

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 5 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

13 NOVEMBER 2019

Calendar of Events

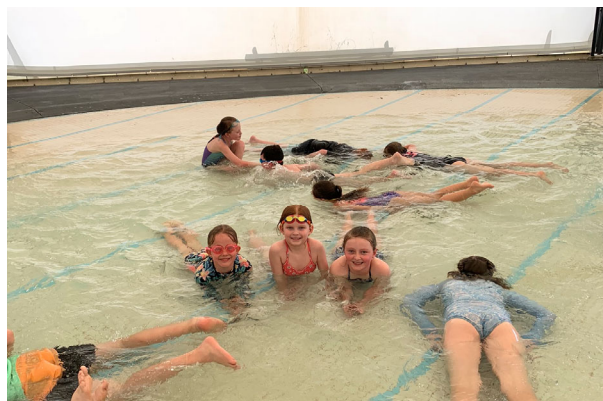
Thursday 14 November	Kinder 2020 Orientation # 2 9.30 am - 11.00 am and parent/carer workshop
Friday 15 November	P&C Year Book orders and payment due back to school Band - Instrument tryouts for 2020 at 1.30 pm in the hall Year 6 Surf Fun Day note and payment due
Wednesday 20 November	Year 6 Rock and Water at Youth Centre - Group 2
Thursday 21 November	Puss in Boots Pantomime Performance - evening show at 6.30 pm Kinder 2020 Orientation # 3 9.30 am - 11.00 am
Friday 22 November	Puss in Boots Pantomime Performance - evening show at 6.30 pm Stage 1 Wetlands note and payment due
Monday 25 November	Year 5 Aussie Bush Final payment due Stage 1 and Support Unit Wetlands Excursion Book Club due LOOP online orders only - no cash accepted
Thursday 28 November	Year 6 Surf Fun Day Departs 8.15 am
Friday 29 November	SHS Enrichment Challenge Day at SHS
Tuesday 3 December	Year 6 Orientation Day at Singleton High School Year Aussie Bush departs
Wednesday 4 December	Year 5 Aussie Bush K-6 Christmas scripture service K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert rehearsal Stage 2 Party Day note and payment due
Thursday 5 December	Year 5 Aussie Bush K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert
Friday 6 December	Year 5 Aussie Bush Year 6 Farewell payment due Support Unit Oakvale Farm excursion note due K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert Year 5 Party Day note and payment due Year 6 Party Day note and payment due

The Week 5 assembly will be at starting time of 12.45 pm. The assembly will include Councillor announcement and a Woolworths presentation.

There will no be assembly in Week 6 due to the Pantomime.

Please Note : There will be no paper copies of the newsletter sent home with students. All newsletters will be available online only.

Intensive Swimming



Well Done Lachlan!



KJ learning about weight



From the Principal

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents for the patience and understanding shown during yesterday's difficult weather conditions. Our thoughts are with the communities impacted by the fires and our staff who have been working to keep their properties safe.

Snake Awareness and Safety

Yesterday we had a snake sighting near the bush tucker garden and near the end of the library/Year 5 building. With the dry weather conditions we are experiencing, snakes are more likely to be on the move searching for food and water. There have been reports of a few sightings with the neighbouring areas to our school.

We have spoken with the students about snake safety, being aware when playing near gardens and telling an adult straight away should they see a snake.

KEEP CALM – IT's PANTO Week!

Keep your mice and birds locked away. "Puss in Boots and the Jellicle Cats" are coming to town!

In true traditional style, our school this week will be transformed into a faraway land filled with talent, drama, laughter, gasps of horror and dismay, and a lot of fun!

Puss in Boots promises to be an outstanding show for everyone involved including the performers, back stage crew, staff and audience. Patrons are reminded to be seated at 6:20 pm ready for the curtain to go up for this magical spectacle.

The parents and families of students involved are requested not to enter the changing or holding rooms. Performers will be signed in at drop off and signed out again at the conclusion of the show when they are escorted from the holding rooms by the teachers in charge.

Intensive Swimming

Students completed their intensive swimming lessons last week with great success and a vast improvement in their skills and safety around the water. The program was an extremely beneficial experience for all students involved and we hope they will continue to build upon their newly acquired skills over the coming summer months.

School Year Book and Panto Tickets

Have you ordered your copy of the school Year Book magazine? Don't forget to get orders and payment in by Friday, 15 November.

Panto tickets are ON SALE NOW and are selling fast. Tickets available from the school office.

Swimming Carnival

Our 2020 Swimming Carnival will be conducted on Friday, 13 December this year. After a successful carnival at the end of last year we will again attempt to avoid the oppressive heat of February as well as providing classes a more settled period when commencing the 2020 school year. The carnival will involve students from Year 2 to Year 6 and Year 1 students turning 8 in 2020 will be the main qualifying event for student to progress to Zone Primary Swimming in 2020. Parent volunteers to assist on the day will be required and greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs Black and Mrs Zeidler if you are available to assist.

Parking at the Singleton Centre

The school has been advised that parents and visitors have been using The Singleton Centre (previously Town Square) underground car park when visiting the school. Parents and visitors have been asked by Centre Management to not use the underground car park unless they are attending business in the centre. The vehicular ramp is not suitable for safe pedestrian access and the parking area is provided for the use of centre patrons and tenants exclusively.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Ms Deanne Brown
Principal



IT'S TIME TO ORDER
YOUR COPY

**2019
SCHOOL
YEARBOOK**

\$15

Don't miss out! Orders close
Friday 15 November

The P&C Yearbook Coordinators have been busy behind the scenes collecting memories, collating events and designing fun pages for an exciting 2019 School Yearbook. The P&C love doing this each year for our students. It is a great way to enjoy and celebrate the great year they've had, and students can look back on it for years to come!

Many local businesses have generously sponsored the Yearbook, allowing us to offer families a more affordable publication. You can see all of our wonderful sponsors featured throughout the book along with all the highlights of the year. Get your order in, you don't want to miss out! Yearbooks will be delivered to classrooms in Week 10.

Cut off this order form and return it to the school office with your \$15 cash payment before Friday 15 November 2019.

2019 SPS YEARBOOK ORDERS

\$15 EACH Orders Due by 15 November

Student Name(s):

Class or Classes:

Total sum enclosed: Receipt required: Yes / No

Please send in this order form with \$15 cash (only) in an envelope to the school office before 15 November 2019.

Yearbooks will be delivered to student classrooms in Week 10

Cash payments only - please do not use the Parent Online Payment system through the school's website

\$15

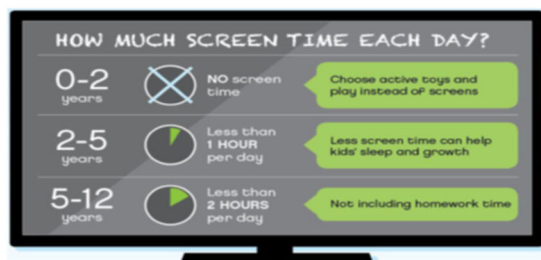


Good for Kids good for life**TURN OFF SCREENS AND GET ACTIVE!**

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication, but too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.

How can parents help?

- Ensure kids have at least one hour of physical activity a day.
- Limit kids total screen time to less than 2 hours per day.
- Remove TV sets and computers from your child's bedroom.
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities, like walking the dog or joining a sports team.



Source: Make Healthy Normal and the 24hour Movement Guidelines



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNE.LHD.GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Canteen Roster - Week 6 , Term 4 2019

Mon 18/11/19	1 Volunteer needed
Tues 19/11/19	Evette Anderson
Wed 20/11/19	1 volunteer needed, Kylie Page
Thurs 21/11/19	Kylie Page, Mel Drew
Fri 22/11/19	Maxine Kolinis, Alan Hamson, Sheree Mell, Jasmine Woolley

Canteen Roster - Week 7, Term 4 2019

Mon 25/11/19	Sally Menere
Tues 26/11/19	Kylie Page
Wed 27/11/19	Stella Broadbent, Logan Eveleigh
Thurs 28/11/19	Jasmine Woolley, 1 volunteer needed
Fri 29/11/19	Tracey Adams, Alison Ingram, Amanda 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 5 and 6 — Wearing correct uniform with pride and being a quality student.

Notes that have been sent home:-

Support Unit Oakvale Farm Note
Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
Stage 1 Wetlands postponed
Year 6 Surf Fun Safe Life Saving
Year 6 Farewell
Band Instrument Drive

Year 6 End of Year Party Day
Summer Reading Program
Presentation Day Note
Stage 2 Party Day
Year 5 Party Day

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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

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert

K-2 and Support Unit Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, 5 December and Friday, 6 December beginning at 9.45 am and concluding by 11.00 am. Please bring a donation of cans and/or non perishable goods for the Neighbourhood Centre as your entry to the concert.

Small Steps Photo

Pictured here are some of our Kindergarten students for 2020. These children have been attending our Small Steps Program each Friday with Mrs Scoles.



PSSA Boys Cricket round 5

On Wednesday, 6 November the Singleton Public School Boys Cricket Team played Tamworth Public School in Round 5 of the PSSA Boys Cricket Competition. Our game hit off with our captain Keanu winning the toss and electing to bat first. Our batsmen showed great skill with the bat, especially Keanu who retired on 43 runs. Together our batsmen faced 25 overs from some talented Tamworth bowlers and eventually we walked away with a solid total of 8/105 runs. Our bowlers displayed great talent as well with some awesome wickets falling quickly in the first few overs. Tamworth regained their composure and fought hard to bounce back and take away the win with 4/106. Our team demonstrated our school core values throughout the day. I was delighted to receive wonderful feedback about their fine attitude and sportsmanship from the visiting team and their parents. Well done boys for your fantastic achievements this year, Singleton Public School is extremely proud of you! A big thank you must also be given to Mr Botha for his scoring on the day and to our umpire Mr Stacey who came to our rescue at last minute after our postponed game.

Mrs Foster
Organising Teacher



State Athletics

On Wednesday, 6 November Lachlan participated at state level for the 100 metres sprints. Lachlan came 10th in his age group on day one. This then allowed him to make it through to the semi's on the Thursday which placed him 17th in the state. This is a great achievement. Well done Lachlan! SPS are very proud of you.



Update Address and Contact Details

It is important that the school has current contact details for all of our students. Please contact the Office if you have changed phone numbers, employment or address in the past few months and ensure that your details are correct.

Please also advise the school if your family circumstances have changed, changes in living arrangements or parents separation. It is also important to remember to keep emergency contact details up to date as well. As the end of year approaches any change of address details are particularly important as the school will be sending invitations to the award recipients for our Presentation Day Ceremony and any student reports that have not been collected by the end of the school year.

Presentation Day Ceremony

The school annual Presentation Day will be held on Thursday, 9 December. A permission note has gone home this week for students to catch the bus to and from the Civic Centre. If you do not return the note, students will walk to the Civic Centre and back on the day accompanied by a teacher.

End of Year Party Day – Year Six

This year, Year 6 students will be walking to the Singleton Youth Centre and taking part in games before having a pizza lunch. They will then be watching the movie 'Grown Ups' which is rated PG.

When: Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Where: Singleton Public School / Singleton Youth Centre

Time: 9:10 am – 3:10 pm

Cost: \$7.00 (pizza and a drink)

Uniform: Mufti clothes with enclosed shoes and a hat

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students are encouraged to bring a small treat to share with their peers as part of the celebration – please no products containing nuts.

Please return the permission note and payments to the front office by Friday, 6 December, 2019.

Year 6 Teachers

End of Year Party Day - Year 5

This year, Year 5 students will be taking part in games at school before having a pizza lunch.

When: Wednesday, 11 December 2019

Where: Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10am – 3:10pm

Cost: \$7.00 (pizza and a drink)

Uniform: Mufti clothes with enclosed shoes and a hat

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Year 5 Teachers

End of Year Party Day - Stage 2

Stage 2 students will be walking to Majestic Cinemas in Singleton to watch 'The Addams Family' before making their way back to school to enjoy a lunch picnic in playground three, followed by playtime activities.

When: Monday, 9 December 2019

Where: Majestic Cinemas Ryan Avenue, Singleton and Singleton Public School

Time: 9:10am – 3:10pm

Cost: \$7.00 (ticket price) and \$7.50 (popcorn and drink – optional)

This end of year celebration is a great opportunity for students to strengthen friendship groups through structured activities. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, enclosed shoes and a hat.

Stage 2 will be attending the 2020 House Captain's speech in the afternoon.

Please return the permission note and payments to the front office by Wednesday, 4 December, 2019.

Stage 2 Teachers

Instrument Suitability

On Friday, 15 November there will be an instrument drive at 1.30 pm in the hall for students who are interested in learning an instrument. Students who have shown interest will bring home a note for parents to sign and return.

Mrs Dibley

Summer Reading Program

This summer we are collaborating with the Singleton Library to run our annual Summer Reading Program.

To beat the Summer Slide and maintain reading proficiency, we are encouraging students to sign up to our reading program.

Students need to return the signed permission note to Mrs Mullen in the library. The first 150 students will receive a reading bag full of goodies as well as the reading log.

This year, the students will have the opportunity to participate in this program with access to borrow books from both Singleton Public School and our Town Library.

Over the school holidays, the students will be able to go into the draw to win fabulous prizes. Prizes will be drawn at the Singleton Town Library on 13 December 2019, 8 January 2020 and 29 January 2020.

A note with more information has been sent home this week or extra notes can be collected from the Library.

Wendy Mullen
Librarian

Rock and Water

Year 6 has been invited to attend the **Rock and Water** course which is being offered to our Year 6 students through the Singleton Youth Venue. The course will be run by Youth Worker, Hayden Moore, who has been specifically trained to facilitate the course over four consecutive weeks.

What is the ROCK AND WATER program?

Rock and Water is a course that is delivered over a number of lessons to students in primary or high school. A series of exercises and games are practised to develop confidence and self-reflection. The games are martial arts based, and students learn to block, hit strike shields, stand strong, negotiate using "rock" or "water" verbal approaches, walk away from a fight, consider alternatives to aggression, and develop understandings about who they are, their intuitive feelings and their personal direction.

When: Every Wednesday, Group 1 has started and Group 2 starts on 20/11/2019 for 4 consecutive weeks.

Where: Singleton Youth Venue

Time: 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm

Travel: The students will leave school at approximately 1.35 pm and walk to the Singleton Youth Venue accompanied by Mrs Merrick or Mrs Dibben

Year 6 Teachers

School Student Transport Scheme

School student applications for the School Student Transport Scheme in 2020 opened Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 do not need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, please go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Classes 2020

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2020. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year.

Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher – as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office.

Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2020 will not be considered. Submissions might include a comment on a child's capacity to relate to other children, or perhaps a style of teaching that a child has responded positively to previously.

The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned. If you have a specific concern, submissions need to be received by the office prior to Friday, 15 November, 2019. It is usually not possible to move a child to a different class once rolls have been established. Please also inform the office if your family is relocating in 2020.

Deanne Brown
Principal

Semester Two Students Reports

All semester two student reports will be handed out to students on 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.



Kinder 2020 Parent Workshops

The school will be conducting workshops for parents on Literacy, Numeracy and Road Safety during Kinder Orientation. The workshops are listed below with a brief explanation of what to expect. They will be held in the school library and run for approximately one hour.

On Thursday, 14 November a Road Safety and Numeracy session will be held. This session will provide you with information related to road safety, followed by a session on numeracy. During the numeracy session, you will get to participate in some practical games and activities that you can do at home with your child.

Band Instrument Hire Term 4 Payment Due

Thank you to the parents who have their child's Band Instrument Hire payments up to date. Please be aware that Term 4 payments for instrument hire are now due and Term 3 payments are in arrears. Could all parents please ensure that payments are up to date before the end of the term.

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: Singleton

Singleton Square, 1 Gowrie Street

Whole Blood and Plasma

Monday 25 November	9.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 26 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 27 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 28 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 29 November	9.30am – 3.00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au



The latest edition of SchoolTV is now available!

This month's edition is 'Resilience'. It is a great edition for parents with children across all year levels.

This month on SchoolTV - Resilience

Resilience is one of those skills that all kids need and should have. It refers to their ability to cope and adapt in situations when confronted with challenges such as adversity, trauma, tragedy, or even stress. It is essential to their mental health and wellbeing as part of their journey to adulthood. It is a skill that can be learned from an early age through the support of an adult role model.

However, being resilient does not mean your child won't experience any difficulties, but it will better equip them to manage those situations. Over-protective parenting can be viewed as being unhelpful towards the building of resilience. Although this may be a natural instinct, potentially experiencing failure is all part of the process. Encouraging children to take healthy risks will help them trust their capacity to deal with uncomfortable situations and increase their capacity for courage.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will gain an understanding of how to support their child's brave behaviour to help them adapt and build resilience. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition <https://singleton-h.schools.nsw.schooltv.me/newsletter/resilience>

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 3 2019

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Sophia Kayden	K/10L	Bentley Joseph
KS	Madison Elayna	1G	Miley Mackenzie Mitchell
1PH	Declan Dominic	1/2Z	Zoe Charlotte Lacey
2H	Swimming	2PD	Swimming
3BC	Ashlee Sunny Jake	3F	Henry Harry Zahra
3/4A	Amelia Sabine Jaxon	4F	Thomas Max Mia
4/5B	Lauren Cadel Bailey	5S	Ciah Joshua Kayley
5/6N	Borden Connor Jasmine	6D	Caleb Josh Heath
6M	Harrison Jack Talan	7B 7W	Sophie Coleby Kaden

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Zoe, Zhayden	Stage 1	Lucy, Amittie
Stage 2	Molly, Jackson	Stage 3	Bobbie, Amelia

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Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Sophia Savannah Leiland	K/1OL	Hannah Ruby
KS	Harry Tannah	1G	Gemma William Annabeth
1PH	Olivia Bronte	1/2Z	Amber Rosie
2H	Swimming	2PD	Swimming
3BC	Ashlee Taisie	3F	Flynn Ella Savannah
3/4A	Kadah Hamish Thomas	4F	Jackson Thomas Jackson Molly Riley
4/5B	Sanjay Miley Noah	5S	Hamish Jack Hayley Mia
5/6N	Jasmine Jacob Isabelle	6D	Seth Beau Roman
6M	Abbey Indi Charlie	7B 7W	Henry Blayke Stevie

BLUEYS Awards

Early Stage 1	Zoe Duke Joey	Stage 1	Jenny Hannah Ruby
Stage 2	Aeryn Jackson Kristy	Stage 3	Bryon Paige Hamish

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2020 Student Leader Speeches

