

### **Newsletter**

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



#### **QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY**

Week 3 Term 4 **28 OCTOBER 2020** 

Calendar of Events				
Wednesday 28 October	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students Year 5 Aussie Bush deposit due Year 6 Aussie Bush deposit due			
Thursday 29 October	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students			
Friday 30 October	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students World Teachers Day			
Monday 2 November	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students			
Tuesday 3 November				
Wednesday 4 November				
Thursday 5 November	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students Kinder Orientation 9.30 am - 11.00 am			
Friday 6 November	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students 2021 Councillors to be announced			
Tuesday 10 November	Musica Viva - payment due Gymnastic Program - payment due 20 November			
Wednesday 11 November	Musica Viva performance			
Thursday 12 November	Kinder Orientation 9.30 am - 11.00 am			
Friday 13 November	NAIDOC Day			

The weekly assembly is conducted virtually each Friday in the classroom for students only.







**7B at Gymnastics** 





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#### From the Principal

#### COVID19

The current COVID19 restrictions and procedures remain in place at this point in time. During Term 4, updates and guidance will be provided to schools in relation to end of year presentations and activities, P&C Meeting guidelines and planning for the start of school in 2021. Updates of the guidelines will continue during the summer holidays in accordance with the current advice from NSW Health.

The NSW DoE will continue to monitor the situation and update the website in accordance with NSW Health advice. The most recent information can be found at https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

#### **Playground Works**

The playground upgrade has been awarded to tender and an initial site meeting conducted for the contractor to plan the start of construction. All going to plan, the works will commence over the next 3 weeks. We look forward to seeing the resurfacing and refurbishment of this area.

#### Year 6 Farewell

Planning has commenced for the Year 6 Farewell. The evening will be held at school on Monday, 14 December. Staff and students will be working with Tracy and Cara (our amazing canteen supervisors) to plan COVID safe catering and meal options for the event. Year 6 teachers will continue to update parents with information as plans are finalised. At this point in time, parents/carers will not be able to attend the function. We will livestream/record the official proceedings of the evening to share with our families. This will be a fun and memorable night for our Team 6 students. Stay tuned for further updates.

#### **Enrolments and Planning for 2021**

We are currently taking enrolments for students starting at SPS in 2021. Please contact the office ASAP for enquiries, enrolment forms and details of required documentation. If you know of any families commencing kindergarten or who are moving into our area, please pass on this information for enrolments.

For those new families wishing to complete an online enrolment form, these can be obtained from the following link:

https://singleton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html

The end of the year can be a sad time as we say goodbye to families who are relocating. If your family is moving and will not be part of our SPS community in 2021, please contact the office. This will assist with our planning for 2021.

Deanne Brown Principal



#### **Revised Dates to Remember**

Kindergarten Orientation sessions will go ahead on Thursday, 5 November and Thursday, 12 November 2020 where the children will attend class from 9.30 – 11.00 am. A COVID19 Safe Procedure has been created for the drop off and collection of Kindergarten students. Details have been included in the Information Pack sent out to all families.

The first day of attendance for Kindergarten in 2021 is Friday, 29 January. Details will be sent home towards the end of Term 4.













#### Singleton PS - Canteen



Our school canteen is P&C operated with a paid supervisor and assistant. The canteen is open from Monday to Friday with a team of hardworking parents, carers, grandparents, etc who volunteer one day every four weeks to support the school.\*\*

Our school follows the Healthy Canteen Guidelines. We provide children with nourishing and healthy food from an extensive menu (on left). The menu is available on the school's website- visit https://singletonp.schools.nsw.gov.au/, select "Supporting Our Students" and then "Parent and Citizens Information.

Orders for lunch and recess can be made online using the 'Flexischools' app in advance or before 9.00 am that day. School hats and music books are also now available in Flexischools. See instructions on the left to download and use the app, or find them on the Singleton PS P&C Facebook page.

\*\*No volunteers required during the COVID19 restrictions.

#### Summer

GIRLS: Blue checked dress OR navy shorts and unisex polo shirt; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times. Singleton Public School Page 6 BOYS: Unisex polo shirt; navy shorts; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times

School hats are also now available in the P&Cs Flexischools app.

#### **Uniforms**

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 school uniform every day. In this regard, parents have an important role in overseeing what their children wear to school.

A navy school hat is part of the school uniform. Uniform items are available for sale at Lowes in Singleton Square or online at https://www.lowes.com.au/schools online/singleton-public-school.

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DRESS:	BLUE CHECK SUMMER	\$61.9
POLO:	NAVY AND WHITE WITH SCHOOL LOGO	\$37.9
SKORTS:	NAVY	\$27.9
SHORTS:	NAVY WITH EMROIDERY	\$31.9
BAG:	NAVY WITH SCHOOL LOGO	\$89.9
HAT:	NAVY BUCKET HAT HYBRID STYLE	\$18.9
SOCK:	NAVY ANKLE STYLE	\$ 5.95
SHOES:	BLACK	

MAYY CHECK WINTER
WHITE LONG SLEEVE-PETER PAN COLLAR
ROYAL WITH SCHOOL LOGO
ROYAL POLAR FLEECE WITH SCHOOL LOGO
NAVY-BECKY STYLE
NAVY AND WHITE SPECIAL MAKE WITH LOGO
NAVY FLEECE LINED PANT BOOTLEG PANT BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM
POLO: NAVY AND WHITE SPECIAL MAKE WITH
NAVY MICROFIBRE WITH EMBROIDERY
BAG: NAVY WITH SCHOOL LOGO
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SOCKS: NAVY ANKLE STYLE
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#### Winter



MFAT-FRFF MONDAY.

Get your family having more veg by making Monday 'Meat-free'.







#### Try these meat-free meals:

- Mushroom, spinach and lentil lasagne
- Green frittata
- Eggplant tagine

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!



#### Mon 02/11/20

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 4 2020

Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Tues 03/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Wed 04/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Thurs 05/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Fri 06/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

#### Canteen Roster - Week 5, Term 4 2020

Mon 9/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Tues 10/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Wed 11/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Thurs 12/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Fri 13/11/20 Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

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

healthylunchbox.com.au

#### 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 3 & 4 - Keeping the school environment clean.

#### Notes that have been sent home:-

Musica Viva visiting show Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion Year 6 Aussie Bush excursion Year 6 Canberra excursion cancelled Gymnastics Program

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Phone	02 6571 2250			
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AP ES1	Anna O'Brien / Diane Merrick			
AP Stage 1	Rachel Nichols / Anna O'Brien			
AP Stage 2	Katrina Hackett			
AP Stage 3	Louise Stewart			
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		
11.50 am	Middle session		
1.30 pm	Eating Time		
1.35 pm	Recess		
2.05 pm	Afternoon session		
3.10 pm	Home		

#### **Kirkland Cup**

The Under 12's and Under 10's rugby league teams had a great day at the Brian Kirkland Cup Gala Day on Friday, 23 October. Both teams were wonderful and should be very proud of the sportsmanship they all demonstrated over the course of the day.

Thank you to Mrs Black and Mrs Botes for helping the day be a great success.

Mrs Street Organising Teacher





#### **Gymnastics Program**

Students at SPS have started the eight week gymnastics program. Pictured here are some of our students enjoying themselves. A reminder that the payment of \$20.00 is due to school by 20 November.















#### Debating

Unfortunately the Singleton Persuaders (Zoe, Hayden, Jess and Ciah) went down to the Terrigal Tigers in a very tight debate, knocking them out of the competition.

I am so proud of both the Convincables and Persuaders this year, they have given up numerous lunch times and have learnt so much in a short amount of time.

Mrs B. Organising Teacher

#### **School Plan Evaluation**

Singleton Public School are currently surveying parents to evaluate our school programs, teaching and learning and future directions to 2021 and beyond.



We have employed an additional administrative staff member who will be calling parents at random from our class lists. Responses will be recorded anonymously with no names linked to them so that families can be honest and open. Thank you for your assistance with our surveys.

#### **NEW Online Enrolment Process**

We are excited to announce we will be are rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 26 October 2020

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for new parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

Enrolments into local schools only

Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents

Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's Going to a Public School site.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website.

Please Note: 2021 Kinder families will continue with the current paper copy enrolment form process.

#### Intensive Musica Viva Dr Stovepipe

This term we have the visiting show Musica Viva – Dr Stovepipe performing vis Zoom at our school. This exciting and creative show will inspire and entertain all students from K to 6. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the show will now be held electronically. The show runs for 50-60 minutes, as the live performances do, and students will be encouraged to use the Zoom Webinar chat function to contribute their thoughts and answer any questions. Students also have the opportunity to answer questions having their mic enabled so they can speak aloud in the performance and talk to the musicians.

When: Wednesday, 11 November 2020

Where: Singleton Public School Time: K-2 9.15 am, 3-6 10.20 am

Cost: \$7.00

Payment due: Tuesday, 10 November 2020

Mrs Nichols

**Organising Teacher** 



WHEN: 2/11/2020 - 7/12/2020

TIME: Monday 3.45pm - 4.45pm

WHERE: 30-40 Combo Lane
Singleton
NSW 2330



#### **Enter to Learn**

#### **Expiring of older School Opal transport cards**

From January onwards, there will be a number of School Opal cards expiring, as the physical card has reached its lifespan.

These are predominantly cards for high school students, and only those Opal cards which haven't been replaced in the last five years.

Impacted students and/or their parent/guardian will be contacted directly by Transport for NSW via email or post. They will be asked to confirm their details online in order for a new School Opal card to be sent to the correct postal address in time for the new school year.

If contacted by Transport for NSW, details should be submitted online by December 1, 2020 at the latest. Affected students who do not confirm their details in time will have a new School Opal card posted to the address we currently have on file.

#### Year 5 Aussie Bush

The Year Five major excursion for 2020 is a three-day (over-night) trip to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The excursion supports and enhances our study of PD/H/PE, as well as encouraging independence and mutual co-operation.

During the excursion we are hopeful that the following activities will be available (weather and COVID19 restrictions permitting):

\*Canoeing \*Dual Flying Fox \*Giant Swing \*High Ropes \*Indoor Rock Climbing \*Mud World \*Powerfan \*Raft Building \* Night Activity (Country Fair, Disco and Commando Spot lighting)

Travel is by bus which will depart at 8.45 am sharp on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 and return to school by 3.00 pm on Friday, 4 December 2020 (Week 8). Full information packs will go home closer to the date of the camp. We welcome you to go online and find out more information at www.bushcamp.com.au.

Approximately 60 students and 4 staff will attend the excursion. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we will unfortunately be unable to take parents.

Cost: \$305.00 per student.

This includes coach travel, accommodation, programmed camp, qualified staff organising and managing camp activities, night activities and provided meals.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00, which needs to be paid by 12:30 pm on Wednesday, 28 October 2020. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. No late payments will be accepted.

Payment: The balance of money owing needs to be paid to the office by 12.30 pm on Tuesday, 24 November 2020. Payments can be made using the online school POP system, EFTPOS payments can be made over the phone before 12.30 pm or you can send cash in with your child in an envelope with their name, class and Aussie Bush written on it.

Please Note: All POP payments will need to be made at least one day prior to the due dates. Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher or Mrs Burns at the office with regards to the Student Assistance Program. This must be completed at least one month prior to the final payment date. All discussions are private and confidential. Attendance on the excursion will be based on students' demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school's Welfare and Discipline Policies.

#### Kindergarten 2021

The school is still registering names of all 2021 Kindergarten students. If you would like to start your child at school next year, please contact the school office to record your interest. Full details of information evenings, transition days and enrolments forms have been sent out to all names currently on the school's register.

#### Reporting COVID19 Tests to school

A reminder to parents and carers that if your child is having a COVID19 Test you need to notify the school. You will also need to notify the school once you have received the results and send the screen shot via the app as per the information below. Students cannot return to school until the school has sighted a negative result.

To upload your screen shot or medical certificate using the new feature in the App Absentee Form, simply enter your child's absentee as you normally would and scroll to the bottom of the screen where there is the option to upload the file. Select "Choose File" select from your photo library or take a photo of the document, sign and submit the absence.

#### **P&C News**

The P&C are selling movie tickets for \$8.50!

To purchase go to www.flexischools.com.au or use the app, scroll down to shop, click ORDER, click MOVIE TICKETS. If you would like to purchase more than 1, click + then confirm your order. The order will be delivered to your child's classroom for them to bring home. Great time to start purchasing stocking fillers for Christmas or gifts for the "hard to buy for" person.

#### Intensive swimming

Year 2 and selected Years 3 and 4 students commenced the Intensive Swimming program on Monday, 26 October. They have been busy learning new skills!













#### **Book Parade**

On Thursday, 22 October SPS held our annual Book Parade and Book Fair. There were some wonderful costumes. Well done to all the students who participated.



















#### **Book Parade con't**









#### **World Teachers Day**

World Teachers Day is celebrated on Friday, 30 October. Please give a big shout out to all the wonderful teachers we have here at SPS.





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# School Travel for 2021



# 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>re-apply or update their details</u>.

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria,</u> they will receive an expiry notification via email.

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 a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <a href="https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails">https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</a>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/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 from January 2021.

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, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
  - Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
    - Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

#### **Community Announcements**



To the Referring Agency

Singleton Family Support in partnership with Singleton Council and Bloomfield Coal are excited to announce the introduction of a new scholarship available called the Kids in Sport Scholarship initiative.

Kids in Sport Scholarships is a supported approach to engaging local families in healthy lifestyle activities. The current NSW Active Kids program provides two \$100 (\$200) vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards registration and membership fees for sport and active recreation each year. The Kids in Sports Scholarship will complement the NSW Active Kids voucher in providing further financial support to Singleton families.

A Kids in Sport Scholarship of \$100 per child will assist a family to support children into a local sport or after school activity. Where children are already eligible for the NSW subsidy, a simple assessment will enable support for the cost of uniforms, sport registration and even healthy food options at the club or sporting venue. Scholarship criteria is as follows:

- The family is experiencing financial hardship
- Financial costs of the activity is preventing the family from engaging in the activity
- The child/ren applicants are 18 years or younger The family resides in the Singleton LGA

This scholarship of \$100 per child assist not only with the initial costs of registration for the chosen activity but also the ongoing costs of items such as equipment, uniform, transport costs etc that can be a barrier for families accessing these activities. The use of the scholarship funds are varied and flexible to suit the needs of the family.

If you know of any families who would benefit from this initiative please complete an application form or provide the family with the application form and send back to <a href="mailto:diana@singletonfs.org.au">diana@singletonfs.org.au</a>

Alternatively you can contact Singleton Family Support on 65724288 if you have any questions or require any further information.

Thankyou

Lindsay Ross

Application forms can be obtained from the school office













**Check Singleton Strikers Football Club Group Facebook Page for updates** 

#### Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 1 2020

#### **Class Award Recipients K-6**

KJ	Maddison Charlie	KM	Jacob Eva
KS	Georgia Jackson	1D	Phoebe Samson
18	Elayna Nixon	2M	Max Faith
2NP	Evalee-Rose Mila	1/2 <b>Z</b>	Cayden Jenny
3C	Annabelle James Oliver	3D	Lochie Brayden Emily
3/4P	Jai Laylah Jaek Imogen	4A	Xanthe Harry Archie
4/5H	Bobbi Pin-Ling Acacia	5BF	Rachael Mitchell Daniel
58	Molly Harry Abbie	6B	Ashton Rebel Zoe
68	Lily Sheridyn Nichapa	7B 7W	Aiden, Sophie Blayke

**RESPECT** 

**RESPONSIBILITY** 

**QUALITY** 





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NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



**Build skills** through fun



A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**M D M D E** 

day per week





