

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 7

23 November 2017



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## Principal's Report

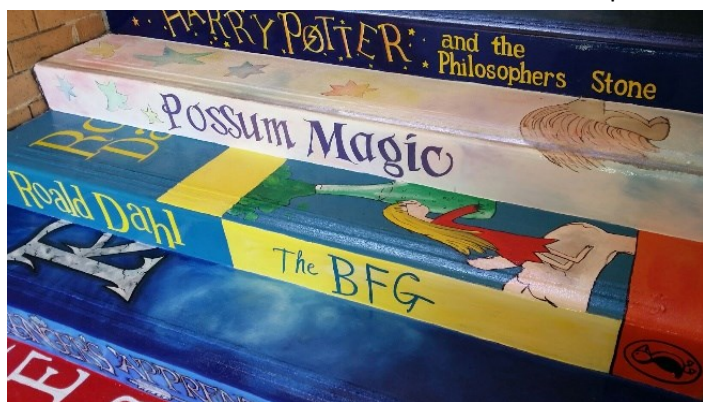
### Super Beach Excursion

With all of the swapping around of our Stage 3 Beach/Surf Life-Saving excursion, it turned out to be a wonderful experience for our students to be able to meet with and talk to a famous Supercar driver, as he prepares to participate in the inaugural Newcastle 500. Mark "Frosty" Winterbottom was able to share experiences with our students as they participated in a series of beach activities to promote awareness of the surf and being at the beach. A story appeared in yesterday's Newcastle Herald and is on display on our noticeboard outside the school office doors. They also had a cameo on the NBN news on Tuesday night. I hope you were able to catch it.



### Library Steps Art

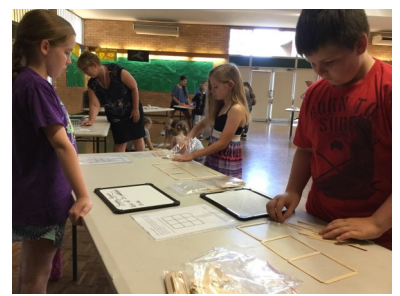
The amazing artwork for our library book steps is well underway and looks absolutely amazing. The ladies from Artypants, Mandy and Carlie have been meticulous in creating the image of famous books stacked on top of each other, to create a set of stairs. Can't wait for the final product!



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

## Family Maths Night

Thank you so much to the parents, students and staff who attended the ChooseMaths Family Maths night last week. It was great to see that we had almost 60 parents and children turn up for this event, which was not only a great opportunity to learn about mathematical thinking, but a feel-good family event. Let's hope we can host more of these in the near future. Thank you so much to the students who came along to TEACH the younger students about mathematical problem solving.



## School Canteen Volunteers

I cannot stress the importance of your support in volunteering to help out on our school canteen, both until the end of the year and during 2018. At least one day a week it would be wonderful to see any new or current families pop in and help out throughout the day. You will have expert guidance from our wonderful canteen supervisor, Carol, and it is so much fun interacting with the students at recess and lunch. In the past, we have had to use one of our wonderful cleaners to help out, and last week, the Artypants ladies even helped out in serving drinks at lunchtime. This should not be necessary in our large cohort of families. Please make a concerted effort to come in and break the ice, so to speak. You never know, you may just enjoy it so much, you might lock in a regular day to help throughout the week!!



## School Planning

The school executive have worked hard to draft the important elements of our 2018-2020 three-year school plan, based on feedback and evaluation from staff, students, parents and the School Planning Committee. Next Tuesday, the executive staff will be completing the draft plan, in preparation for implementation next year and beyond. Thank you to all of those people who contributed by either completing surveys, helping students with their school planning homework, or by attending many of our School Planning meetings.



## Teacher vacancies

The Merit Selection Panel for our classroom teacher vacancy will be making decisions about applications next week, with possible interviews being held at the end of the week. The classroom teacher position for the ED support class will be decided in early Week 10. I am happy to announce that Mrs Jodi Hay has accepted the position of SLSO for the ED support class, via transfer from Singleton High School. Jodi will bring a wealth of support knowledge to the role and I wish her well in this new position. She will officially begin in 2018.

## Presentation Day

Our School Presentation Day is fast approaching. It will be held at the Singleton Civic Centre, with two presentation ceremonies occurring throughout the day. Our band, choir, dance and Aboriginal cultural group students will be attending and performing at both ceremonies, and will be at the Civic Centre all day. K-2 students will leave school between 9:15 and 9:30, and travel by bus to the venue, with the K-2 presentation beginning at 10am sharp. The ceremony should be finished by 11:30am. Students in Years 3 to 6 will then be bused down to the Civic Centre at 12pm, for a 12:45 start for the ceremony. The Presentation Day should conclude at 2:15pm. Notes were sent home yesterday, so please chase this up with your child, if you haven't seen it come home.

## Carols on the Green

Our Carols on the Green night will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, at the front of our school, from 6pm. Please come along and enjoy a lovely family evening with your children performing many of our favourite Christmas carols.



## School Assembly



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a quick Library awards assembly, for Year 3 to 6 students, with a special visit from the town library to promote their Summer Reading Program. The week after, on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a Sports Awards assembly for Year 3-6 students. This will be the final assembly for the year.



**Dates to remember:** Presentation Day – 4<sup>th</sup> December, SHS Year 6 to Y7 Orientation – 5<sup>th</sup> December, Band Christmas Concert – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10:15-Yrs K, 1 & 6. 11:35 – Y2 to Y5, Academic Reports home – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Carols Night Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Year 6 Farewell – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, PBL Rewards Day 13<sup>th</sup> December, Last day of school – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.



More Beach Excursion photos.

# CANTEEN NEWS



## Breakfast Club:

We need volunteers desperately to join the roster to help us complete our last term of the year. We run Breakfast Club Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing at 8am. This allows us time to set up and be ready for an 8.30am service to our students. The students that use this service vary from 30 to 50 on any given day so two people each morning are needed. Please contact the canteen if you are able to donate 1 ½ hours on these two days. Your duties will include setting up, serving cereal, toast, fruit and milk then cleaning up. Any help is very much appreciated.

## Presentation Day:

On Monday 4/12/2017, Presentation Day will be held at the Civic Centre. A note went home on Wednesday with all the information on it. We are calling for volunteers to help man a canteen at the civic centre plus transporting food items, beverages and equipment to and from the venue. If anyone would like to participate in this project, please contact the canteen.

## Wind Down:

As the school term comes to a close, we will be winding down the canteen. As we run out of stock, we will be utilizing what we have left in supplies. There will always be food items available for lunch, maybe not what the student has preferred, and we will ask them for their second choice.



## CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 4 Week 8 Canteen Hours | MONDAY—FRIDAY | 9.00—1.45 pm

| MON 27/11 | TUE 28/11 | WED 29/11 | THU 30/11 | FRI 1/12 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Lyndall   | Jenny     | Jenny     | Kerry     |          |

# PBL Assembly Star Awards Primary Term 4 Week 4

## CLASS STUDENT

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 2/3C | Chae Barnett    |
| 3R   | Anna Roberts    |
| 3S   | Tipi Paniora    |
| 3/4T | Lucy Griinke    |
| 4N   | Xander Sheath   |
| 4W   | Rosie Hing      |
| 4/5L | Sophie Crampton |
| 4/5O | Summer Stone    |
| 5B   | Sienna Osborne  |
| 5H   | Ella McElhinney |
| 5/6L | Tiahli Dixon    |
| 6C   | Angel Vega      |
| 6V   | Jordie Brown    |



## Digital Parenting

MARTINE OGLETHORPE



Teacher, counsellor, mother to five, passionate about helping families and kids make the best decisions around the use of technology, gaming and devices. Available for speaking on a range of topics to help raise smart and savvy digital kids.



**2:30PM-3:30PM MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**SINGLETON HIGH SCHOOL MPC BUILDING**

R&VP: CALL SHS OFFICE ON 6571 1199 BY 22 NOVEMBER OR GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, CLICK 'EVENTS', CLICK 'DIGITAL PARENTING', CLICK 'GOING'.

## AFTERNOON TEA AVAILABLE

As our families become immersed in technology and the digital world, it is imperative we arm parents with the necessary information, skills, strategies and perspective to help steer themselves and their children through the myriad of information about the digital world.

Whilst there are many challenges we all face, the greatest one is to ensure our children are getting the very best that the technology has to offer, whilst minimising the risk of harm to their personal safety and wellbeing.

### Some of the topics discussed:

- HOW ARE KIDS USING TECHNOLOGY?
- WHAT APPS ARE KIDS USING AND ARE THEY SAFE?
- COPING WITH INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT.
- HOW TO MANAGE VIDEO GAME TIME.
- AVOIDING TECHNOLOGY TANTRUMS.
- PRIVACY, PREDATORS AND REPUTATION.
- PARENTS ARE THE KEY TO SAFE & SMART DIGITAL KIDS.
- ENFORCING BOUNDARIES & KEEPING THE BALANCE.
- STRATEGIES TO TEACH KIDS THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS ONLINE.

**HELPING PARENTS, FAMILIES TEACHERS & STUDENTS INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR DAILY LIVES WITH HELP, UNDERSTANDING & REALISTIC STRATEGIES**

## More photos of Choosemaths Night



## NOTES AND PAYMENTS DUE

| NOTE                  | WHO               | Action Required        | Date Due | ✓ |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------|---|
| Presentation Ceremony | Eligible students | Return permission note | 29/11/17 |   |



## School Banking

Our Bronze Award winner for this week is: **Rylee!**  
 Our Silver Award winner for this week is: **Emma!**  
 Our Gold Award winners this week are: **Mia & Jasper!**  
 Congratulations to everyone! Keep up the fantastic effort, with only 2 more banking weeks to go, the excitement to see if 4N can make a clean sweep of the class term awards or will another class take their victory? And who will be our consistent saver/most deposits for 2017 winners? In the next two weeks I will be letting you know the date that Banking will return in 2018.

Happy Banking :)  
 Cheers, Ali



**BULK billed**  
**EYE**  
 examinations

health fund  
**DIRECT**  
**BILLING**  
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Speers Point

Singleton

1/177 Main Rd

1/65 John St

p 4958 7892

p 6571 5600

**aie** optical  
 Eyecare & Eyewear

## FREE Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program



- Practical Bike Skills
- Free bike service and minor repairs
- Free Helmet
- Refreshments provided

Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Place: PCYC Muswellbrook, Carl St Muswellbrook

For more information contact:

Jenny on 0411 260 735

# 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](http://donateblood.com.au)

**Australian Red Cross**  
**BLOOD SERVICE**



## SYO at Sacred Spaces

SYO Philharmonic will delight audiences with Holst *Jupiter* and Dvořák *New World Symphony*.  
 Join us for an inspiring afternoon of extraordinary music by young performers.

Sacred Spaces, Singleton  
 30 Queen St, Singleton, NSW

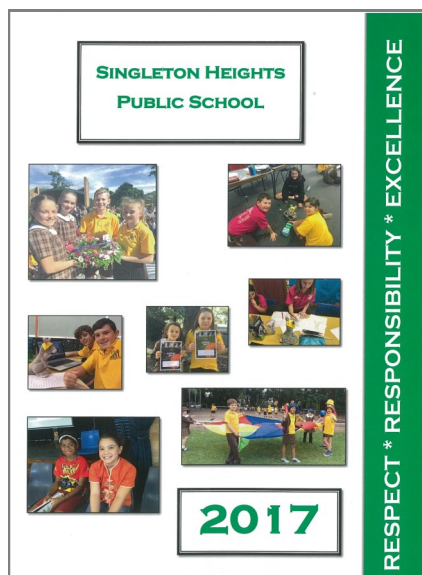
12:30PM, SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2017

Adult \$25  
 Child \$15  
 Concession \$15

Tickets available at the door  
 Book online at [syo.com.au](http://syo.com.au)

**SYDNEY**  
**YOUTH**  
**ORCHESTRAS**

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



Mark Your  
Calendar

Dates to  
Remember

## November

- ♦ 27th - Girls Captain Speeches
- ♦ 28th - Scripture Assembly
- ♦ 29th - Boys Captain Speeches

## December

- ♦ 1st - Cultural Group - Primary
- ♦ 4th - Presentation Day
- ♦ 5th - High School Orientation Day
- ♦ 6th - Choir to Alroy House 2pm
- ♦ 7th - Sport Assembly 11.40am
- ♦ 7th - Defence Christmas Party 10.15-11am
- ♦ 8th - Band Xmas Concert
- ♦ 12th - Carols on the Green
- ♦ 13th - Year 6 Farewell
- ♦ 13th - PBL Rewards Day
- ♦ 15th - Last day for students



What to pack for **Crunch&Sip®**  
**It's simple!**

Crunch&Sip  
means  
vegetables,  
fruit and  
water  
only.



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 8

| Monday<br>27/11/17  | Tuesday<br>28/11/17                | Wednesday<br>29/11/17                        | Thursday<br>30/11/17   | Friday<br>1/12/17                        |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <p><i>*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am</i></p> <p><i>* Homework Centre until 4:30pm in 1A</i></p> <p><i>* Girls 2018 Captain's Speeches</i></p> | <p><i>* Scripture Assembly</i></p> | <p><i>* Boys 2018 Captain's Speeches</i></p> | <p><i>*Clothing Shop 2.45-3.30pm</i></p> <p><i>* Premiers Reading Challenge Assembly 12.20pm</i></p> | <p><i>*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am</i></p> |