

# Newsletter to Parents

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Week 1 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

24 JULY 2019

### Calendar of Events

<b>Thursday 25 July</b>	PSSA Classic Shield Rugby League Finals
<b>Tuesday 30 July</b>	Debating Day at SHPS
<b>Wednesday 31 July - Friday 2 August</b>	Goodooga Indigenous Games
<b>Monday 5 - Friday 9 August</b>	Education Week - every student, every voice
<b>Monday 5 August</b>	Education Week Awards Ceremony - Civic Centre 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start
<b>Tuesday 6 August</b>	SPS Public Speaking Finals
<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	Zone Athletics at Alroy Oval P&C Meeting 6.00 pm in Library
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	Book Fair (open 8.00 am to 2.00 pm) and Parade Education Week Open Day - more details to follow soon
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	Silent Disco at school - PBL rewards day
<b>Monday 12 August</b>	<b>Staff development Day - no students to attend school on this day</b>
<b>Wednesday 14 August</b>	Upper Hunter Public Speaking at Muswellbrook South PS
<b>Friday 16 August</b>	All Kinder 2020 enrolment forms to be returned to office

**At the Week 1 assembly we will be presenting the Athletics  
Ribbons at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

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

**Staff Development Day** - All staff will be attending the  
Staff Development Day on Monday, 12 August. This  
includes office staff, therefore the office will be closed.  
Students do not attend school on this day.

### NAIDOC Day 2019



### Hunter Life Van



## ***From the Principal***

Welcome to Term 3

Our students and staff returned to school on Monday full of energy and excitement for the coming term.

There are a number of events this term for our students, families and community. Next week a group of our students are heading to Goodooga to participate in the Indigenous Games. This promises to be an exciting cultural experience for our students and staff and an opportunity to build connections with schools and students and further enhance the learning experiences for our school community.

Week 3 Education Week activities include our Singleton Learning Community Awards Ceremony, Public Speaking Finals, Open Day, Book Week Parade and Book Fair. Further details about Open Day will be sent home on a separate flyer.

Stage 1, Year 3 and Year 4 all have excursions are this term to complement their learning.

The school FETE is also shaping up to be another fantastic community day with new and exciting attractions along with some loved all time favourites.

### **NAIDOC Celebrations**

Our NAIDOC Celebrations at the end of Term 2 saw students come dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags, participate in a traditional smoking ceremony and a variety of bushtucker, art, craft and storytelling activities. Our Aboriginal Dance Group performed for our community and they were exceptional. The students should be very proud of their hard work and dedication to learning their dances. We are very proud of them all.

**NEWS FLASH!!!!** News just in this morning to announce that Chloe L has won 1st prize in the Singleton NAIDOC Week art competition! Congratulations Chloe!

### **DUGS Day - Save the date!**

Dads, Uncles, Granddads and Significant men are asked to 'Save the Date' for our annual DUGS Day Breakfast to celebrate Father's Day on Friday, 30 August. More details will follow soon.

### **Late Arrivals**

School starts promptly at 9:10am each day. All students are expected to be in class lines when the bell rings. Teachers are legally obligated to mark the roll as soon as possible when the students enter the room. Rolls are marked electronically and submitted to the office. Students who are late to class **MUST** report to the office so rolls can be adjusted. All absences (both full-day and part-day) should be explained in writing, through the school app system or verbally. Absences are then recorded as: leave- justified or unjustified. There are times when students need to be away from school (e.g. illness, medical appointments, special activities). These absences are marked as "justified". Where students are late to school and there is no reasonable excuse (e.g. slept in, running late) the absences are recorded as unjustified.

### **Early Leavers**

Where possible, we ask that parents do not collect their child early from school if there is no reasonable reason. When children have to be collected early, again we ask ALL parents to collect their child by reporting to the office and signing in as a visitor to the school.

Again - all early departures from school need to be explained. Please try to avoid appointments in school time.

Thank you for ensuring good attendance for each and every student.

### **Uniform reminder**

Our school uniform policy has been formulated to encourage all children to wear their school uniform with pride. The whole school community expects that all students will wear the correct school uniform every day. In this regard, parents have an important role in what their children wear to school. Some students are starting to wear different socks please be mindful that school uniform is plain navy socks.

### **Staff Development Day Reminder**

All staff will be attending the Staff Development Day on Monday, 12 August. This includes office staff, therefore the office will be closed. Students do not attend school on this day.

Deanne Brown  
Principal



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

... to role-model SunSmart behaviours

Children imitate adult behaviours - both good and bad.



### ROLE- MODEL SunSmart behaviours by:

- Wearing a SunSmart hat
- Wearing a shirt with a collar and sleeves
- Be seen applying sunscreen before going outside
- Slide on a pair of sunglasses
- Choose shaded areas whenever you're outside.

By role modelling these behaviours you will reduce your own risk of skin cancer at the same time!

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

### Canteen Roster - Week 2 , Term 3 2019

Mon 29/7/19	1 volunteer needed
Tues 30/7/19	Evette Anderson
Wed 31/7/19	Cara Roohan, Allison Hodge
Thurs 1/8/19	Kylie Page, Mel Drew
Fri 2/8/19	Maxine Kolinos, Alan Hamson, Sheree Mell

### Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 3 2019

Mon 5/8/19	Sally Menere
Tues 6/8/19	1 volunteer needed
Wed 7/8/19	Stella Broadbent, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 8/8/19	Mary Franks, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 9/8/19	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:-

Year 5 and 6 Debating Gala Day Note

Year 4 Girl Talk

Goodooga Indigenous Games

Support Unit Swimming

Year 6 girls Love bites Note

Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion

Year 4 Sydney Excursion - What to bring note

### Singleton Pubic School Details

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Principal	Deanne Brown
AP ES1	Anna O'Brien
AP Stage 1	Katrina Hackett
AP Stage 2	Rachel Frith
AP Stage 3	Rachel Nichols/ 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



## Opens League Rugby League

On the last Tuesday of Term 2 the School Open Rugby League team played the grand final of the Knights Knockout for Division One Schools. This was an amazing experience for the boys as the game was played at McDonald Jones Stadium in Broadmeadow. Upon arriving at the stadium, we were escorted to the 'Away' dressing rooms to prepare for our match. The boys had full use of the facilities including the purpose built warm up area. Ably assisted by Mr Karl Gilmore and Mr Billy Davidson, the team were prepped and raring to go! The team we played against was Valentine Public School who proved a very strong opponent. The boys gave their all, however Valentine proved the better team on the day and won the game.

Although the boys were justifiably disappointed, their parents and I couldn't have been more proud of their effort, sportsmanship and attitude. The fact that they had played well enough to achieve the honour of making the grand final was more than enough in our book. They are an outstanding team who I have enjoyed working with over several years and we now look forward to playing the final of the Hunter Classic Shield on Thursday.

Thank you once again to Mr Gilmore and Mr Davidson, as well as to the wonderful band of parents who support their sons so well.

Mrs Black  
Organising Teacher

## PSSA Netball

WE ARE THROUGH TO ROUND 5!!!

Last term, our amazing netball team played Bolwarra Public School in Round 4 of the PSSA. It was an exciting game, with both teams showing some magical netball skills. The final score was 22 to 13 with Singleton Public School coming away victorious. A big thank you to our umpire and also the wonderful parents that helped to transport and support the girls. The BIGGEST thank you needs to go to a wonderful lady called Gail Solman who has worked tirelessly with the girls - we really appreciate you Gail!

Mrs Merrick  
Organising Teacher



## Book Week News

Book Week is fast approaching. The school will be holding their annual Book Fair and Parade during our Open Day celebrations in Education Week. The Book Fair will be held on Thursday, 8 August 2019 where books will be available for purchase at the library from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. Our provider will be Carnival Books. Purchases can be made using cash or EFTPOS. The theme this year is "Reading is my Secret Power".

## The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5 and 6 Gala Day

The school's debating teams will be involved in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Round 3 and 4 competition debates will be held at Singleton Heights Public School.

When: Tuesday 30 July, 2019

Where: Singleton Heights Public School hall. Students will be transported by car with Mrs B or Mrs Ally Campbell (parent)

Time: Arrive by 8:40 am at Mrs B's room or meet at Singleton Heights Public School 8:50 am.

Return: Students will return to school at the end of the debating day, estimated to be 1:30 pm and transported via car back to school by Mrs B and Mrs Ally Campbell (parent).

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch, pencil case and palm cards.

Please return the permission note to Mrs Botes by Wednesday, 24 July.



## 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 payment to the front office by Wednesday, 21 August 2019.

Rachel Frith  
Organising Teacher

## Ritchies Community Benefit

Ritchies IGA are currently in the process of changing their Community Benefit Program and are in the process launching a new Ritchies loyalty App and card, with new features and new terms and conditions. The current system will no longer be functional in 2020. We will keep the school community updated on how to keep supporting the school by using their Ritchies cards when the new system is in place.

## MC Support Class Fete Raffle - THERMOMIX TM6

This year the MC Support Class will not be running a Monster Fete 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.



## Statement of Accounts

The school Statement of Accounts will be sent home over the next week. Items that may be listed on Statement of Accounts include voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levy, excursions including Year 5 Aussie Bush (note to come home this week), School magazine subscription, instrument hire, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

## Education Week

Singleton Public School Vivid group have been invited to perform at the Education Week awards ceremony to be held on Monday, 5 August. A note will be sent home to all students in Vivid.

## Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion has been calculated. The final cost of the excursion is \$195.00 minus the \$50.00 deposit. All outstanding payments of **\$145.00** must be paid to the office by 12.30 pm on **Wednesday, 11 September 2019**.

## Year 4 Sydney Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 4 Sydney excursion has now been calculated. The final cost of the excursion is \$360.00 minus the \$50.00 deposit for students and \$375.00 for parents. All outstanding payments of **\$310.00** must be paid to the office by **Monday, 19 August 2019**.

Sacred Spaces Singleton  
&  
Newcastle Music Festival  
presents

# ANIMAL TALES



**2PM | Saturday 10 August**  
Sisters' Chapel, Sisters of Mercy Convent  
30 Queen St, Singleton, Hunter Valley

**Newcastle Wind Orchestra**  
with narrators  
Ghillian Sullivan & Carl Caulfield  
performing

Robert Browning's  
**The Pied Piper of Hamelin**  
and Henry Lawson's  
**The Loaded Dog** (and other classics!)

**25 Adult | 10 Student**  
**5 Pre-School | 60 Family**  
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or at the door from 1:30PM

Kids – come  
dressed as your  
favourite mouse!

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NEWCASTLE  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL  
Newcastle Wind Orchestra

# ENGLISH

## Conversation Group

This group supports community members of non-english speaking backgrounds to improve their english conversation skills and practice in a relaxed and informal setting. Morning tea provided.

**Every Thursday | 11am-12pm**



**SINGLETON LIBRARY** T 02 6578 7500 E library@singleton.nsw.gov.au f i t

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_





## School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council Photos

Sample photos of the 2019 School Captains and Leaders, House Captains, Year 6 photo and Student Council are now available to view below or at the school office. A personalised order sheet with your child's individual shoot key and further details has been sent home with the children who had their photos taken in these groups. **Please do not misplace this form.**

Should you wish to place an order, please go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au), click on the order online link and enter the shoot key on your sheet. **Payment and orders need to be placed by Thursday, 25 July 2019. The cost of each photo is \$15.00.**

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL'S PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PHOTOS.**











We are hosting a

### **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR**

Each class will be invited to preview the books. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

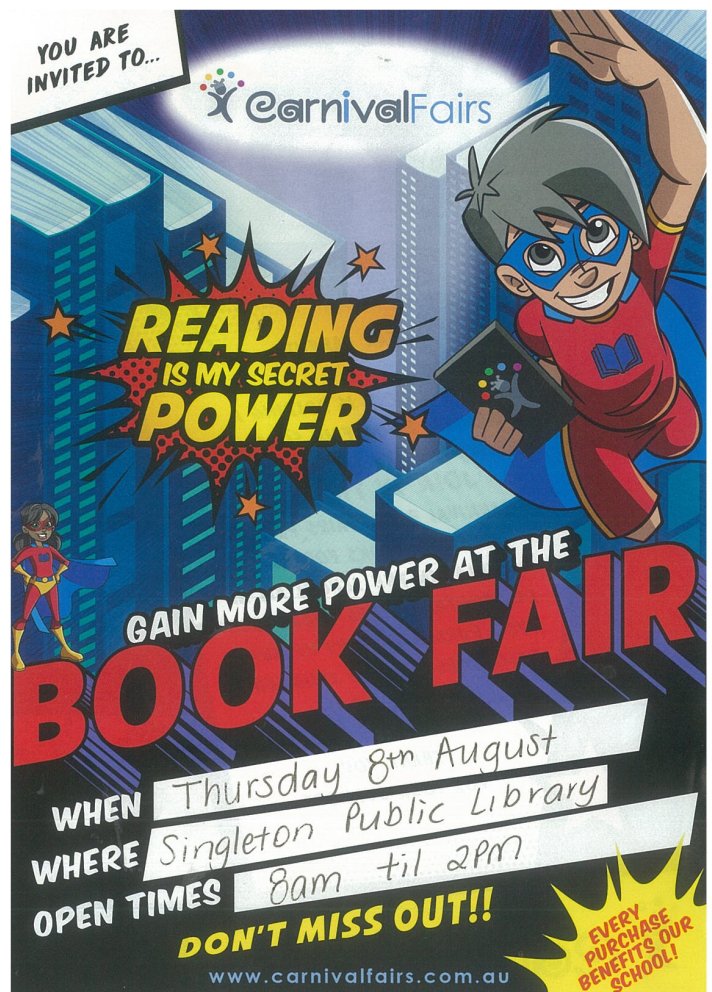
**Every purchase from the Book Fair earns  
FREE books and resources for our school.**

Our Book Fair selling times will be:

**Between 8am – 2pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

You, your family and friends are most welcome to come and enjoy the Book Fair, and help your children select their books.

[www.carnivalfairs.com.au](http://www.carnivalfairs.com.au)



# Road safety



## 40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)
- [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)
- [education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the 40km/h speed limit isn't followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](https://rms.nsw.gov.au)

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



2019

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

JUL  1	22 Students Return	23	24 Love BiTees	25 Classic Shield Finals	26	27
						28
AUG  2	29	30 Debating Day SHPS	31 Goodooga Indigenous Games	1 Goodooga Indigenous Games	2 Goodooga Indigenous Games	3
						4
AUG  3	5 Education Week  Education Week Awards Ceremony- Civic Centre 6pm for 6.30pm start	6 SPS Public Speaking Finals	7 Zone Athletics  P&C Meeting 6pm	8 Book Fair and Parade  Ed Week Open Day	9 PBL rewards day  Silent Disco	10
						11
AUG  4	12 SDD	13	14 Upper Hunter Zone Public Speaking at MSPS	15 3.30pm AECG Meeting KaWul Centre	16 Kinder 2020 – All forms to be returned St Caths netball gala day	17
						18
AUG  5	19 Year 4 Sydney Final Payment Due	20	21	22 Year 4 Girl Talk	23 Kinder 2020 Small Steps – session 1	24
						25
AUG / SEPT  6	26 SASS Recognition Week	27 Yr 4 Sydney Excursion	28 Yr 4 Sydney Excursion	29 Yr 4 Sydney Excursion	30 DUGS Day Kinder 2020 Small Steps – session 2 Library visit:- K-2 9.20-10.00am 3-4 10.10-10.50 am 5-6 12.00-12.40 pm	31
						1
SEPT  7	2	3 ICAS Digital Technologies test	4 P&C Meeting 6pm	5 ICAS Science test	6 School Fete	7
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SEPT  8	9	10 Bryon Kirkland Cup U 10's	11 Year 3 Outdoor Experience Final Payment Due	12	13 Kinder 2020 Small Steps – session 3	14
						15
SEPT  9	16	17 Stage 1 Wetlands  ICAS English test	18	19 Yr 3 Outdoor Experience  Yr 5 Mine Tour  ICAS Mathematics test	20 Yr 3 Outdoor Experience  K-2 Athletics Carnival	21
						22
SEPT  10	23	24 School Disco	25 Band Link McDonald Jones Stadium	26 Band Link McDonald Jones Stadium  K-2 Athletics Carnival Back Up date  Yr 5 Mine Tour	27 Last Day Term 3  Kinder 2020 Small Steps – session 4 Enrolment Acceptance Letters to be sent out	28





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Education



4 July 2019

Dear parents, guardians and carers

**Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Deanne Brown  
Principal

## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 9 2019

### Class Award Recipients K-6

<b>KJ</b>	Peyton Sophia	<b>K/10</b>	Andrew Albie
<b>KS</b>	Tyler Hadrian	<b>1G</b>	Bray Gemma
<b>1PH</b>	Lachlan Annie	<b>1/2Z</b>	Stella Millie
<b>2H</b>	Hailey Alan                  Liam	<b>2PD</b>	Evie Jack
<b>3BC</b>	Jake Ashlee Xanthe	<b>3F</b>	Henry Tenisha Savannah
<b>3/4A</b>	Sybella Sabine Hamish	<b>4F</b>	Emily Ann Xavier Harry                  Hudson
<b>4/5B</b>	Alisha Rachael Lauren	<b>5S</b>	Jhy Ciah Nash
<b>5/6N</b>	Ariel Jack Isabelle	<b>6D</b>	Gemma Jake Chloe                  Bailey
<b>6M</b>	Skye Jackson	<b>7B 7W</b>	- -

### BLUEYS Awards

<b>Early Stage 1</b>	Koby Sophia	<b>Stage 1</b>	Cooper Lucy
<b>Stage 2</b>	Hannah Hannah	<b>Stage 3</b>	Stevie Caitlin

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**QUALITY**



## Classwork by KJ

