



Newsletter

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

Week 1 Term 4

14 OCTOBER 2020

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 14 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only
Thursday 15 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only 2021 School Leadership forms available from Mrs Botes
Friday 16 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only
Monday 19 October	Book Week Intensive Swimming payment and note due
Tuesday 20 October	Primarily Active Gymnastic program commences
Wednesday 21 October	Year 5 Burn Bright Leadership day
Thursday 22 October	Library Book Fair and Parade
Friday 23 October	Kinder 2021 acceptance letter due out Kirkland Cup Pirtek Park - no parents allowed on the grounds
Monday 26 October	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students commences Leadership forms due back to Mrs Botes
Tuesday 27 October	Year 2 Intensive Swimming and selected Year 3 and 4 students
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

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



Students enjoying bike riding



Education

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From the Principal

Welcome back for our final term of 2020. While COVID19 restrictions and guidelines remain in place for the safety of our whole community we are looking forward to participating in a number of exciting activities and events with our students.

Thank you to our parents for their continued ongoing support and adherence to the procedures during 2020. While there are a number of activities planned for Term 4 they will be conducted without parent spectating and attendance. We will do our very best to photograph and video as much as possible to share with families on Facebook and through Seesaw, with our main aim in ensuring all students are having a positive, engaged and fun experience.

Canberra

We held out as long as possible with our Canberra excursion in the hope that COVID restrictions may change. Unfortunately interstate excursions are still not allowed and Canberra is cancelled for 2020. We have however, been able to secure an additional booking at Great Aussie Bush Camp for Year 6. This is open to all Year 6 students who would like to attend, regardless of whether they were planning on attending Canberra or not. GABC will be a wonderful opportunity for Year 6 to finish off their last primary term with challenges, fun and Team 6 bonding.

Gymnastics

We are very excited to have been able to secure an external sporting and coaching program for SPS for Term 4. With limited sporting opportunities this year we have engaged Primarily Active to come to school and deliver a gymnastics program for all classes K-6, including 7B and 7W. The trained coaches and assistants will deliver an important part of our PE curriculum and will bring all equipment and materials required for the lessons. Our teachers will attend the sessions with the students and will share assessment information for PE gymnastics in your child's Semester 2 report.

The school has received a Sporting Schools grant last week and will add additional school funds to this grant to subsidise part of the cost of the program for students. Notes regarding the program and cost will be sent home with students.

Great Aussie Bush Camp

Year 5 will be attending GABC at the end of Term 4. Notes for this excursions were sent home yesterday. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 and we are very glad that the camp has recommenced operations for Term 4.

Playground

Our playground upgrade has finally had the tender awarded to a contractor. HOOORAY AND YIPPEE!! Exciting times ahead as site meetings and start up dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks. Fingers crossed for a finished product before the end of 2020. Stay tuned.

Burn Bright Year 5 Leadership Day

All Year 5 students will participate in a leadership day next week (21 October) with Burn Bright leaders. The information below is a snippet of the program aims they will undertake on the day.

Students in Year 5 and 6 are often enthusiastic to take on leadership roles and our leadership development program aims to encourage that passion. We enable primary students to become strong and resilient leaders who want to make a difference. We believe this starts by recognising that as the leaders of the school, they are role models. The program seeks to integrate a range of key leadership messages through an interactive approach which allows ideas to be put into action and to see young people become impactful leaders.

- Understand the impact their leadership, both individually and as a year group, can have on their school and their peers.
- Seek to foster positive friendships and look out for each other.
- Identify the qualities of a good leader and recognise their own strengths.
- Improve their sense of self and enhance their confidence.
- Develop a capacity to overcome difficulties and be resilient.
- Learn how to work and cooperate with others.
- Have fun and leave wanting to make a difference.

Thanks a latte

Thank you from all the staff for your acknowledgment and appreciation shown through the donations for "Thanks a Latte" day today. We are humbled by the support and acknowledgement we have received from our community in 2020 and this very generous donation.

Deanne Brown
Principal

Mufti Day



Good for Kids good for life

EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites



HNELHD-GoodForkids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 4 2020

Mon 19/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Tues 20/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Wed 21/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Thurs 22/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Fri 23/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Canteen Roster - Week 3, Term 4 2020

Mon 26/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Tues 27/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Wed 28/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Thurs 29/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Fri 30/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

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 & 2 - Be Considerate of other people's games and stay in your area.

Notes that have been sent home:-

- Musica Viva visiting show
- Year 2 Intensive Swimming Note
- Year 3 and Year 4 selected Intensive swimming Note
- Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion
- Year 6 Aussie Bush excursion
- Year 6 Canberra excursion cancelled

Singleton Pubic School Details	
Phone	02 6571 2250
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Principal	Deanne Brown
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

Debating

A very well fought debate between the Convincables and Persuaders was held on Friday, 18 September. The Persuaders came away with the win with some excellent rebuttal skills. Well done to both teams.

Mrs Botes
Organising Teacher



Intensive Swimming for Year 2 and Selected Year 3 and 4

Please note that the Intensive Swimming Program may have to be cancelled depending on the Government and Department of Education COVID19 restrictions and guidelines that are in place at that time. As at 12 October 2020 the swimming program will be going ahead.

All students in Year 2 and selected Year 3 and 4 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Term 4, 2020. This will occur every school day over two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 students.

Students will be tested and put into groups according to their ability. Stronger swimmers will receive squad coaching while others may receive coaching on breathing and stroke technique, as well as activities to develop strength and stamina in the water. Therefore it is expected that ALL students participate in the program. Please note: Day 9 will be the assessing day and Day 10 will be Safety Day.

Dates: Monday, 26 October to Friday 6, November 2020 (Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4)

Cost: \$70.00 (lessons and bus for two weeks) by Parent Online Payment

Payment due: Monday, 19 October, 12.30 pm

Equipment: Swimmers, towel and goggles (clearly labelled) and for Safety Day (Day 10) long pants and a long sleeved shirt are required. Due to COVID-19 we ask that students bring a second towel as they will be returning to school in their wet swimmers.

Please note: Refunds will not be possible from 19 October 2020 as the Centre has organised the professional swimming teachers and they have a no refund policy. Memberships/season tickets at the Gym & Swim Centre are not valid for learn to swim programs.

The session times for the two weeks are as follows:

Session 1 (2M, 2NP, 2Z) 12.30 – 1.15 pm

Session 2 (Years 3/4) 1.15 – 2.00 pm

Please note that parent helpers will not be required this year due to COVID-19.

If you need assistance financing this program please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office. All requests are strictly confidential and must be made at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the program. Strictly no late payments can be accepted.



Musica Viva Dr Stovepipe

This term we have the visiting show Musica Viva – Dr Stovepipe performing via 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

Ritchies Community Benefits App

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies App, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit Singleton Public School, but also you as well.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, Singleton Public School will receive 0.5%* of our nominee's spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS you will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



A promotional graphic for the Ritchies app. At the top left is a 'RITCHIES CELEBRATING 150 YEARS' logo featuring a portrait of a man. To the right, text reads 'Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.' Below this, a smartphone displays the app interface with a 'COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM' banner. To the left of the phone, a list of 'BENEFITS:' is shown with icons: a hand holding a heart (Supporting clubs, schools and charities made easy), a piggy bank (Special offers and savings exclusive to members), a smartphone (Digital Ritchies Card with an easy-to-use app), and a crossed-out dollar sign (Free to join - start saving instantly).

ASCIA Survey

The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) is in the process of developing minimum standards for the management of anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education centres across Australia, following a review of all state and territory policies and guidelines.

The next phase in the development of these standards, is to engage with parents/guardians of children with severe allergies who are currently enrolled in school and/or childcare services, in an online survey.

The purpose of the survey is to identify key issues in anaphylaxis management in schools and childcare settings. The information collected will assist in the development of nationally consistent standards that effectively prevent, recognise and treat anaphylaxis.

The surveys are anonymous and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, with the survey closing at midnight on Friday, 23 October 2020. The survey can be found at <https://nationalallergystrategy.org.au/projects/school-and-ecec>.

Library Bookfair

This year, our Book Week celebration will be on Thursday, 22 October 2020. The 2020 theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We will be celebrating with a Book Week Parade and an online Book Fair. Students are welcome to come dressed up in their favourite costume.

We can't wait to see what our creative students come up with.

Due to COVID-19, the Book Fair will be a little different this year as we will be holding an Online Book Fair.

While the school will still get a delivery of books from Scholastic for the students to view and purchase, the payments will be made online. As per previous years, students will be given the opportunity to view the books and create their wish list as per the pictures below.

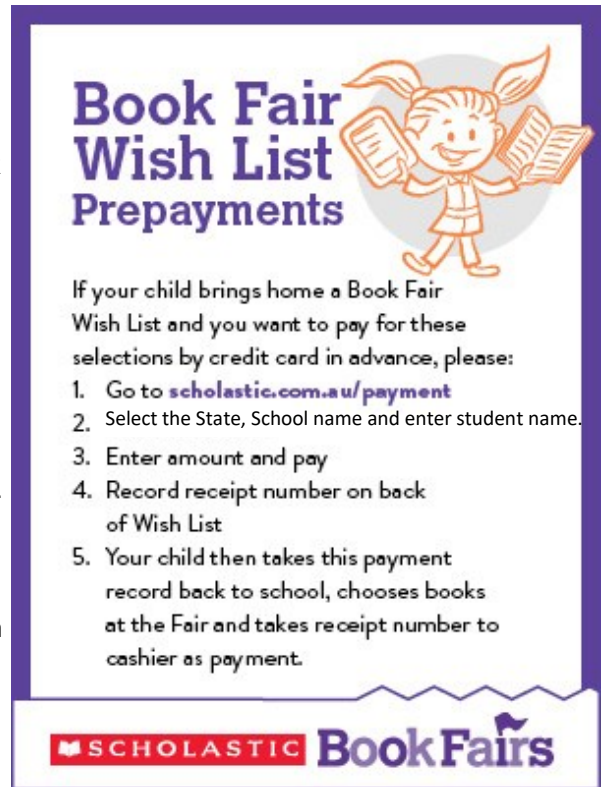
Parents can then organise payment at scholastic.com.au/payment. Select the state and school, enter your child's name and payment amount. Enter credit card details and amount. Once your payment has finalised you will be given an 8 digit receipt number to record on the wish list. Make sure you highlight the books that you would like them to order.

On the day of the bookfair, students will be able to hand in their wish list with the receipt number and books required to the library staff to organise their order.

Alternatively some parents may elect to make a payment to a value of their choice for their child to spend at the fair. In this instance, the wish list will still need to be returned with the receipt number and value on it.

The items that will be available include books, posters and stationery items at a range of prices.

Should the book your child has selected be sold out on the day, the library staff will organise a reorder and the books should arrive in the following weeks.



Book Fair Wish List Prepayments

If your child brings home a Book Fair Wish List and you want to pay for these selections by credit card in advance, please:

1. Go to scholastic.com.au/payment
2. Select the State, School name and enter student name.
3. Enter amount and pay
4. Record receipt number on back of Wish List
5. Your child then takes this payment record back to school, chooses books at the Fair and takes receipt number to cashier as payment.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Student Wish List

Child's Name: _____


Teacher: _____ Class: _____

School: _____

I previewed the books at my Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some of the books that interested me:

TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: if you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please see over for a pre-payment option. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!



You can make a secure credit card payment online. Please ensure your child presents this at the Fair to collect their books.

RECORD YOUR PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER BELOW

Please go to: www.scholastic.com.au/payment

You will receive an 8-digit receipt number with your credit card payment. Please record this number below and provide details of the credit card holder.

RECEIPT NUMBER AMOUNT PAID

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First Name: _____

Surname: _____

School: _____

Suburb/State: _____ Daytime Tel: _____

Please fill out details clearly in either blue or black pen. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!



PBL Winners

Congratulations to the PBL winners for Term 3 pictured here are Taneesha, Acacia, Matthew, Annabeth, Hamish, Rosie, Mackenzie, Blake, Justin, Annie and Zarleya. Absent is Olivia.



Statement of Accounts

Statement of Accounts will be sent home this week. These are usually sent home with students each term.

We understand that due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, there may be families who are facing financial hardship and are unable to make the payment at this time and that is understood. Unless there is a due date for excursions or shows, payments can be taken throughout the entire year.

Items that may be listed on Statement of Accounts include voluntary School Contributions and the voluntary P&C Levy, visiting shows, School magazine subscription, instrument hire, etc.

For those families wishing to make any payments, the preferred method is via our online payment system via the school website at <https://singleton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. Click on "Make a Payment" and you will be taken to the secure Westpac Make a Payment page. Complete the form by ensuring you complete any fields with a red *.

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

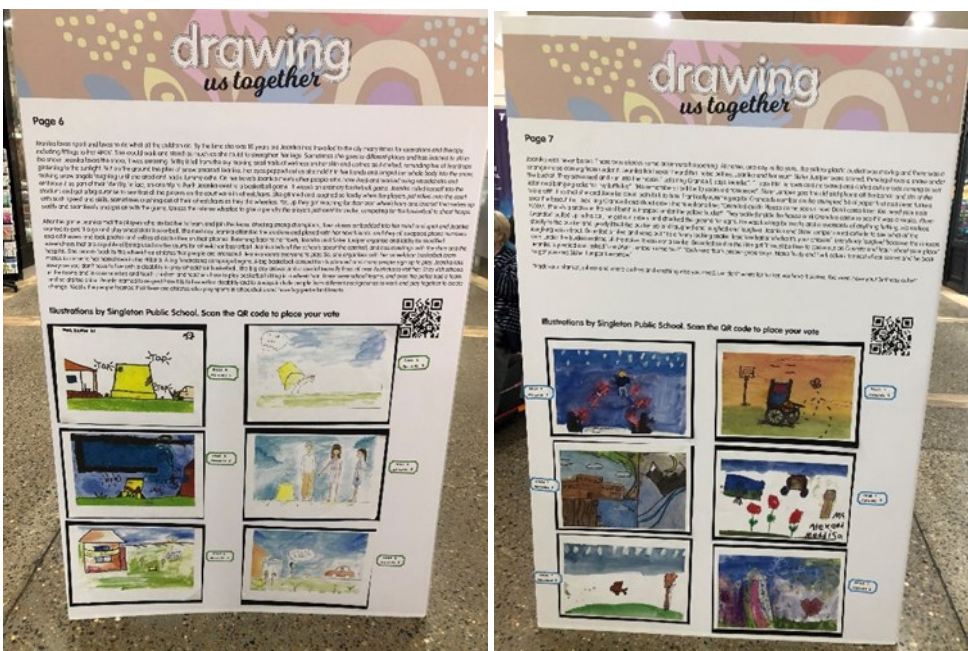
A reminder to parents and carers that if your child is having a COVID19 Test you need to notify the school. You will also need to notify the school once you have received the results and send the screen shot via the app as per the information below. Students cannot return to school until the school has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

Student Artwork - voting open

Please visit Singleton Square and vote for our student's artwork!

Maddison, Johnny, Mackenzie, Noah and Nichapa have been chosen as finalists in the Singleton Square NAIDOC Storybook project. Vote for your favourite artwork on display in the Singleton Square (pictured display) by scanning the QR Code. Congratulations to all of the students involved. Your efforts were amazing!



Brian Kirkland Cup

The Brian Kirkland Cup will be held on Friday, 23 October at Pirtek Park. Students will need to make their own way to Pirtek Park. Unfortunately parents are not allowed to attend on this day due to COVID19 restrictions. A note will be sent home to selected students with further information.

Primarily Active Gymnastic Program

The school have arranged for Primarily Active to visit the school once a week for all students to attend an 8 week program. Each class will attend the program on a Tuesday for half hour. The cost will be \$20.00 per student starting on Tuesday, 20 October. This program is partially subsidised by the school. A note with further information will be sent home in the coming days.

Canteen News

From Week 2 the Canteen will now be open from Mondays to Fridays for both lunch and recess for Flexischool orders only.

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.

Thank You

The staff of SPS would like to thank the P&C and the school community for organising the "Thanks a Latte" day at the Wattaka Café. This provided staff with a free coffee and/or treats on Wednesday, 14 October. This generous offer was very much appreciated by all staff.



Year Six Canberra Excursion

As you are aware, we have been waiting for the Department of Education to release their guidelines regarding excursions. This information came out at the end of Term 3 and there were some updates added during the holiday break.

Although excursions including overnight excursions are now permitted, interstate travel is not permitted.

This means that the Year 6 Canberra excursion has been cancelled.

We have looked at several other options and are pleased to announce that we have been successful in gaining a position at Aussie Bush Camp for Year 6!

We are excited that Year 6 will still be able to have an excursion in 2020 to celebrate their last year at Singleton Public School.

The dates for the excursion are Wednesday, 2 December to Friday, 4 December 2020. This is the same time that our Year 5 students will be attending however they will participate in different programmes.

A separate permission note with full details will be sent home.

Regarding payment and refunds there will be several options:-

All payments rolled over to the Aussie Bush excursion. Any payments over and above the cost of Aussie Bush will be refunded via EFTPOS. Parents will need to complete a Student Refund Application.

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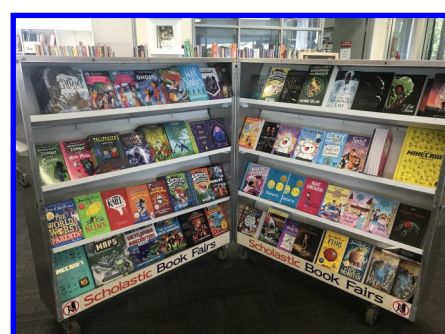
All payments rolled over to the Aussie Bush excursion. Any outstanding balances will need to be paid by the due date on the permission note.

Full refund and student not attend Aussie Bush.

Please indicate on the Aussie Bush Permission Note (sent separately) your preference regarding payment, refunds and/or attendance.

Book Fair

Pictured below are the wonderful books that will be available to purchase at the library book fair on Thursday, 22 October. Information on how to purchase the books is on Page 7 of this newsletter.



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SPOT JOE RIDER to WIN!

Spot our 'Joe Rider' motorcyclist on a local road between **19-23 October** for your chance to **WIN**

Daily prize **\$50** voucher
Weekly prize ... **\$250** voucher

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER

Do your bit, look out for motorcyclists and help keep them safe!

JOE RIDER SINGLETON COUNCIL

Go to singleton.nsw.gov.au for details and to enter

High Performing Students Team

NSW GOVERNMENT

Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in **2022**

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Key Dates

Application website opens: 13 October 2020

Application website closes: 16 November 2020
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released: 25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test: 11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released: 2 July 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

From this year, you will be able to log into your application to send and receive messages and notices.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document. Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as "the Team" in this document.

Contact Details:
High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 690 357
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/77225105301086/>

Kicking Competition

As part of our Year 6 mufti sports day on Friday, 25 September, students participated in a "Big Kick" competition.

Congratulations to Harry who won the kicking competition and congratulations to Max who came runner up. Well done boys!



Registration & Information Days for 20/21 Season
Monday 12th & 19th October from 4 - 5.30pm at Singleton Gym & Swim

www.singleton.swimming.org.au

Main Objectives

- *Gaining confidence in the water & in racing
- *Developing a life skill
- *Building new friendships
- *Achieving personal bests
- *Enjoyment

SASC is a registered Active Kids Provider.
Download your \$100 voucher to eliminate rego costs at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Singleton Amateur Swimming Club
Since 1928

Due to COVID-19 pressures, we have reduced our fees to \$100 for all swimmers.

Active Kids Vouchers will cover this fee automatically online at point of purchase.

First Competition night is Thursday 22nd October 5.30pm for a 6pm start

Our club welcomes all abilities from our junior swimmers through to our national swimmers. We look forward to meeting new families and welcoming back familiar ones.

Our club offers two free trial nights for new swimmers.

Competition nights are now held Thursday evenings throughout school terms 4 and 1 from 6pm.

Last comp night is Thursday 18th March 2021.

KEEP CALM AND SWIM

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YEARS

Thomas Ritchie

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Singleton Public School

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- Shop at Ritchies
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Go to www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty
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MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Take a moment for you!
Take a photo that represents your strength, resilience or happy place!

#TAKEAMOMENT4U

Take, tag and post your photo on Instagram!
Spread the word!

Health
Sydney
Local Health District

Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 9 2020

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Hunter Stevie	KM	Maddison Alayah
KS	Angus Mitchell	1D	Chryssa Oscar
1S	Brax Sophia	2M	Khloe Ruby
2NP	Mitchell Harlen	1/2Z	Andrew Joey
3C	Stella Steve Liam	3D	Matilda Alana Logan
3/4P	Imogen Taisie Jazmyn	4A	Zahra Meika Flynn
4/5H	Cooper Thomas Knox	5BF	Koby Emily Sophie
5S	Mackenzie Hannah Lochie	6B	Debating Teams
6S	Taneesha Chad Lillian Hunter	7B	Phoenix
		7W	Bella

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 10 2020

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Nate Keziah	KM	Emelia Ari
KS	Kaydence Poppy	1D	Lesley Kaden Kupe
1S	Shiloh Zoe	2M	Alannah Domenic
2NP	Blake Chen-Jyun	1/2Z	Ava Matilda
3C	Bowen Eloise Marley	3D	Harvey Savannah Hunter
3/4P	Lauryn Carter Aiden	4A	Alexis Nate Dakodah
4/5H	Oliver Ila Acacia	5BF	Ewan Noah Koby Jackson
5S	Eva Felicity Kayden	6B	Kayley Brianna Thomas
6F	Mia Lily	7B 7W	Joseph Blayke

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

QUALITY



Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Deanne Brown
Principal

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by Friday, 30 October 2020.

✂ _____ Cut here and return the note below to the school _____

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Date: _____



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Education

25 September 2020

Term 4 Guidelines and Update 25.09.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

SPS staff would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to our school community for the support and understanding shown during our rapidly changing and unprecedented year so far. We have faced many challenges and 'outside the box' thinking to continue as many of our school activities as permitted.

As we head into Term 4, there have been some changes to activities we are able to undertake. The re-instating of Kinder Orientation, Year 7 transition and excursions (in NSW at this stage) are certainly events we are all looking forward to.

While non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events, we are already planning and organising ways to ensure parents, carers and families will have some aspect of involvement in major Term 4 events that meet our NSW DoE guidelines.

While the majority of our processes for Term 4 will remain unchanged, we are developing our plans for those events and activities we can now hold. Information for specific activities and school events will be communicated in Term 4.

Please read the information below for a summary of the Advice for Families which can be found on the NSW DoE website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

Check the latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site.

Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the NSW COVID-19 website.

School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe,
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. *Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptoms free before being permitted to return to school.*

NEW INFORMATION: Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

SEASONAL ALLERGY AND HAYFEVER NEW INFORMATION: Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Find more information about COVID-19 symptoms.

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent or carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

Hygiene

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

School activities and school site usage

What's changed:

The following activities can now proceed for Term 4:

- Saturday School for Community Languages will return to face-to-face learning.
- Interschool activities
- Singing and chanting with strict restrictions
- Playing wind instruments with strict restrictions
- School formals, dances and graduations with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Excursions and day camps with strict restrictions
- Kindergarten orientation with strict guidelines
- Year 7 transition to high school.

The following principles underpin these measures:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Interschool activities can now take place.
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers except for face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential (e.g. to discuss disciplinary or other welfare matters).
- Parent volunteers to support educational purposes are welcome for **scheduled activities** such as reading groups and kitchen garden programs. These volunteers must sign an external visitors form upon entry to the school as well as following SPS sign in procedures. **Educational volunteers and processes will be scheduled and managed by the SPS executive team when required to support students and staff during Term 4.***
- Singing and other chanting activities can take place as a solo or in a small group as long as participants are 5 metres away from other people and 1.5 metres away from one another. Groups of up to 5 people can include students from different year groups.
- Musical instruments activities can proceed provided students playing non-reeded woodwind instruments are 3 metres apart and all other performers playing musical instruments are 1.5 metres apart.
- Singing and band rehearsals and performances should take place outside or in well ventilated indoor spaces
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are permitted provided they meet strict COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Activities and site usage that can take place:

- Students can use the school library.
- Students can engage in sporting activities.
- School sporting events and activities held within the school site during school hours must not involve spectators including parents and carers. The only exception is when there is an explicit request from the school to support the delivery of curriculum.
- Parent volunteers to support educational purposes are welcome for **scheduled activities** such as reading groups and kitchen garden programs. **See above.*

- School sporting events and activities held outside of the school site during hours will need to follow the [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) of the venue or organiser.
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at the principal's discretion.
- School assemblies must be limited to 15 minutes with no external visitors.
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum-related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests).
- Incursions or external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold).
- Excursions and day field trips within NSW (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to the local river to collect water samples) can occur from Term 4.
- Overnight activities can occur from Term 4 in accordance with strict COVID safe requirements.
- Kindergarten orientation in Term 4
- Year 7 transition to high school in Term 4 after 12 November.
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only.
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

Activities on hold

The following events will continue to be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- **Interstate excursions**
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- Face-to-face professional learning for staff
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school barbecues, large parent information evenings and large on-site cultural events.
- P&C meetings should continue online only. P&C social events or functions including dinners, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues that involve parents and other adults are not permitted in Term 4.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff. As such, schools should ensure school pickup and dropoff arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff. Schools should consider strategies to avoid large congregations during school pickup and dropoffs. [SPS will continue with our current Term 3 drop off and pick up procedures as we commence Term 4.](#)

Year 6 assemblies and farewell

Further information will be provided in Term 4 for these events. At this stage the Year 6 assembly will be for students and staff only. We are exploring livestreaming, recording and virtual platforms to share with parents, carers and families. The Year 6 farewell will be held in December for students. Details regarding this will be provided next term.

Deanne Brown
Principal

