

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 5

15 November 2018



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Principal's Report

SCHOOL FETE



We have a huge day planned tomorrow for our Annual P&C Fete. The day starts at 11am and will conclude by approximately 2pm. The children can wear mufti-clothes on the day, sensible footwear is required. There will be rides and jumping castles, a dunk tank, lots of novelty stalls and showbags, a white elephant stall and lots of food choices, particularly from the canteen. The Fire Brigade will be here and Singleton Council will be officially opening our Garden Blitz Sensory Garden, from 12pm. I do believe there will even be a visit from the Mayor. A jam-packed day, ready for our children and families to enjoy a wonderful celebration.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday evening from 6pm, in the school staff room. This will be a good chance to reflect on our school fete, and offer any feedback for future events.



Teacher Merit Selection Panel

Our merit selection panel for our vacant teaching position was unable to meet to shortlist applications last Friday, so we will be meeting again today to potentially offer interviews to successful applicants. Interviews will then be held late next week.



Kindergarten Transition

Thank you to all the parents and families who came to Kindergarten transition information session this week. Thank you to Miss Lewis and Mrs Faustini for your very insightful presentations on literacy in a Kindergarten classroom. The final transition day will be next week, from 9:30am, on Wednesday, 21st November.

Library Assembly

Our next primary assembly will be held on Thursday, 22nd November, as a library assembly. Mrs Barwick will be presenting awards related to library activity throughout this assembly. The Town library will also be at this assembly. The assembly will start at the normal time of 12:30pm.



Staff Professional Learning

Mrs Rees, Ms Rose and I will be attending Growth Coaching professional learning next Wednesday and Thursday. Various other executive staff will be available for support during these days.

Mari Principal's Lunch

I will be hosting several students for lunch, on Friday 30th November, in recognition of receiving 15 Mari Awards since the inception of this award. Each of these students have received a certificate and a special Mari badge for achieving this outstanding milestone. These students will receive a special invitation to the lunch.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Scripture Concert – Tuesday, 27th November

Our last Scripture lessons for 2018 will be in the form of our annual Christmas Scripture concert, which will be held in our school hall from 10am. I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful scripture teachers who volunteer their time to teach our students each Tuesday morning. Lots of hard work goes into preparing and teaching these lessons each week. I hope our wonderful scripture teachers have a great Christmas break!

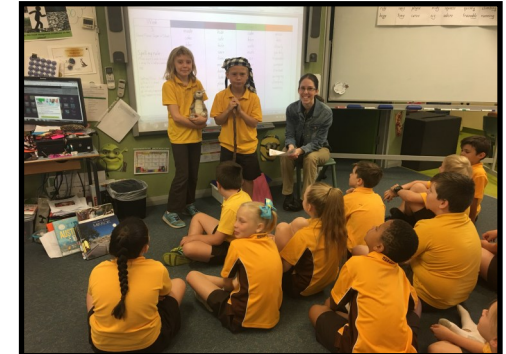
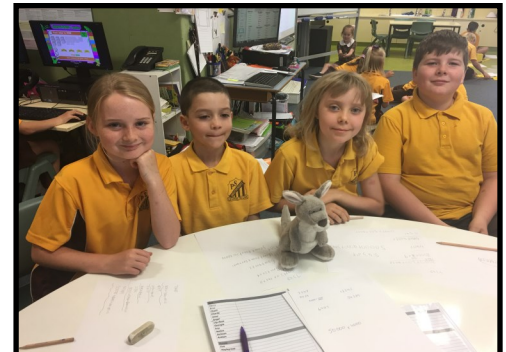
Presentation Day 2018

Plans for Presentation Day are well under way, which will be held on Wednesday, 5th December, at the Singleton Civic Centre. The K-2 Presentation Day will take place from 10am and the Primary Presentation Day will be from 12:45. Students will be catching the bus to and from the Civic Centre on the day. If your child is in the school band, choir or a dance group, they will be at the Civic Centre all day.

Classes 2019

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2019. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year. Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern, it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office. Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2019 will not be considered. Submissions might include a comment on a child's capacity to relate to other children, or perhaps a style of teaching that a child has responded positively to previously. The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned. If you have a specific concern, submissions need to be received by the office prior to Friday, 30th November, 2018. It is usually not possible to move a child to a different class once rolls have been established. Please also inform the office if your family is relocating in 2019.

Mari with 3S



Dates to Remember Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
19/11	20/11 P&C Meeting 6pm	21/11 Kindy Transition 9:30 - 11am	22/11 Library Assembly at 12:30pm	23/11
26/11	27/11 Christmas Scripture service	28/11	29/11 Crazy Hair Day	30/11
3/12	4/12 Year 6 High School Orientation	5/12 Presentation Day	6/12	7/12
10/12	11/12	12/12 PBL Rewards Day	13/12 Year 6 Farewell	14/12 Band Concert Volunteers Morning Tea

CANTEEN NEWS



The Fete is nearly here. Behind the scenes work has been building up each week so with the fete on tomorrow, you can imagine what this week has been like. But by saying that, the fete team is still smiling and laughing so that is a really good sign.

In our canteen, we are as organised as we can be at this point in time. As always any extra hands make our job so much easier and if you have a WWC number you will be very welcomed.

The fete menu is also being sent home today for everyone to read and know what is available and prices.

We hope our school community attends and enjoys the fete this year. It will be a great one.

CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 4 Week 6 Canteen Hours MONDAY—FRIDAY 9.00—1.50 pm

MON 19/11	TUE 20/11	WED 21/11	THU 22/11	FRI 23/11
Jenny	Jenny	Jenny	Danielle / Rebecca	Jenny



Students progressing to year 3 and 7 **do not need to re-apply if they:**

- ♦ are continuing at the same school
- ♦ are residing at the same address
- ♦ Have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails/>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled.

Students in the opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at the nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Good for Kids good for life

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time

Plan screen-free time, like outdoor play, music and sport.

Lead by example – reduce your own screen time.

Agree on daily screen time limits. It's not punishment, it's about keeping a balance.

Be involved – watch TV and play games together.

Start with small reductions to help lessen any resistance.

Use tech tools to manage access, such as parental controls.

Resist giving mobile devices to children when going out – take books or toys instead.

Set tech-free zones and times at home – e.g. all screens off in bedrooms after a specified time.

esafety.gov.au/iparent

PHONE 49246499

CYBERSAFETY PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

Singleton Public school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **Monday 19th November at 3:30.**

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

McHAPPY DAY 17.11.18

McDonald's Singleton

9AM - 4PM

- DANCE PERFORMANCES
9AM & 10AM
- KYM BECKTON
WILDLIFE SHOW
10.30AM - 11.30AM
- PRETTY AMAZING
JONO SHOW
1.30PM - 2.30PM
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
9AM-4PM
PUTT PUTT GOLF
JUMPING CASTLE
PLASTER PAINTING
FACE PAINTING
- CHARACTER VISIT
12PM - 2PM
NINJA TURTLE
PAW PATROL
- HAIR AND MAKE UP
BY KEYLA ARTISTRY 10 - 2PM
- MISS SHOWGIRL
12.30PM

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Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia

If you have plans to leave at the end of the year, please notify the office.



Uniform Shop

Opening Times

Monday 8:45 - 9:30 am

Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30pm

Friday 8:45 - 9:30 am

The Uniform shop will be closed on

16/11/18

2nd hand items are now available.

1 Days To Go

School Fete

The Fete is on tomorrow from 11am - 2pm
Remember it is cash only, small notes would be appreciated. Mufti-clothes can be worn.

eye examinations

by a Behavioural

OPTOMETRIST

specialising in children

5/71 Maitland Street
BRANXTON

4938 1117

Bulk Billed

Lake & Valley
OPTICAL
eyecare and eyewear

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



Audiology Hearing Booth

NOW AT UNGOOROO

Ungooroo GP & Health Services as an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation are expanding their services by providing audiology and hearing screening at Ungooroo. This has been made possible through support from local industry.

Ungooroo GP & Health Services would like to thank Yancoal for their support in supplying Ungooroo with an Audiology Hearing Booth for hearing screening in both adults and children of our community.

Ungooroo as an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO) are passionate about targeting hearing loss both in adults and children in our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Research has shown the long-term consequences of chronic otitis media which include delay in speech and language development, contributing to learning difficulties, behavioural problems and problems progressing through school.

Ungooroo GP & Health services with the support of Yancoal are very passionate about raising awareness of this problem.

Yancoal Mount Thorney Warkworth General Manager Jason McCallum is pleased to support such a life changing initiative.

"We are proud to be part of a program that helps improve the health of people in our community and makes a difference."

Our staff and registered nurse are accredited and trained in audiology screening for both adults and children.



www.ungooroo.com.au



Witmore Christmas Party

Open Day

Join us to celebrate
the accomplishments
of the year

Witmore Enterprises

45 Magpie Street, Singleton

Wednesday 5th December

10.30am start

12.00pm BBQ Lunch

RSVP on 6572 2578 or email

admin@witmore.org.au

ICAS Certificates and Results

Thank you to all the students who participated in the ICAS. Year 3-6 students ICAS certificates and results will be handed out at the Week 6, Assembly on Thursday 22nd November. Parents/carers are welcome to attend these assemblies.

Can You Help ?

We are collecting lids and bottle caps of all shapes and sizes. Please drop off to the office.

