

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 2

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

26 JUNE 2019

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 26 June - Thursday July	Hunter Life Education Van - see timetable on page 6
Monday 1 July	Kindergarten 2020 Parent/Carer Information Evening 6.00 pm
Tuesday 2 July	Opens Knights Knockout Grand Final at McDonald Jones Stadium
Thursday 4 July	NAIDOC Day at SPS. Traditional smoking ceremony at 9.30 am. Aboriginal Dance Group performance at 2.00 pm
Friday 5 July	Last day of Term 2 Aboriginal Dance group performance 2.00 pm Student Reports to be sent home
Monday 22 July	First day of Term 3 - all students and staff to attend
Thursday 25 July	PSSA Classic Shield Rugby League Finals
Tuesday 30 July	Debating Day at SHPS
Wednesday 31 July - Friday 2 August	Goodooga Indigenous Games
Monday 5 - Friday 9 August	Education Week - every student, every voice
Monday 5 August	Education Week Awards Ceremony - Civic Centre 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start
Tuesday 6 August	SPS Public Speaking Finals
Wednesday 7 August	Zone Athletics at Alroy Oval P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library
Thursday 8 August	Book Fair and Parade Education Week Open Day - more details to follow soon

The Week 9 assembly will be hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

There is a NAIDOC Day assembly at 10.00 am on Thursday, 4 July. There is no assembly on Friday 5 July.

4/5B practising tunnel ball



7B bubble blowing



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

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

All parents and carers are invited to celebrate NAIDOC Day with us on Thursday, 4 July. We will be having a traditional smoking ceremony at 9.30 am, followed by an assembly at 10.00 am. Students will then spend the day participating in class and group activities based around the bush tucker garden, art, possum drey making and story sharing.

Aboriginal Dance Group

Our students will perform the dance they have been learning with Emily on Friday, 5 July at 2.00 pm. Parents and family are invited to come along and enjoy the performance.

P&C School Working Bee

On Sunday, 23 June the P&C held a Working Bee at school. We had a fabulous turnout to help spread wood chip under playground equipment, lay riverstones along garden beds, clean under the verandahs and tidied up some of our gardens.

Thank you so very much to the hardworking parents, carers, staff and students who came long to help. It is greatly appreciated and are already planning our next "spruce up" of our school for Term 3.



Athletics Carnival

Friday's Athletics Carnival was a wonderful event where students were able to come together and enjoy a day of sporting activities.

Thank you to the parents and staff who helped make the day a success. Congratulations to our race and events winners and to all our students for their enthusiasm in participation and outstanding sportsmanship.

Kindergarten 2020

Parents and carers are requested to contact the school office to register their children for Kindergarten 2020. Join our information session for parents/carers on Monday, 1 July at 6.00 pm for a current Kindergarten class tour followed by the presentation in the school library commencing at 6.30 pm.

School Reports

Staff are busy preparing Semester one 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.

Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Program

Yesterday, the Small Steps Anxiety Awareness Program was run in our school library.

There were three workshops which were attended by both staff and parents/carers from many schools across the district.

The feedback from the workshops was very positive. We hope these workshops have provided insight for our community to support those with anxiety.

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal

Athletic Carnivals are tiring, especially for
#DogsofDoE



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make beetroot hummus.

Ingredients (serves 8)
2 medium sized beetroots, skin on
400g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1/3 cup tahini
½ large lemon, juiced
¼ cup olive oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
¼ tsp cumin
3-4 tbsp water
Pinch of salt



Method
Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Wrap each beetroot in foil and roast for 1-2 hours (depending on size) until soft. Remove from the oven and cool. Peel and chop into chunks.
Place all ingredients in a food processor with only one tablespoon of water. Process until smooth. Add more water, one tablespoon at a time until the desired thickness is reached.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for more recipes and ideas.

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Canteen Roster - Week 10 , Term 2 2019

Mon 1/7/19	1 volunteer needed
Tues 2/7/19	Evette Anderson
Wed 3/7/19	Cara Roohan, Allison Hodge
Thurs 4/7/19	Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 5/7/19	Maxine Kolinos, Allan Hamsom, Sheree Mell

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 3 2019

Mon 22/7/19	Anna Adamthwaite
Tues 23/7/19	Lisa Mortensen, Rachel Bourke
Wed 24/7/19	Aleks Jelaca, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 25/7/19	Candice Longbottom, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 26/7/19	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 8 and 9 - Respecting the School Environment.

Notes that have been sent home:-

Aboriginal Culture Dance Group Note
Girls Cricket Note
PSSA Round Four Netball Note
Year 4 Girl Talk
Goodooga Indigenous Games
Support Unit Swimming

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

School Cup Netball NSW Gala Day

On Wednesday, 19 June, 43 students attended the Netball NSW Gala day at Rosepoint Park, along with 450 other students from the local area. It was a fantastic day and our four teams played with enthusiasm and with great spirit. The STAR'S team won their group pool and will now play against other teams in Maitland in Term 3. I would like to thank the amazing parents that attended the day, especially Holly Radmacher and Natalie Downes who ran the teams. Also a huge shout out to our umpires Faith, Holly, Lexi and Lucie, without whom the games could not have been played. Lastly, to the 43 players, thank you for being the best behaved, best spirited and best looking people there!

Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

On Wednesday, 12 June, 60 students, 6 parents and 4 teachers had a fantastic excursion to see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney. For some students it was the first time they had ever been to a theatre and their experience made memories that will last a lifetime.

A MASSIVE shout out to the wonderful parents that attended the excursion, it wouldn't have happened without you! Also to the beautiful students that attended, you made all of the teachers very proud with your fantastic behaviour and great sense of humours!

Mrs Merrick and Mrs Dibben



Upper Hunter Science Challenge

Some of our budding engineers travelled to Muswellbrook again this year for the Newcastle University Upper Hunter Science Day. Working in groups, under the clock, they used minimal materials to design and construct body parts, furniture, towers and bridges as well as working together to solve electricity supply, transport and lighting problems. These are the skills our future problem solvers need and it was a great opportunity to focus, engage in a challenge and succeed. Mrs Moore was very proud of their exemplary behaviour and their ability to put their minds to work. The smiles on their faces showed they felt the joy that comes from having a go and working together to overcome challenges. Well done scientists!

Natalie Moore
Science Teacher



PSSA Hunter Union Trials

Congratulations to Lachlan and Dominic who were successful in gaining a position in the Hunter PSSA Union team. This is a great achievement for the boys. Well done you have done SPS proud.



Knights Knockout

Our Under 10's Rugby League team took part in the All Schools Newcastle Knights Gala Day on Monday, 12 June. The team had a great day displaying great skill and sportsmanship on the field. A big thank you to Mr Davidson and Mr Vesper for all their help and expertise.

Mrs Street
Coach



Debating Day

On Monday, 17 June our two debating teams from Stage 3 participated in a debating gala day against three other schools in the area. This was the second year for some of the students and the first for most. All of the students have given up numerous lunch times to come and practice and it paid off with the students winning 3 of their 4 debates. They will now participate in another gala day at Singleton Heights PS early next term.



Girl Talk

GIRL Talk ©. is a presentation for female Year 4 students that provides an explanation and practical discussion about menstruation and personal hygiene and a relevant overview of puberty. The talk will identify and explain the purpose of reproductive body parts leading to discussion on keeping safe (child protection) with a simple explanation of sexual intercourse and birth. The session will run for 75 minutes.

When: Thursday, 22 August 2019

Where: Singleton Public School

Time: 9:20 am

Cost: Child only \$18.00 / one carer with one child \$22.00 / extra adults \$18.00 each

Presenter: Susie Blackwood

GIRL Talk ©. is a new program developed by Community Health Initiatives and is presented by Susie Blackwood, registered nurse - midwife. This program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to ask questions and to discuss these sensitive topics in a safe environment.

Please return permission note and money to the front office by Wednesday, 21 August 2019.

Rachel Frith
Organising Teacher

Hunter Life Education Van

The 'Healthy Harold' Life Education Van will be at Singleton Public School from Wednesday, 26 June to Wednesday 3 July 2019. All classes will visit the van in separate sessions over this period.

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	3BC	6M	5/6N	5S
Session 2 12.00 to 1.30 pm	KS	3/4A	4/5B	3F	7B/7W	KJ
Session 3 2.00 to 3.00 pm	2H	2PD	1PH	1/2Z	1G	K/1OL

A big thank you to Club Singleton for supporting the school by providing some funding towards the Hunter Life Van visit. Life Education supports us by empowering young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

Band Instrument Hire Term 2 Payment Due

Thank you to the parents who have their child's Band Instrument Hire payments up to date. Please be aware that Term 2 payments for instrument hire are now due and Term 1 payments are in arrears. Could all parents please ensure that payments are up to date before the end of the term.

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>.

Kindergarten 2020

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

The school is 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 Friday, 7 June.

The first Parent/Carer Information Evening will be held on Monday, 1 July from 6.00 pm.

MC Support Class Fete Raffle - THERMOMIX TM6

This year the MC Support Class will not be running a Monster Raffle, instead we are raffling the newly released THERMOMIX TM6.

Tickets cost \$10 each and will be drawn on Fete Day Friday, 6 September 2019, at 1:00 pm. You do not need to be present on the day as the winner will be notified by phone.

Each family member will be sent home two tickets that will be attached to this newsletter. Please return all sold or unsold tickets with your money to the Support staff by Thursday, 5 September.

If you require more tickets please see either Elaine, Jo, Denise or Judy.



Updating Parent/Carer 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.

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.

Singleton PS Family Email Addresses – Return Slip

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 / Carer 1 Name: _____

Parent / Carer 1 Email: _____

Parent / Carer 2 Name: _____

Parent / Carer 2 Email: _____

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

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



Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.



Road safety



Keeping safe around school crossings

For your child's safety, it's very important to ensure they use the school crossing.

At all crossings you must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road.

If there's a School Crossing Supervisor, wait until they have stopped the traffic and called you to cross.



If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that you may proceed through the crossing.

Children's crossings

Children's crossings are usually part-time crossings that operate before and after school hours. They can also operate at other times when children use the crossing for excursions or during break times. When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, you must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

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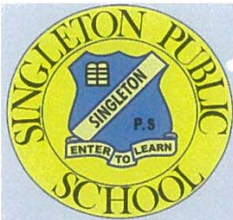
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Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 21 June SPS held their annual Athletics Carnival. They had a lovely day weather wise and all the children participated well and showed great sportsmanship. The results will be published in the next newsletter. The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 7 August at Alroy Oval.





Singleton Public School



Local Land
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invites you to our

NAIDOC DAY OF CELEBRATION

Thursday 4th July 2019

9.30am: Traditional smoking ceremony

10am: Assembly

11am: Sausage Sizzle

Come learn and share with us!

- bush tucker lessons
- possum drey making
- art
- artefacts
- face painting...and more!

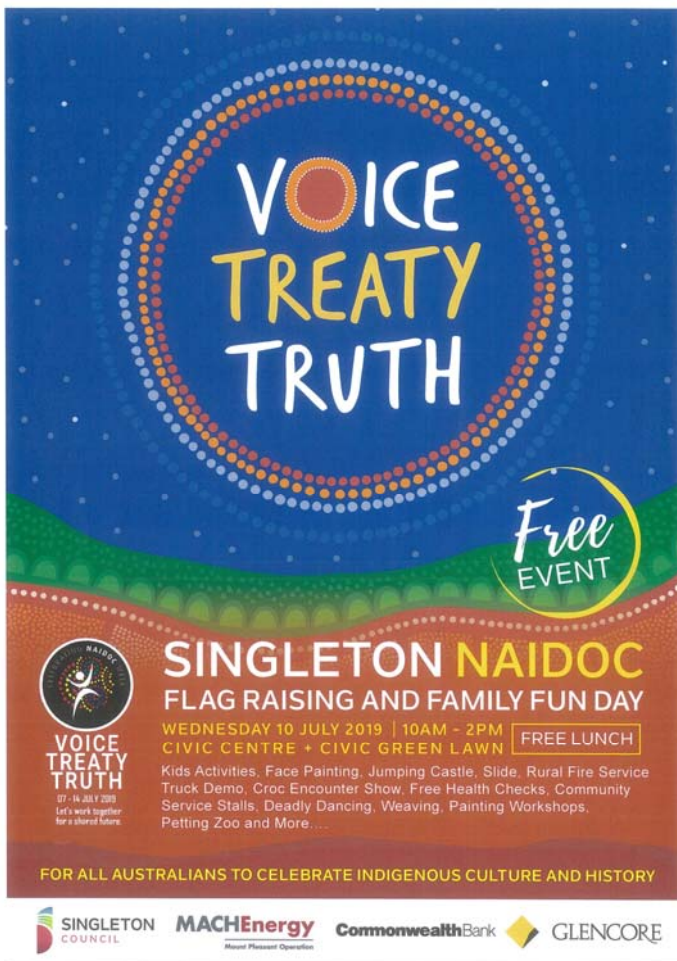
NAIDOC Week 2019

NAIDOC Week 2019, celebrating the rich and diverse cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, is a time to learn about and appreciate the many contributions they make to our nation and the world.

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#NAIDOC2019 #VoiceTreatyTruth

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Free EVENT

SINGLETON NAIDOC
FLAG RAISING AND FAMILY FUN DAY

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019 | 10AM - 2PM
CIVIC CENTRE + CIVIC GREEN LAWN **FREE LUNCH**

Kids Activities, Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Slide, Rural Fire Service Truck Demo, Croc Encounter Show, Free Health Checks, Community Service Stalls, Deadly Dancing, Weaving, Painting Workshops, Petting Zoo and More....

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC 2019

TUESDAY JULY 16
10AM-12PM, MAITLAND NO.1 SPORTS GROUND

APPEARANCE BY KNIGHTS
CAPTAIN MITCHELL PEARCE
AND LACHLAN FITZGIBBON

\$50 EACH INCL. T-SHIRT & NRL STARTER PACK (VALUED AT \$100)

REGISTER ONLINE AT bit.ly/KnightsSchoolHolidayClinic19

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July
School
Holidays

Take A Closer Look At The Wetlands



Guided Canoe Tours for Families - Monday 8th & 15th July
10.30 am - 12.30pm \$20 per person Bookings essential phone 4951 6466
View the Wetlands from the water as you paddle to the Rainforest Shelter. Two & 3 seater canoes available. Children must be 4 years + & accompanied by an adult.
Wear enclosed shoes. Bring a hat, water bottle & snack.

Buggy Tours for Families - Tuesday 9th & 16th, Thursday 11th & 18th July
9.30am - 12 noon \$5 per person (plus \$5 Wetlands entry). Book at Reception on the day.
Take a closer look at the Wetlands on a 30 minute guided buggy tour.

Behind the Scenes Tour (for 8-12 year olds) - Wednesday 10th July
10am - 12 noon \$20 per person. Booking essential. Book online www.wetlands.org.au
Help out & learn what happens behind the scenes at the Wetlands - prepare the food for the ducks & reptiles, clean enclosures, prepare seedlings & pull out weeds.
Wear enclosed shoes, work clothes & a hat. Bring a water bottle & snack.

Waterbird Drawing with Alison Ellis (8-12 year olds) - Thursday 11th July
9.30am - 11am \$15 per person. Bookings essential, online www.wetlands.org.au
Observe birds looking at feet, bills and body shape. Learn how small details can bring your picture to life.



Bird Watching with Hunter Bird Observers Club - Mon 8th, Thurs 11th, Tues 16th & Thurs 18th (Free)

Every Day

- Explore the Wetlands - Pick up a Scavenger Hunt List & go exploring.
- Discover what's on the pond - watch the birds being fed (10.30am daily).
- Ride around the Wetlands - bring your bike & ride to the Rainforest Shelter.
- Climb the Egret Tower.
- Check out the Discovery Playground.
- Take a closer look at the reptiles in the tanks at the Visitor Centre.



Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
Open 9am to 4pm

Entry: \$5 Per person, Children 3-5yrs \$2 & Children under 3 free.

More details at: www.wetlands.org.au

Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.

Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30am to 2.30pm daily

Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.



Art Workshop

With Aunty Denise Hedges

The Wanaruah NAIDOC will be holding 2 art workshop during the second week of the school holidays in July.

The art workshops are a fun day where you will get to draw and paint your own unique art piece that you get to take home. In this workshop we will be using acrylic paint on canvas.

Date: Monday July 15th 2019

Tuesday July 16th 2019

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Wanaruah LALC, 17-19 Maitland Street Muswellbrook

LIMITED SPACES: 20 PEOPLE MAX (per workshop)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

*As there are limited spaces a \$5 refundable booking fee will be required to hold your spot.

*Lunch will also be included on the day

For further details or to book into the workshop contact

Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council: 02 6543 1288



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 7 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Leiland Laykeava	K/10	Gracie Ivy
KS	Watson Daly	1G	Jordyn Faith
1PH	Domenic Larni	1/2Z	Eloise Imogen
2H	Isaac Matilda	2PD	Matthew Sydney Olivia
3BC	Hannah Jake Harry	3F	Ella Layla Karlie
3/4A	Jaxon Jake Kadah	4F	Hudson Cohen Xavier
4/5B	Nate Eva Paige	5S	Hayden Alyssa Ruby
5/6N	Harrison Leo Sophie	6D	Chloe Emily
6M	Jaxon Cooper Skye	7B 7W	Sophie Damian Dre

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Riley Zoe	Stage 1	Peyton Lincoln
Stage 2	Abbie Grace	Stage 3	Rebel Paige

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Classwork by 4F

4F have been learning about using pencil techniques such as stippling, hatching and shading.

They used these techniques to draw dragonflies, then wrote Cinquain poems about them.

