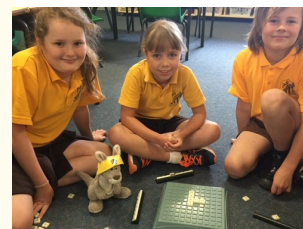


Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 6

16 November 2017



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Principal's Report

With just over 20 school days left of the year, it is hard to fathom that we still have so much left to do in this term. Our Kindergarten Orientation transitions finished yesterday, with many excited children and anxious and nervous parents now counting down to the beginning of 2018, for their children to begin 'big school'. I, myself, have a child starting kindergarten next year, so I do have some idea of how those parents are feeling.

Kindergarten
Orientation



We are down to our final three assemblies for the year, with 3-6 on today, a K-2 Assembly next week, and then the 3-6 assembly in Week 8 to give out our yearly sports awards. Then we come to Presentation Day, on Monday, 4th December, which is always a great celebration of the year that we have had, and a wonderful chance to recognise the outstanding student achievement from the year that has been.

The school community has recently undergone a rigorous evaluation of our strategic directions over the past three years, and we are now ready to collate all of that evaluation into a new three-year School Plan, driven by strategic directions across three domains. This is an exciting time.

Congratulations to Josh Ridon, who attended the State Spelling Bee finals last Wednesday. Josh was one of forty four finalists in the Junior section, from across NSW and finished in the final twenty students on the day. Josh had a few things to add to the newsletter about his wonderful achievement and the experience that came with it. He has even added a sizzling start to it: ***When I stepped in to the building my heart started pounding. Everyone else was nervous like me. When the Spelling Bee started, the lights turned on. The practice round was first. I was Number 39. When it came to my turn, my practice word was spy. I got it right! After a few rounds, there were only 20 people left and I was one of them. I finally got out in the fifth round. It was a great experience.***



Staff News

The school has recently appointed a new Defence School Transition Aide to work with students whose families are connected to the Australian Defence Force. Mrs Lisa Baily will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays to support our current families, and any future families that arrive at the school in 2018. We welcome Lisa and look forward to her working closely with our families and students.

The school has also appointed Mrs Jessica Leyshon into our Chaplaincy position that was vacated by Mrs Wendy Mackenzie earlier in the year. Mrs Leyshon will work closely with our teachers and students, providing social support for many of our students, as well as being integral in the Learning and Support team in the school. We welcome Jessica to our school staff, and we are confident that she will make an effective impression across the school.

Stage 3 Beach Excursion

I must make a sincere apology for the sudden changes that we have had to make to ensure the students have a great learning experience at our Surf Life Saving Beach excursion. Originally, we had planned this excursion over two days. However, due to a lack of uptake of students wishing to attend, we re-scheduled for the one day, for all students (Thursday). This was then changed by the SLS group, who have promised us a big surprise for the students on the Tuesday, 21st November which is the day we are scheduled to attend the Stockton Beach excursion. Let's hope the students have an amazing experience.



Our Vision: To promote a culture of school excellence where every child is a creative, confident, life-long learner and a respectful, responsible citizen.

Executive Planning days

The school executive team are meeting this Friday to collate the findings of our whole school evaluations that have been taking place this term and last, to develop a new vision and strategic directions for 2018-2020. The team will then be meeting again on Tuesday, 28th November to hopefully finalise our new School Plan and publish it to our whole school community.



School Planning Committee Meeting

This committee will be meeting this afternoon, from 3:45pm, in the school library, to put the final touches on the school evaluation into community engagement practices that the school currently has, and future directions in several aspects of these practices. This meeting was postponed in Week 4 and will replace the scheduled Week 8 meeting. The school community has P&C representatives on this committee, but you are welcome to attend and have your say.

Staff movement

I will be out of the school on Wednesday, 22nd November, with Mrs Rees and Mrs Dagg, to attend a workshop on strengthening our community connections with families from low socio-economic backgrounds. On Thursday, 23rd November, I will be attending a financial planning workshop with Mrs Watson (School Administration Manager).



Academic Reports

Students will receive their Semester 2 academic reports on Monday, 11th December. During the last week of school, you will have an opportunity to make an appointment to talk with your child's teacher, if you have any questions or clarification about your child's report.

Year 6 HS Transition

The final High School transition day, for Year 6 students, will be on Tuesday, 5th December. This is a state-wide transition day for all Year 6 students.

Christmas Carols

The school's annual Carols on the Green is scheduled for Tuesday, 12th December from 6.00pm. All classes will be performing carols on the night and it should be a lovely evening to celebrate the year and enjoy the Christmas festivities.



Shaun Graham, Principal

FETE NEWS FETE NEWS FETE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fete this year, through donations and the volunteering of your time. It was sincerely appreciated, and helped to contribute to a fun-filled day for all our students and families. This year the Fete made just over \$8,000.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all the local businesses and organisations who contributed to and/or participated at our Fete on the day.

Thank you to...

- ABC Jumping Castles
- Apex Singleton
- Bunnings Singleton
- Singleton Diggers
- Cervos Cafe
- Coal Rock Cafe
- Darlington Rural Fire Service
- Newcastle Perm Bldg Soc
- McDonalds Singleton
- Majestic Cinemas
- The Village Table
- Bakers Delight
- Party Time Mixers
- 6 High School Students
- AIE Optical
- Singleton Lions Club
- Singleton Hi-Fi
- Singleton SES
- St John First Aid
- Subway Singleton
- Roberts Meats

Ann Fuller
Fundraising Coordinator

NOTES AND PAYMENTS DUE

NOTE	WHO	Action Required	Date Due	✓
Good for Kids Program	Year 2 & 3 students	Return Parent/Carer Consent Form	20/11/17	

AWABAKAL EXCURSION 2017

Year 3 really enjoyed travelling to the Awabakal Centre and learnt a lot about aboriginal culture.



2A love having Mari!



REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017



Have you got a Golden Ticket?

The Golden Ticket program runs at first-half lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is a reward program for students who are *'getting it right'*, a program originally created by Michelle Faustini. Each grade has a set week, with up to 4 students from each class, chosen by the class teacher to attend. Students are rewarded by participating in special games and activities. This term, students are having a lolly hunt and playing "The Chocolate Game" on Day 1, making macramé bracelets on Day 2, and watching the Smurfs cartoons whilst enjoying some popcorn on Day 3. It's great to see students making positive choices!



Making macramé bracelets on Movie Day. One day of craft wasn't enough!



Students playing "The Chocolate Game" where 6 is the lucky number!

Charlotte Lewis – Classroom Teacher

School Banking

Our Bronze Award winner for this week is: **Cooper!**
Our Gold Award winners this week are: **Ethan, Riley, Indica, Lukas, Amelia, Marellah & Deegan!**
Congratulations to everyone! Keep up the amazing effort.

Only a few weeks left of School Banking for 2017.

You are still able to get ready for next year.

If you have any questions, please see the ladies in the front office and they can pass a message to me or you can contact me on the SHPS School Banking Facebook

page.

Happy Banking :)
Cheers, Ali



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GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting: **Singleton**

Singleton Square, 1 Gowrie Street

Whole Blood and Plasma

Monday 27 November	9.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 28 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 30 November	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 1 December	9.30am – 3.00pm

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

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

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CANTEEN NEWS



It has again been a very quiet week which has given us time to regroup after the fete. As we wind down to the end of term, some food items will not be restocked so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us or pop in for a visit.

We have a surplus of pies left over from fete day so they are available until sold out.

All drinks have had a price rise of 20cents making our drinks \$2.20 due to the governments recycle plan. This does not include slushies which will remain at \$1.50.

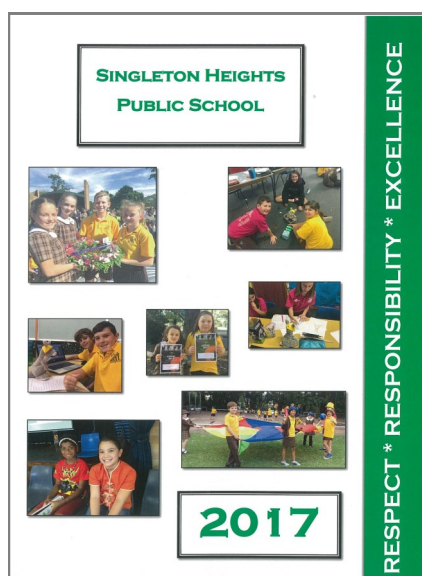
Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped us this week. Without you guys, our canteen would not run as well as it does which is why we are called the canteen team.



CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 4 Week 7 Canteen Hours | MONDAY—FRIDAY | 9.00—1.45 pm

MON 20/11	TUE 21/11	WED 22/11	THU 23/11	FRI 24/11
Lyndall	Jenny	Jenny	Kerry	

SCHOOL MAGAZINES AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE FRONT OFFICE ONLY \$10 EACH



Mark Your
Calendar

Dates to
Remember

November

- ♦ 21st - Stage 3 Surf Life Saving Year 5&6
- ♦ 21st - P & C Meeting
- ♦ 27th - Girls Captain Speeches
- ♦ 28th - Scripture Assembly
- ♦ 29th - Boys Captain Speeches

December

- ♦ 4th - Presentation Day
- ♦ 5th - High School Orientation Day
- ♦ 6th - Choir to Alroy House 2pm
- ♦ 7th - Sport Assembly 11.40am
- ♦ 8th - Band Xmas Concert
- ♦ 12th - Carols on the Green
- ♦ 13th - Year 6 Farewell
- ♦ 13th - PBL Rewards Day
- ♦ 15th - Last day for students



Singleton Heights Public School is a
Crunch & Sip school.
Every student participates in Crunch &
Sip.
Please remember to send a piece of
fruit or vegetables with your child
every day to eat in class.

THE WEEK AHEAD | Term 4 | Week 7

Monday 20/11/17	Tuesday 21/11/17	Wednesday 22/11/17	Thursday 23/11/17	Friday 24/11/17
<p><i>*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am</i></p> <p><i>* Homework Centre until 4:30pm in 1A</i></p>	<p><i>* Beach Excursion Year 5 & 6</i></p> <p><i>* P&C Meeting</i></p>		<p><i>*Clothing Shop 2.45-3.30pm</i></p> <p><i>*Infants Assembly 12.20pm</i></p>	<p><i>*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am</i></p>