

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 10

14 December 2017



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## Principal's Report

Thank you so much for a wonderful, productive year. Our students, your children, have been able to connect, succeed and thrive in a very supportive environment at Singleton Heights Public School. Your generosity and positive outlook have been the driving force behind the positive outcomes we have achieved at this school in 2017. I have been able to see tremendous growth in the children of our school, physically, socially and emotionally this year. I have really enjoyed the buzz that this school community has and look forward to 2018. Next year, with a new school plan driving our direction for the next three years, we have created a vision statement that reflects the goals for our school to continue to build upon the great things we offer every day. We want our new vision, *Positive Relationships, High Expectations, Authentic Learning*, to not only be able to be verbalised by everyone in our community, but we want to reflect these three bold statements in everything we do in the school. It will become imperative that this vision is reflected across the school and wider community.

### Carols on the Green

What an amazing turnout we had for Carols on the Green. I was absolutely humbled by the great participation from our school community and it was such a lovely night to celebrate the lead-up to Christmas. Thank you to the students and teachers for your amazing performances. Thank you to Mrs Levick and Mrs Austin for organising the event, and thanks to Paul Levick for the sound equipment donation. We did eventually find our P&C donated sound system after a little bit of panic! Thank you to the parents and volunteers who organised and coordinated the canteen on the day. Check out some photos below.



*Merry Christmas*



We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 students on Friday, as they start the next Chapter in their lives with a move to High School. They have been an absolutely amazing group of students this year, and a pleasure to say that they are/were our senior school leaders. Thank you to the captains and prefects for your outstanding leadership in 2017. Farewell photos below.



Farewell!





MEMORIES



### New Staff 2018

I would like to announce that we will have three new teaching staff next year. Miss Jessica Allan will be replacing Mrs Tasha Priest in a temporary capacity, on Year 1, and Miss Kate Ferguson will be replacing Mr Collins, in a temporary capacity, also on Year 1. I would also like to welcome Mrs Fiona Kidziak, who has been appointed as the permanent teacher on the Emotional Support class for 2018 and beyond. Miss Kidziak brings a wealth of knowledge and background in working with children in these support classes and she will be a great addition to our teaching team. All of these teachers will officially begin on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



Our other grades and teachers for 2018, with 23 classes again operating, are as follows:

K – Mrs Standen, Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Lewis and Mrs Anderson

1 – Mrs Kempster, Miss Allan, Miss Ferguson and Mrs S. Winsor (1/2)

2 – Mr Andrews, Mr Heien, Ms Brooker, Mrs S. Winsor (1/2) Mrs Cox (2/3)

3 – Mrs Cox (2/3), Miss Rutherford, Mrs Stafford, Mrs Thompson (3/4)

4 – Mrs Thompson (3/4), Mrs Winsor, Mrs Norris

5 – Mr Orr, Mrs Caelli, Mrs Levick

6 – Mrs Vern, Mr Lynch, Miss Hazelwood

### PBL Family Matrix

On the back page, the school's PBL team have developed a matrix of positive behaviours that you may like to ask your children to follow during the school holidays and into 2018. Put it on your fridge or another convenient spot and refer to regularly. We hope you like it.

On behalf of the staff at Singleton Heights Public School, I would like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas. Keep safe over Christmas, particularly around water, where we all need to be vigilant watching our children. Have a wonderful New Year in January and we can't wait to see you all back and refreshed on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Kindergarten will of course have a staggered start, with Best Start assessments being conducted in the first week.

All the best

Mr Graham



*At this Holiday Season more than ever,  
our thoughts turn gratefully to those  
who make our progress possible.*

*Working with you is a gift we appreciate.  
In the spirit of the season,  
we extend a heartfelt  
Thank You for our partnership.*

*Merry  
Christmas!*

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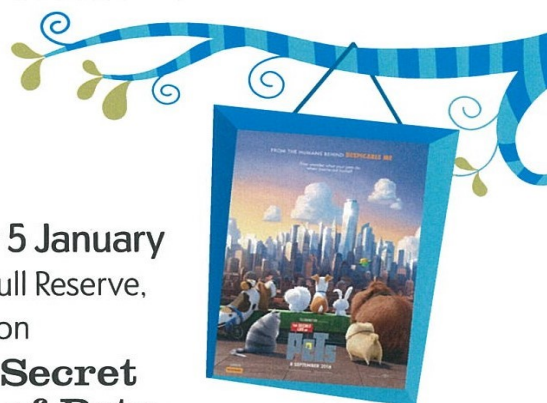
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**Free family-friendly entertainment!**

BYO picnic or purchase food from the food stalls  
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Entertainment from 5.30pm, movie screens at sunset



**Friday 5 January**

Allan Bull Reserve,

Singleton

**The Secret  
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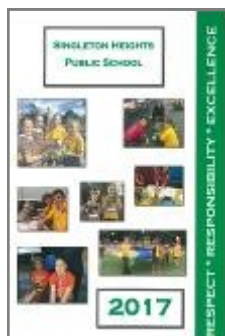
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# CANTEEN NEWS



It's hard to believe but another school year has come to the end .....well in two days it will.

A simple thank you seems inadequate but I really would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every parent/grandparent/high school students/teachers/school staff/ office staff/ visiting contractors and lolly pop ladies who have volunteered to help in the canteen in any big or small way. It takes many pairs of hands, big hearts and lots of energy to get the canteen through a school year and I have been fortunate enough to meet and work with some amazing people, each bringing their own expertise to our work place.

Looking back over the past year, I see 2017 as a learning year. I have realised that our expectations of what we could achieve was higher than what we actually did achieve. Some of our projects were successful whilst some failed, volunteers came then went (through moving or jobs) but from each one we learnt something. Plenty of laughter was had along the way and friendships formed.

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year and bring on 2018 but please make it go slower.

## THE WEEK AHEAD | Term 1 | Week 1

Monday 29/1/18	Tuesday 30/1/18	Wednesday 31/1/18	Thursday 1/2/18	Friday 2/2/18
<b>Staff Development Day</b>	<b>Students return for 2018 Years 1 - 6</b>			



# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

## FAMILY TEACHING MATRIX FOR PBL AT HOME



Family Teaching Matrix	At home	Morning routine	Homework	Meal times	Transport	Play	Bedtime
<b>Respect</b>	Clean up after yourself.  Say kind words.  Say please and thank you.	Dress yourself.  Brush your hair.  Clean your teeth.	Take care of the homework that you are given (readers, games, worksheets, etc.).	Use your cutlery.  Eat healthy food.  Use good table manners.	Be safe getting in and out of the car/bus.  Keep your hands and feet to yourself.  Speak quietly and politely.	Spend time playing sensibly outdoors.  Take turns.  Ask before borrowing others' property.	Go to bed when asked.
<b>Responsibility</b>	Keep your work and play spaces tidy.  Make your bed in the morning.	Pack your bag with all the things you need for school.  Be ready to leave for school on time.	Complete your homework.  Put your readers/ homework in your bag when you have finished.	Set the table.  Clear your things from the table.  Help with cleaning up.	Close the door gently.  Wear your seatbelt.  Follow transport rules.	Look after your belongings.  Neatly pack your things away.	Clean your teeth.  Turn off electronic devices when asked.
<b>Excellence</b>	Believe in yourself.	Know your jobs and help the family to get ready.	Try your best and work towards your goals.	Help the family prepare meals.	Try your best not to distract the driver.	Play creatively inside or outside.	Spend time reading before bed.

