

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 9

7 December 2017



R E S P E C T | R E S P O N S I B I L I T Y | E X C E L L E N C E

Principal's Report

Thank you to the school community for your wonderful attendance at our Presentation Day assemblies on Monday. It was a great celebration of student achievement across the year and there were so many happy students and parents on the day. Thank you to the school band, choir, Aboriginal cultural dance group and the treble makers dance group, for your wonderful performances on the day, and to the teachers, Mrs Winsor, Mrs Levick and Mrs Barwick, for coordinating these great performances. Congratulations to our major award winners:

Citizenship *Abbi Duckworth*

Creative Arts *Rebekah Bock*

Sportsperson *Lilly McNamara*

DUX *Jordie Brown & Emmaline Smith*

Principals Award *Jackson Prangell*

NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge *Deacen Hampstead*



School Leaders 2018

Congratulations to *Eliza Mackenzie* and *Reinhardt Lloyd*, who will be the girls' and boys' captain respectively, in 2018. Congratulations to *Cooper Meldrum*, *Hanz Java*, *Chloe Edwards* and *Josie Hatch*, who will be the boys' and girls' vice-captains in 2018. A great leadership team and I look forward to working closely with you next year to help guide our students in positive directions.

Staff Leaving

As we wind down on another school year, a very special 2017, it is with huge regret to have to inform the school community that we are going to be losing two of our very strong teaching staff next year and beyond. Mrs Tasha Priest has been a wonderful asset to our school and an amazing teaching that positively touches the lives of the children in her classroom. She is a valuable colleague who has mentored, supported and become close friends with many of our staff. She has developed positive relationships in many ways across our community and will be missed dearly. Mrs Priest has received a permanent position in a school in her home town of Mudgee and will take up that position on Day 1 2018. We wish her all the best. Mr Nathan Collins has been offered a relieving Assistant Principal position at Hamilton North Public School and will also be taking up that position on Day 1 2018. Mr Collins will be huge loss to the school and has developed many close friendships with staff, and positive relationships with students and their families over the years he has been here. I thank him for his leadership across the school and he leaves behind a legacy of new and inspiring teaching and learning that he has introduced through his coordination of Quality Teaching Rounds, and in Stage 3 this year, he has collaboratively introduced RAD (Rich, Authentic, Deep) learning, which will be carried through in 2018. We wish him all the best in his new endeavours.



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

Permanent Teacher position – On another note, Mrs Bianca Vern was the successful applicant to receive the position of permanent classroom teacher, replacing Mr Terry Cone in our staffing allocation, who officially retired earlier this year. The school is very lucky to continue to have someone with the high calibre of teaching experience that Mrs Vern has. Congratulations, Mrs Vern.

Filling two positions

The school is currently undergoing an expression of interest process to employ two temporary teachers on classrooms in 2018. All current teaching staff, other than the two mentioned above, will continue in classroom teacher roles in 2018, however, the two positions that we need to fill are Mrs Courtney Smith's position and Mr Nathan Collins' position. Both of these staff will still hold permanency at the school but are going to be taking up positions in other schools in 2018.

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Alroy Choir Visit

What an enjoyable time our school choir had at Alroy House yesterday when they visited to sing some Christmas songs to the residents.

After our performance, the children chatted with the elderly ladies and gentlemen. Several of the students brought small gifts or cards to give to the residents. One lady was absolutely thrilled that 'this beautiful girl, Kealah' had given her a card and biscuits because her grandchildren and great-grandchildren lived in America and England and she missed them terribly. Our choir students brought a smile to many a face. Well done, kids!



Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 Farewell is on Wednesday 13th December. Students and families should arrive at 5:45pm for a 6pm start. Year 6 students are to assemble in the 5/6 area when they arrive, whilst our Year 5 students and all family members should meet in the COLA area. The evening will be a special celebration for our students as they prepare to finish their primary schooling.

Carols on the Green

Our Carols on the Green night will be held on Tuesday, 12th 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.

Library stairs – we had an unofficial opening of our library stairs this week. Our current and future school leaders were able to cut the ribbon and use the steps for the first time since they were transformed into a 'bookshelf'. I would like to thank the students and staff for being very patient during the weeks we have had to go without the steps. Huge thanks to the ladies from Artypants, Carlie and Mandy, who have meticulously created a masterpiece of book spines that will hold a special place in our school for many years to come.



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School Holidays

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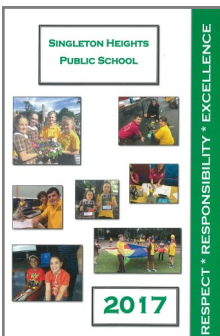
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CAROLS ON THE GREEN MENU

Tuesday 12th December

HOT DOGS	\$4.50
PATTY CAKES	\$1.20
BISCUITS	\$1.00
GINGERBREAD MEN	\$3.00
SMARTY PANTS BISCUITS	\$3.00
FAIRY BREAD	\$0.50
ICECREAM TUBS	\$1.00
CHOCOLATE CRACKLES	\$0.50
LOLLY BAGS	\$1.00
SOFT DRINKS	\$2.00
FOCUS WATER	\$2.00
JUICE	\$2.00
MILK	\$2.00
CHIPS	\$1.00



CANTEEN NEWS



Presentation Day

A small canteen was run at Presentations on Monday to provide a service to our school community. Our thanks go out to all the parents and grandparents who supported this project, both at the school canteen preparing the food and at the Civic Centre serving the food. These people are amazing as no matter how big or small the project is, they support our students. Well done and a big thank you

Winding Down

As you know we have 7 days or 42 hours of school left for this year. We are depleting our stock in the canteen and are not replacing it until start of school year 2018. There are no big pies left now. Your child will be offered a second choice if we do not have what they have ordered.

Carols on the Green

On Tuesday night the school is running a Carols on the Green. We are hoping to open the canteen and run hot dogs for dinner. As with everything we do, we need volunteers to help cook and serve. Please come into the canteen if you are able to help in any small way.



THE WEEK AHEAD | Term 4 | Week 10

Monday 11/12/17	Tuesday 12/12/17	Wednesday 13/12/17	Thursday 14/12/17	Friday 15/12/17
*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am	Christmas Carols on the Green 6pm start	Year 6 Farewell arrive at 5:45pm for 6pm start	*Clothing Shop 2.45-3.30pm	*Clothing Shop 8.45-9.30am Last day of term <i>Happy Holidays to all</i>

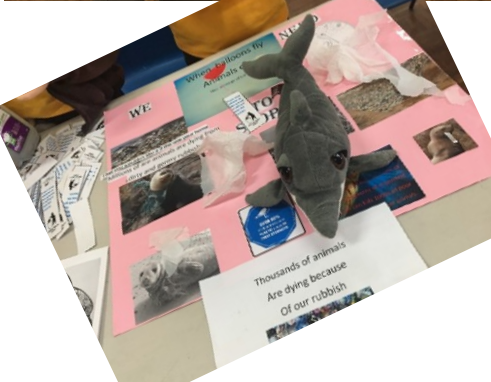
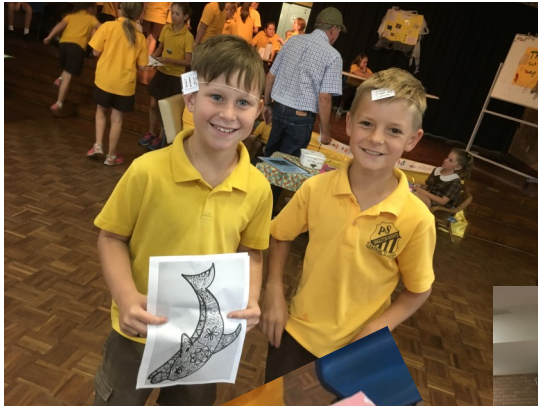
5c Expo presented by 3/4T, 2/3C, 3R and 3S

Can our actions and decisions affect wildlife?

Thank you to all who supported our 5c Expo 'For The Wild'. We collected so many five cent pieces, we are still counting!

Please let us know if your child's involvement in this unit of work has increased an awareness of wildlife issues in your household. Have they encouraged others to change their viewpoint or actions for the better?

We would love to hear your feedback.



Thanks for the Memories, Mari!



Kindergarten Lobsters have loved having Mari in our classroom. The students want to do everything with Mari! They love to sit and read with Mari and sit Mari on their desk while they're writing, doing maths or when they are on the computer. Mari has had lots of hugs as well, of course! We look forward to seeing Mari again in our class.

It's amazing how much the students love our mascot!



School Banking

Our Last awards for 2017 are:

Bronze : Joseph

Silver : Maronay



Outstanding Savers: (people who have made 20 or more deposits throughout the year)

Laylah, Kye, Amey, Abbi, Georgie, Ayrton, Kane, ethan, Riley, Indica, Lukas, Amelia, Marellah, Deegan, Jasper, Mia, Maycee, Harry, Emmaline, Sienna, Emily, Ava, Angel, Neeka, Axel, Lilly, Oscar, Doug, Tyler, Samuel, Pippa, Patrick, Oliver, Nicholas, Ellie, Thomas, Jordan, Ben, Astrid, Piper, Molly, Ruby, Elise, Bradley, Chayse, Sienna and Emma.

From this list of names your name was put into a hat and drawn out for the

Most Consistent Saver Award for 2017

and the winner is Mia :)

Most Deposits for 2017 is a tie this year with Laylah & Kye. Congratulations to you both, such a fantastic effort throughout the year and

A huge congratulations to all our award recipients throughout 2017, You have been fantastic.

Our Class room awards for the most class deposits 2017 are:

1st - KS

2nd - 4N

3rd - 1/2S

Great job!! Everyone

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas And a Happy and Safe New Year, can't wait to see you all next year

School Banking will return Wednesday 14th February 2018

Merry
Christmas

Ali - School Banking Co-ordinator



Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

December

- ◆ 8th - Band Xmas Concert
- ◆ 12th - Carols on the Green 6pm
- ◆ 13th - Year 6 Farewell
- ◆ 13th - PBL Rewards Day
- ◆ 15th - Last day for students



9TH DECEMBER COMMUNITY CAROLS @ THE HEIGHTS

5pm to 9pm
Alan Bull Reserve
Hunternview

Singleton Baptist Church
Invites you all to come and join us to
celebrate Christmas

If wet weather this event will be held up at the
church cnr Bridgman Road and Gardner Circuit

**FREE Family
Event**

5pm – 7pm

Jumping
castles

Snow cones

Sausage sizzle

Cold drinks

Tea & coffee

Singleton
Town Band

7pm – 9pm

mainly music

Ron
Schravemade
& friends



Carols

Fireworks