



Newsletter

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

Week 9 Term 3

16 SEPTEMBER 2020

Calendar of Events

Wednesday 16 September	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only. Year 3 and 4 Girl talk note and payment due
Thursday 17 September	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only. Year 3 and 4 Girl Talk
Friday 18 September	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only.
Monday 21 September	Year 3 Check in assessment
Tuesday 22 September	Year 3 Check in assessment
Wednesday 23 September	School Photos - bring photo envelope to school and wear full school uniform 8.50 am Captains and Vice Captains school photo.
Friday 25 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 12 October	First day of Term 4 for staff and students
Tuesday 13 October	Year 6 Rock and Water note due back
Wednesday 14 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only.
Thursday 15 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only.
Friday 16 October	Canteen open for Flexischools lunch and recess orders only.

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

7B busy participating in cooking



Year 6 Zoom session hosted by Singleton High School



Year 6 verses staff in Soccer



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From the Principal

Term 3 Wrap up!

We are approaching the end of Term 3 and for our students it has been the first full term of on-site learning this year. We are very proud of the achievements and learning engagement our students have shown during the year so far and we are looking forward to an action packed Term 4.

Updated Guidelines in relation to COVID19 restrictions will be provided to schools for Term 4. As we receive these updates, we will advise our parents/carers and community of any changes. Please ensure you have downloaded our SchoolZine app and liked our school Facebook page to stay up to date with any communication.

Colour Run Term 4

The P&C are working busily to put together a COLOUR RUN on Friday, 20 November for our students. The day will be loads of fun with bursts of colour and splashes of water spray and an individually served sausage sizzle for the students. A great way to celebrate our school life for 2020. We thank the P&C for providing all the supplies and equipment for the event.

Students will need a white or light coloured T-shirt to wear so they can 'get coloured'. Old shorts and shoes are also a good idea!

Students who catch the bus home from school will need to bring a full change of clothes to wear home on the bus.

The school staff will coordinate the event during the day in line with the Term 4 COVID guidelines.

Organisation for the day will be released once we have our updated COVID19 guidelines for Term 4. At this point in time, it will be a student only event and we will conduct the run in stage cohorts.

Term 3 Holidays

The last day for Term 3 is Friday, 25 September. School resumes on Monday, 12 October 2020. There is no Staff Development Day at the start of Term 4.

Check in Assessment Year 3

New online Reading and Numeracy assessments have been developed by the NSW DoE. The Check-in Assessment has been made available to schools to monitor and assess the Year 3 and Year 5 students learning following our 'Learning from Home' experiences.

We will be using these assessments to monitor and target our existing supports for students in Reading and Numeracy. The data from these assessments is available to teachers once the assessments have been completed and will assist them in 'fine tuning' their teaching to meet the specific needs of students.

Our Year 5 students participated in the Check in Assessment at the end of Week 5 and the teachers have already begun analysing the results and planning where to next.

Year 3 will participate in the assessments during Week 10 and their teachers will then analyse the data to determine the next steps in their specific learning journey.

Students with a disability, who receive extra support during their learning will also be able to access this support during the Check-in Assessment.

Students will need to bring ear phones in for the assessments.

COVID-19

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. Students cannot return to school until the school has sighted a negative result. To upload your screen shot or medical certificate 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.

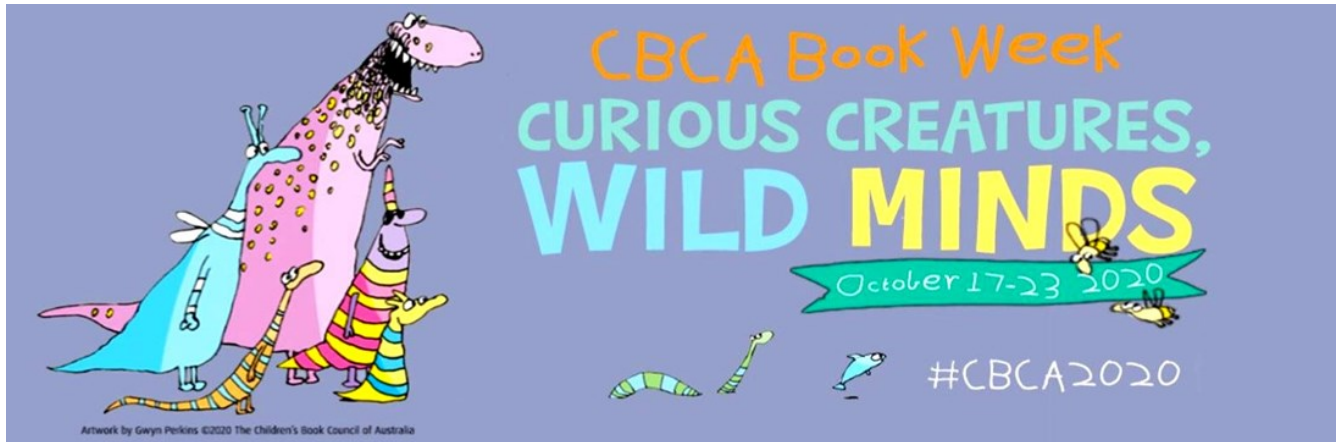


Pictured right KJ investigating live bugs.

Book Week and Book Parade

Start organising your costumes for the Book Week Parade on Thursday, 22 October.

The parade will be students only at this point in time. Staff will ensure we have photos and videos to show of the event.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

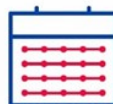
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
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4 weeks



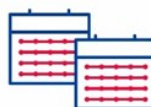
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Sunsmart Snippet

Create good habits



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
- Slap on a sun smart hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

Creating good sun protection habits from childhood helps reduce exposure to UV and the risk of skin cancer and eye damage.

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 3 2020

Mon 21/9/20	No volunteers are permitted onsite
Tues 22/9/20	No volunteers are permitted onsite
Wed 23/9/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Thurs 24/9/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Fri 25/9/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.

Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 4 2020

Mon 12/10/20	No volunteers are permitted onsite
Tues 13/10/20	No volunteers are permitted onsite
Wed 14/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Thurs 15/10/20	Online lunch orders. No volunteers required.
Fri 16/10/20	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 9 & 10 - Using school property responsibly

Notes that have been sent home:-

School Photos

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

Year 6 Canberra Excursion Survey Results

We have collated the responses to the Year 6 Canberra Excursion Survey. Overall, 76% of parents are happy for the excursion to go ahead within the guidelines and restrictions and/or reassess at the start of Term 4. This will allow us to look at any updates to the DoE guidelines and make a decision accordingly.

For those parents/carers that answered "No" to attending the excursion, we will update the student numbers with Saxbys for accommodation and bookings purposes. Should you want to reconsider in Term 4, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

All monies for the excursion will need to be paid by the due date (Monday, 2 November) however if the school needs to cancel the excursion in Term 4 due to COVID19 restrictions and guidelines, families will receive a full refund and the school will incur any costs involved cancellation and administration fees.

Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion

A decision regarding the Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion will be made early in Term 4. It will depend on the Government and Department of Education COVID19 restrictions and guidelines that are in place at that time. The approximate cost for the excursion is \$305.00 and the due date for final payment would be on Tuesday, 24 November.

School Photos

In 2020 MSP Photography will be taking the Singleton PS School Photographs. They will be on Wednesday, 23 September 2020. **Photo envelopes have been sent home last week.**

MSP Photography use a pre-pay system for their photographic services either cash (correct money only) or you can also make online payments to MSP. Instructions are on the personalised photo envelopes that have been sent home.

These personalised photo envelopes need to be filled in correctly, payment enclosed or receipt number from online payments written on the envelope, and returned to school on the Photo Day.

Please do not misplace the envelope as it contains a shoot key that enables you to order and pay for the photos online and a barcode for the photographers to scan on the day.

Family/sibling photo envelopes will be available from the school office. These envelopes will also need to be returned to school on the photo day. The family photos are for Singleton Public School students only.

As no large group photos will be taken on the day, the Student Council and School House Captains and Vice Captains photos will also be available as a composite. However as there are only four School leaders – two captains and two vice captains – a small group photo can be taken with these students together. This photo only will be taken before school. The children involved will need to be at school at 8.50 am, ready for the photo at 9.00 am sharp. They will meet on the verandah at the back of the school hall (under the COLA). The photos will be able to be ordered approximately 4 weeks after the school photos.

Please note: the school office or canteen does not handle change or money for photo day so the correct money is essential. Full school uniform must be worn by all students, including navy socks and black shoes.

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

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Stewart House

Earlier in the year, donation envelopes were sent out as a fundraiser for Stewart House. The fundraiser was postponed to later in the year due to COVID19. The school can now accept the donation envelopes again if you would like to send in your envelope with a gold coin donation. Alternatively, you can ask your child to come to the office to get another envelope.

P&C News

The P&C has been busy making plans to bring a little joy to the remainder of 2020! About this time of year, we would normally have our annual fete and obviously that hasn't been possible this year, however, we are super excited to announce that we will be holding a colour run for the students as a 'consolation prize' to give them all something to look forward to and put a colourful smile on all their faces. We plan for the colour run to be a non-fundraising event and hope that it simply brings some joy to what has been a pretty average year in regard to having missed out on lots of different things. At this stage, due to restrictions, it will just be a day for students and teachers but we will have more information as the date draws near – the date for the colour run is set for Friday, 20 November 2020.

The Canteen is running super efficiently with the Flexi-School ordering and we have now opened up Flexischools for online orders for recess. We are still not wanting to have cash, so please order through Flexischools for either lunch and recess on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We have also set up Flexischools so that you can order school hats (\$10 each) and music books, which will be delivered to classrooms when ordered.

THANKS-a-LATTE – the P&C have set up an initiative to thank all the SPS teachers and staff for the amazing work they have done this year managing with all the restrictions and still keeping our children safe and happy. Thanks-a-Latte works by families donating money (on Flexischools) which will allow the teachers and staff to get a coffee on us from the Wattaka Café. So please donate so we can all say a big thank you!

The SPS yearbook is being put together again this year and we are looking for sponsors to advertise in the yearbook.

Funds received from the advertising allows us to reduce our cost of sale for the yearbooks. The printing costs are usually \$30+ per book, but with the help of our sponsors we are able to get the sale price of the yearbook down to about \$15 - \$20 making it much more affordable. If you know a business that would like to advertise or your family would like to sponsor the magazine, please get in touch with us via the P&C Facebook page.

The SPS P&C is grateful for all the support we receive and would like to send out a shout out to all our volunteers, while we aren't able to help out in Canteen and Breakfast Club at the moment we are thinking of all our volunteers and look forward to being able to welcome everyone back once we are allowed on the school site again.

Thank you everyone, stay safe.

Nicole Furness
P&C President



As a community we want to thank the teachers & staff at Singleton Public School for all their hard work during a challenging few terms.

THANKS A LATTE!

Wednesday 14th October is 'Our Shout' for coffee & treats at Wattaka Cafe for teachers & staff at SPS!

Make your contribution by going to www.flexischools.com.au
In our online shop



Give \$2.50 or a larger amount! It's completely up to you!

All donations are very much appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW!!!

You can order your child's School Hat or Music Books online at Flexischools!

Go to Flexischools online to order. Scroll down to the online shop & press ORDER, this will give you the opportunity to order a Hat or Music Book.

www.flexischools.com.au

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.

As per last fortnight's newsletter, 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
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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!




MAJESTIC CINEMAS

WE'RE BACK

ALL YOU NEED IS THIS VOUCHER!

\$9.90*

ALL TICKETS

Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas Singleton for a \$9.90 movie ticket

Valid Until: 14th October, 2020

*Conditions: coupon must be surrendered to receive ticket offer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon valid for up to 4 tickets per use.

PH: 6 571 5252
WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU

Community Announcements

Junior Futsal at Singleton Heights Sports Centre

When: Term 4, Monday afternoons from 4pm

Who: Under 8's and Under 12's competitions (rego as an individual or as a team)

How much? \$8 per child, per game (10wks)

Email singletonSC@belgravialeisure.com.au

Or

Facebook message Singleton Heights Sports Centre



**PHOTO DAY
INFORMATION
COVID-19**

Dear Parents,

Mindful of the current situation and in consultation with your school, MSP Photography will be implementing a safer process for the taking of school photos this year. This new process has been designed in accordance with the most recent guidelines currently issued by the relevant Health Authorities, which are being monitored daily.

Our staff are photographing at a different school each day therefore we need to maintain the strictest of Covid-19 health guidelines to minimise the possibility of transmission and infection.

This has been an extraordinarily difficult year in many ways, and we appreciate your understanding that things cannot be the same as they normally are.

We acknowledge that this may be disappointing however, the health and safety of everyone is our main priority as you can appreciate.



This year, the format for school photos will change to a group composite style. Each student will be photographed individually, with the group created digitally as a composite.

Our product will be the same as previous years just in a slightly different format.

This will eliminate the need for students to be grouped together in close contact with either themselves, or our staff.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS INCLUDE:

- Students will move in and out of the portrait studio area individually.
- The area will be set up in such a way as to ensure that each individual student will maintain the recommended physical distancing guidelines of 1.5m from other students and the photographer.
- MSP Photography staff will provide instructions to each class upon entry to the photography area.
- Hygiene and cleaning guidelines used by MSP Photography staff are in accordance with information distributed by the relevant Health Authorities.

MSP Photography Hunter & Central Coast

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Year 6 Verses Staff in Soccer

On Friday, 11 September Year 6 and staff hit the school field for a friendly game of soccer. It was a lovely afternoon with so much excitement from all the children. The final score was 2-2 which was a magnificent way to end another week. Many thanks go to Mrs Stewart for organising the games.



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 7 2020

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Aliyah Charlie	KM	Maddison Samuel
KS	Hayden Josie	1D	Abigail Ethan
1S	Harrison Lachlan	2M	Annie Mason
2NP	Ivy Larni	1/2Z	Gemma Lucy
3C	Charles Oliver Lewis	3D	Thomas Charlotte Deon
3/4P	Cooper Zaskia Elizabeth	4A	Sunny Levi Lachlan
4/5H	Savannah Jaylen Bobbi	5BF	Ewan Aeryn Isabella
5S	Eustie Desert Riley	6B	Lauren Jasmine
6S	Alisha Bailey Isabelle	7B	Phoenix
		7W	Kaiden

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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 8 2020

Class Award Recipients K-6

KJ	Maddison Callan	KM	Hunter Indi-Lee
KS	Quinn Amelia	1D	Savannah Harry
1S	Sophia Alexa	2M	William Eli
2NP	Ivy Layla	1/2Z	Riley Ava
3C	Rosie Addison Liam	3D	Danika Macey Lila
3/4P	Brendan Liam Ross Amittie Horn	4A	Grace Harry Cooper
4/5H	Jackson Plum Hudson Neville Cailin Martin	5BF	Grace Ewan Mitchell
5S	Lincoln Wilson Tristan Tari Cadel Newman	6B	Zoe Thomas Hayden
6F	Amelia Justin	7B 7W	Christopher Harriett

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Singleton Public School

Our school offers high quality education in a welcoming and supportive environment, reflecting our core values of respect, responsibility and quality. We have a highly committed and qualified staff who provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum for your child. We are recognised for the wide range of outstanding educational, sporting and cultural experiences on offer. All children are encouraged to achieve to their fullest academic potential and to excel in chosen areas of interest.



**Kinder
2021
Enrol
Today**



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