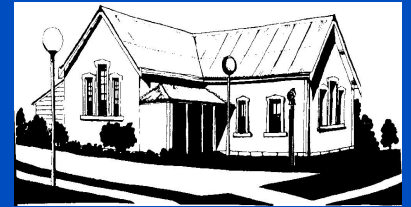


Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

11 DECEMBER 2019

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 11 December	Kinder Party Day Stage 1 Party Day Year 5 Party Day Year 6 Party Day Deadly Australian Awareness Program at school for K-4 students from 12.00 pm
Thursday 12 December	Presentation Day - Civic Centre 12.00 pm start Student Reports to be sent home Canteen lunch orders only - no lunch or recess counter service
Friday 13 December	2020 Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6 (and 8 year old Year 1 students) Support Unit Oakvale Farm excursion Canteen lunch orders and lunch time counter service only - no recess counter service
Monday 16 December	Year 6 Assembly at School Hall starting 12.15 pm Year 6 Farewell at Club Singleton 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm for students and 5.30 - 6.30 pm for parents Canteen counter service only - no lunch orders
Tuesday 17 December	Canteen counter service only - no lunch orders
Wednesday 18 December	Last day of 2019 for students
Thursday 19 December	Staff Development Day
Friday 20 December	Staff Development Day
2020	
Tuesday 28 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 January	First day of 2020 for Years 1-6 Best Start for Kindergarten Breakfast Club Open Canteen Open
Thursday 30 January	Best Start for Kindergarten
Friday 31 January	First day for Kindergarten

There are no more assemblies for 2019.

Year 5 Aussie Bush



Education

From the Principal

Summer Break

The summer holidays are rapidly approaching and our students and staff are looking forward to spending some quality time with their families and friends. On behalf of SPS, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a festive, celebratory New Year to all our families and community. Enjoy some sunshine, relax doing things that spark joy, be safe, be kind and re-energise ready for 2020.

2020 School Captain Speeches

2020 School Councillors delivered their election speeches for School Captain to our assembly yesterday.

Outstanding, sums up the quality of the speeches and the calibre of the candidates.

They will all make fine leaders for SPS in 2020 and are to be congratulated on their kindness, humility, courage and leadership strengths shown throughout the election process.

School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced to our school at tomorrow's Presentation Day Ceremony.

Presentation Ceremony

We are looking forward to families, friends and community members of SPS joining us tomorrow at Presentation Day. Our students have all worked considerably hard to achieve their learning and social goals throughout 2019 and tomorrow is our opportunity to acknowledge some of those exceptional successes. Thank you to the Presentation Day team of administration and teaching staff for their organisation of the ceremony.

School Reports

Our teaching staff have been working hard to complete Semester 2 reports for all of our students. Reports will be sent home tomorrow Thursday, 12 December with students. Copies of reports for non residential parents will be mailed tomorrow as well.

Commencement 2020

School will recommence on Wednesday, 29 January for all classes except Kindergarten.

Kindergarten will commence on Friday, 31 January. Best Start Assessment Testing for Kindergarten students will be conducted on Wednesday, 29 and Thursday, 30 January 2020.

Our enrolment numbers are fluctuating and will need to be assessed to ensure that we can form nineteen classes across the school. Teachers and class allocations will be finalised for the commencement of the 2020 school year. Every effort is made through an extensive collaborative process with staff to make classes that are harmonious, productive and the 'best fit' for students.

Students should put their bags in their 2019 class area on Day 1. We will line up for morning muster under the COLA and students will then commence the day with their peers and teacher from their 2019 class.

School Yearbook

An enormous thank you to Amy and Sara for their efforts in producing yet another fantastic School Yearbook to celebrate the end of the school year. This quality publication is a great reflection of our 2019 year at Singleton Public School and a memorable keepsake for our students and community.

Deanne Brown, Principal

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to make healthy party food.

Celebration season is upon us – but party food doesn't have to be unhealthy. Fruit and veg are bright and colourful and make the perfect ingredient for special party foods. Try these fun ideas:

- Watermelon fruit salad bowl
- Pita bread Christmas trees
- Frozen yoghurt pops
- Watermelon cookie cutter shapes
- Banana and strawberry candy cane







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Canteen Roster - Week 10 , Term 4 2019

Mon 16/12/19	Counter Service only - no lunch orders
Tues 17/12/19	Counter Service only - no lunch orders
Wed 18/12/19	CLOSED
Thurs 19/12/19	CLOSED
Fri 20/12/19	CLOSED

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 1 2020

Mon 27/1/20	Public Holiday
Tues 28/1/20	Staff Development Day
Wed 29/1/20	Maree Davidson, Melanie Drew
Thurs 30/1/20	Kirsten Roxburgh, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 31/1/20	Candice Longbottom, Dianne Morris

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 9 and 10 — Valuing the achievement of others

Notes that have been sent home:-

Summer Reading Program
Presentation Day Note
Swimming Carnival

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Phone	02 6571 2250
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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

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

The fabulous K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert was showcased on Thursday, 5 December and Friday, 6 December. Parents, carers and community members were entertained with singing and mini plays. Many thanks for all the donations of non perishable goods which will be donated to the Neighbourhood Centre.



Presentation Day Ceremony Support Unit

Congratulations to Group 1 students who received their Support Unit end of year awards after last weeks Christmas Concert.



Aussie Bush

The Great Aussie Bush Camp was my favourite camp I have ever been on. We got to do some pretty cool activities and we had the best instructors. The Great Aussie Bush Camp brings out the best in everyone, it also brings us closer.

By Sheridyn

The Great Aussie Bush Camp was a great experience. It brought friends closer together and brought out the real us, the crazy adventurous kids. Our two instructors Sonya and Henry were amazing and so were all the others that we met.

By Milly

Great Aussie Bush Camp was an exciting experience. Particularly, I liked the high ropes, power fan, and lost island [mud world] the best. In high ropes it was basically tree tops as the same people built it, the high ropes were awesome. Power fan was exciting, you get to climb up a 15m high pole, then free fall jump off a platform. Lost island is fun, you parkour over and under wooden platforms and climb up tires and go through steep tunnels. Overall, Aussie Bush Camp was very fun and exciting!

By Zoe

BHP's 'Benefiting My Community Program'

Thank you to the P&C who submitted a grant application to BHP for the purchase of new iPads. BHP awarded the grant from the 'Benefiting My Community Program' to SPS. Our students are looking forward to using these during their Science lessons.



Surf Fun Day

On Thursday, 28 November, Year 6 came to school, got on the bus at 8.15 am and we were on our way! It took about 1 hour and 20 minutes to finally reach Blacksmiths Beach. When we got off the bus we met some very cool life guards. They explained some rules to us and handed us our different coloured rashies. One set of rashies were blue and the other were pink, both for our different groups. I was in blue.

The first activity we did was the surfing part, for this we got in 3 teams and had a relay. You'd lay on the board, paddle out, turn around then come back in and hand the board in, it was really fun!!!!

After surfing we headed back and had a quick recess break, but soon after we were back into it. It was now our turn to play a game called 'flags'. You had to lay on the sand, then the lifesaver said, "head up, head down", then go!" You'd get up, turn around and race to get a flag. I really enjoyed it (even though I ate a bit of sand)!!!!

We then enjoyed a nice free swim with the other group.

Lastly we played 'fruit salad' which is a game where if the lifesaver said your number you'd get up and race the other person with your number into the water and fight for a tennis ball.

My favourite part was definitely 'flags' as it was fun racing/competing and trying to beat other people! My least favourite part, I didn't have one as I enjoyed every second and would definitely recommend it to everyone else.

Chelsea



Annual 2020 Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival for 2020 will be held this term.

When: Friday, 13 December 2019

Where: Singleton Swim & Fitness Centre 50m pool.

Who: All students in Years 2 – 6 and Year 1 students who will be turning 8 next year, are confident swimmers and wish to compete can also attend.

Cost: The cost will be \$6.00 per child (to cover pool entry and bus). Payment and permission note due 12.30pm BEFORE Thursday, 12 December 2019. No late payments can be accepted.

Season Ticket Holders: Students may swipe their season tickets on the day but must pay \$2.60 for the bus to the office. This includes students involved in Learn to Swim.

Travel: Carnival will commence at 9.45 am. Students will be transported by bus from school at 9.15 am and return by 3.00 pm.

All students must come to school and travel by bus to the pool.

Students are encouraged to stay for the whole day to support their house and to be available for the relay events in the afternoon. At the completion of events, students going home with parents must be signed out with their class teacher. Students not participating in the races are encouraged to attend and support their sport houses.

Clothing: Students should wear shirts and shorts in their house colours with their swimmers underneath or children may change at the pool. (Kendall - Red; Paterson - Green; Gordon - Yellow; Lawson - Blue).

They should also wear enclosed shoes to school but may bring thongs for during the day at the carnival. * Please bring sunscreen, swim shirt, a towel and wear a hat.

Label all clothing with your child's name.

Spectators: Entry fee for is \$2.40 to be paid to the pool on entry.

Canteen: The pool canteen will not be open for the students. Students will need to bring their own recess, lunch and drinks. Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to assist on the day, please fill out your availability on the permission note.

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER: A message will be on the Singleton Public School App if the carnival has to be cancelled.

Canberra Year 6 2020

Year 6 teachers have booked the 2020 excursion to Canberra from the 30 March – 3 April, 2020.

Expression of interest notes for the 2020 Year 6 Canberra excursion will be sent home soon. A \$100 deposit will need to be paid by 12.30pm on Friday, 7 February 2020.

APPROXIMATE COST: **Students - \$600-\$650** **Parents - \$680 - \$700**

Year Six Teachers

End of Year Payments

With the end of the year approaching, can all parents/carers please finalise any outstanding balances at the school office as soon as possible. This not only includes end of year party days, school magazine, swimming carnival and instrument hire but also for those families who wish to pay their voluntary school contribution and/or P&C levies.

Year 6 Farewell

On Monday, 16 December, Year 6 will be having their School Farewell. This is an exciting way for the students to celebrate the end of their primary school years. The details are as follows:-

Time: 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm - Students
 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm - Parents welcome for photos, speeches and cutting of the cake

Dress: Smart/Formal

Venue : Club Singleton

Year 6 Hoodies

In 2020 to celebrate the end of your child's Primary education, we will be offering "school hoodies" for Year 6 students to purchase. The hoodies will have all of the Year 6 student names on the back with a '2020' design on the front.

It will be a navy blue hoody (which is a medium weight fleece jumper with hood) with names printed priced at \$43.50. Notes will be sent home in 2020.

Year 6 Teachers

Library News

Can you all students please return all Library books before Friday, 13 December. Students attending the town library visit next Tuesday, 17 December please bring a library bag.

School Magazine Subscription

In 2020 the school will go ahead with the School Magazine Subscription for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. 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 in 2020. More information can be found at <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/>. Students is Year 2 will have their subscription funded by the school.

Semester Two Students Reports

All semester two student reports will be handed out to students on tomorrow, Thursday 12 December once the students have returned from the presentation assembly. If parents would like their child to bring their report home on the Thursday, students are required to return back to school after the presentation.

Canteen News

The last day for canteen lunch orders and full counter service during lunch and recess for 2019 will be Wednesday, 11 December.

Lunch orders only will be available on Thursday, 12 December as it is the school Presentation Day. There will be no counter service at lunch or recess on this day.

Lunch orders and lunch counter service only will be available on Friday, 13 December due to the Swimming Carnival. There will be no counter service at recess on this day.

On Monday, 16 December and Tuesday, 17 December there will only be counter service (depending on availability of stock). No lunch orders will be taken.

Tracy Matthews, Canteen Supervisor

Class Equipment and Requirements List 2020

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		
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

Class Equipment & Requirements List 2020 Con't

All Year 5 and Year 6 students will need:		
Qty	Item	✓
1	school magazine subscription \$11 payable at the office	
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	

20 School Planning

Tuesday 28/1/20	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29/1/20	Students in Year 1-6 resume Kindergarten best start assessments
Thursday 30/1/20	Kindergarten best start assessments
Friday 31/1/20	Kindergarten first day of school

As school enrolment numbers are finalised during the first few days of school, students will return to their 2019 class groups until classed are formed for 2020. This method causes the least disruption to students.

The Canteen will be open Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

The Breakfast Club will resume on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

Bus Services resume Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1 – 29/1/20 – 9/4/20 (28/1/20 School Development Day)
Term 2 – 28/4/20 – 3/7/20 (27/4/20 School Development Day)
Term 3 – 21/7/20– 25/9/20 (20/7/20 School Development Day)
Term 4 – 12/10/20 – 16/12/20 (17/12-18/12/20 School Development Days)

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 7 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Zoe Harrison	K/10L	Lincoln Benny
KS	Joey Shiloh	1G	Nikkaelah Gemma
1PH	Leah Harvey	1/2Z	Eloise Rosie
2H	Matilda Hunter	2PD	Digby Brodie
3BC	Archie Zarleya Eden	3F	Tenisha James Jenna
3/4A	Matthew Olivia Sophie	4F	Kayden Thomas Lochie
4/5B	Acacia Rachel Eva	5S	Zoe Thomas Mia
5/6N	Rebel Caitlin Ariel	6D	Tyler Chelsea Jimmy
6M	Cooper Tyla Indi	7B 7W	Dre Kaiden

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Kupe Kayden	Stage 1	Zoe Dexter
Stage 2	Molly Meika	Stage 3	Amelia Jazz

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY

Community Announcement

SIXERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



Woolworths Cricket Blast INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM teaches boys and girls new skills in a Big Bash inspired fun and safe environment!! Blasters can choose a cricket or craft adventure during a 'Free Play Session'.



The 6ers Holiday Camp is ideal for boy and girls playing JUNIOR FORMAT STAGE 1 with their local club. Players will be exposed to contemporary coaching activities lead by experienced coaches.

Date Time	Suburb (Postcode)	Introductory Program (5-9 yrs.)	Junior Format Stage 1 (9-11 yrs.)
13 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Lorn (2320)	\$80	\$100
14 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	New Lambton (2305)	\$80	\$100
15 Jan 2020 9am-3pm	Cameron Park (2285)	\$80	\$100
16/17 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Ourimbah (2258)	\$99	\$100
20/21 Jan 2020 9am-12pm	Erina (2250)	\$99	\$100

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Introductory Program - www.playcricket.com.au

Search for camp by: age filter and suburb (as listed above)

Look for Program title "Sydney Sixers Holiday Program"

Junior Format Stage 1 - www.trybooking.com

Click Buy on the landing page and then search "Sydney 6ers" and the suburb (as listed above)



The OpenDoor@Singleton

Neighbourhood Centre

The OpenDoor@SNC is welcoming drop in centre for the Singleton Community, staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers we provide:

Free use of showers and laundry facilities

Free Breakfast Monday - Thursday 8.30-11am

A welcoming place for groups and organisations to meet

A place for support services to interact with the community.

Drop in for a coffee and a chat

Visiting Services

The OpenDoor@SNC was opened on the 18, May 2018 with the generous help from:

the Singleton Community

Rotary Club of Singleton

NSW Government - Community Building Partnership Grant

Australian Government - Stronger Communities Program Grant

Ashton Coal

Glencore

Wishing all our families a safe and happy holiday.

