TRAINING FOR RURAL FAMILIES






**Course Content**  
5 x 2hour sessions covering

- Starting your own business
- Business numbers
- Selling online
- Marketing
- Personal Development

*This course is designed for people wanting to start a microbusiness eg jewellery, card, sewing, candles or an agritourism venture – farm stays, primitive camping*

Reserve your spot by calling or emailing  
The Singleton Neighbourhood Centre  
[sncsupport@bigpond.com](mailto:sncsupport@bigpond.com)  
65712499  
21 Mary St.

**This course will be run Fridays**  
Only  
Friday June 14th - Friday July 12th  
10.30am-12.30pm  
Light Lunch provided  
Babysitting available by request  
Course presented by  
**Newcastle Business Centre**



## Updating parent/carers email addresses

Singleton Public School will be trialling a new practice where some messages and/or notes will be bulk emailed to parents/carers over the coming months from a no reply email address.

Therefore to ensure the school has your most current email address, can you please complete the slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible or before Monday, 24 June. Forms received after this date will still have the parent/carers email addresses added but this will be the date of the first email.

The enrolment system can take up to three email addresses – a family email address, one for parent/carers 1 and one for parent/carers 2.

The emails will be sent to either the family email address or all email addresses on the system, so it is important to add a family email address (even if it the same as one of the parent/carers addresses).

Thank you for your participation in our trial.

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Singleton PS Family Email Addresses – Return Slip (please return by Monday, 24 June for the first email distribution).

Please update the records at Singleton Public School to reflect the current email addresses for:-

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(can be the same as one below)

Parent / Carers 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carers 1 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carers 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Carers 2 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 6 2019

### Class Award Recipients K-6

<b>KJ</b>	Abigail Kayden	<b>K/10</b>	Zoe Bentley
<b>KS</b>	Chryssa Phoebe	<b>1G</b>	Harlen Joey
<b>1PH</b>	Xander Jonathan	<b>1/2Z</b>	Eloise Chen–Jyun
<b>2H</b>	Macey Jazmyn	<b>2PD</b>	Alby Annabelle
<b>3BC</b>	Oliver Lachlan Harry	<b>3F</b>	Eric Harry Molly
<b>3/4A</b>	Delilah Amelia Chloe	<b>4F</b>	Bella Bailey Grace
<b>4/5B</b>	Sanjay Bailey Paige	<b>5S</b>	Kayla Hamish Jazz
<b>5/6N</b>	Jasmine Jordan Seth	<b>6D</b>	Heath Siaan Chelsea
<b>6M</b>	Erin Phoebe	<b>7B 7W</b>	Joesph Kayden

### ***BLUEYS Awards***

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Gracie Joey	<b>Stage 1</b>	Pippa Lewis
<b>Stage 2</b>	Vincent Harry	<b>Stage 3</b>	Isabelle Kelsey

**RESPECT**
**RESPONSIBILITY**
**QUALITY**

## Classwork by 2H

Asch asch! The trees swayed as the wind whooshed around the forest. The ferns grew big and strong every year.

Swish swish! Fish played in the flowing river. The river was murky and frothy. As the fish swam the trees kept swaying.

The birds chirped and squawked loudly. A cassowary glided past an ancient tree with big holes.

By Danika

I was in a forest all alone feeling scared hiding behind a tree listening to something. Clink clonk clink clonk. Suddenly it stopped.

I put my head around the corner and saw a deer. So that was the clink clonk sound.

I patted the deer. Ouch! It bit me. I tried climbing it, down it went and we are really good friends. Now I have a forest friend.

By Ava

The Umbrella.

20.2.2019

One rainbow umbrella feels left out. The others treat her badly so she packs her trunk and goes. The others laughed as she floated off. They cackled "You are not like us" over and over again.

By Danika 2H



My best friend at school is Laylah.

By Lila

I was walking in the forest when I heard a scary noise. I hid behind a big tree and a deer poked its head around the corner. Oh it's just a deer.

By Steve