

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 9

13 December 2018



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Principal's Report

The year draws to a close and the many commitments that our students, families and staff have followed over the past few weeks, are drawing to an end. It is with some sadness that we farewell our Year 6 students next week, as they embark on a new chapter of their educational career and move into secondary education. I look forward to sharing in their farewell celebrations tonight.



Canteen and Breakfast Club Closures

The canteen will not be open next week, their last day of operation will be tomorrow Friday 14th December. Breakfast Club is finishing up for the year today, it will also be not open next week.



New Permanent Staff Member

I would like to congratulate Mrs Karen Thompson, who has just been selected as the new permanent teacher at SHPS, after the merit selection panel made their decision over the past couple of weeks. Mrs Thompson has played an integral role in the school for a number of years, in a temporary year to year capacity and will now be added as a permanent member of staff. Mrs Thompson takes the position of Mr Nathan Collins, who moved on to another school at the start of this year. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on this great achievement.



Student Reports

Academic reports will be sent home next Monday, 17th December. If your child is not going to be at school next week, you may request that their report is emailed to you, or indeed posted. Please contact the office if you wish this to happen.

Staffing Changes 2019

Details of our staffing mix will be included in a skoolbag message, once our teaching staff have been finalised. However, we do know that Mrs Barwick (librarian) will work from Week 1 to 7 in Term 1 next year, before taking maternity leave. Miss Hazelwood will then take over the librarian role. Miss Smith will return to school in Term 1 next year and then also take maternity leave. Mrs Elloy will return for two days per week.

Sports Assembly

Congratulations to the primary students who received their sports awards on Tuesday's special assembly. We have had a great deal of success on the sporting field this year and it is a credit to the sports programs that our dedicated staff commit to, and the parents who have also committed time and energy, that has seen our students thrive.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

PBL Rewards Day

Our super students enjoyed the many activities on offer from our staff on Wednesday, as part of our PBL rewards Day, for students who are always behaving with Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.



Carols on the Green

Our long anticipated Carols on the Green will take place next Tuesday night, from 5:45pm, on the Kindergarten lawn. Students will perform in their grade ensembles on the night. The P&C will have snacks and drinks available on the night. Come along with a blanket and/or a chair and enjoy the Christmas festivities. There will also be some cracking jokes passed around on the night!



School Holiday work

Many projects will be taking place in the holidays, to refurbish our school grounds. New concrete will be laid on the pathway from the Blaxland avenue main gate, a brick wall in the Year 5 and 6 area will be repaired and the administration office will receive a makeover. We are also in the process of getting some playground markings, in the theme of Australia, from the same company who painted our book steps, painted in the Kindergarten area, for students to play several games on.

Kindergarten 2019



All of our new Kinder families will be receiving a letter in the mail in the coming week, to pinpoint when your child's Best Start interview will take place, as well as information about the start date and the organisation of Day 1 (Monday, 4th February) for your child. Keep an eye out in the mail for the letter.

Farewell for 2018

This will be the last newsletter for 2018. The last day for students will be next Wednesday, 19th December. Staff will return for Professional learning on Thursday, 20th December.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful contributions in 2018. It has been thoroughly productive. Our students continue to connect, succeed and thrive in our school community. We have many new and exciting ideas on the horizon and our school is continuing to focus on the three core strategic directions of Dynamic Wellbeing, Excellence in Learning and Teaching, as well as strengthening family and community engagement. Keep up the good work with your children. I hope you get to relax and enjoy the festivities of the summer holidays and are able to rest and allow your children to recuperate. Students will return on Wednesday, 30th January 2019. See you then.

THE WEEK AHEAD Term 4 Week 10				
Monday 17/12/18	Tuesday 18/12/18	Wednesday 19/12/18	Thursday 20/12/18	Friday 21/12/18
CANTEEN CLOSED	CAROLS ON THE GREEN 5:45PM	STUDENTS LAST DAY FOR 2018		



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.

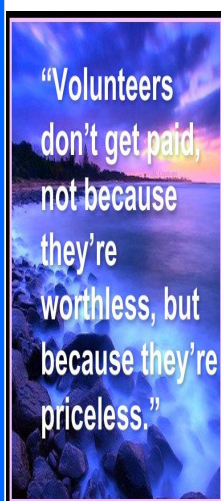
Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS



I have been lucky enough to have been working in different schools for approximately 15 years. In this time, I have met and worked with many fascinating and unique people. Each of these people have brought their own life experience, skills, energy and ideas to the table. It's a learning curve for both them and myself every time someone walks through the door to volunteer their time. Some people return to become part of the canteen team whilst some people find it is not their cup of tea and move on.

In these last three years, I have had the privilege to work with a couple of really special ladies.

Jenny offered her time of 15 hours a week. These hours have evolved to approximately 30 hours' unpaid work a week. She is a grandmother of two of our students and her genuine love of children shines through every day. She brings a wealth of life experience and knowledge to our canteen and has slotted in like she has been with us forever. She is an absolute joy to work with and we are so very lucky to have her.

Kerry is another lady who does a LOT of behind the scenes work as well as running her own business plus raising a family on her own. Her input into our canteen has been invaluable, bringing the way of how we complete our bookwork into the 21st century as well as stepping in at a moment's notice to make sure all our students are properly cared for.

I would like to give Jenny, Kerry and all the canteen volunteers, my heartfelt thanks for all their help over the past year and hope to see you all again in the new year for another year of Canteen fun and events. I would also like to wish all the students and their families a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have great school holidays and see you all next year.

Have fun, Stay safe



CANTEEN CLOSED —TERM 4 Week 10

MON 17/12	TUE 18/12	WED 19/12	THU 20/12	FRI 21/12
CANTEEN CLOSED	CANTEEN CLOSED	CANTEEN CLOSED	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS



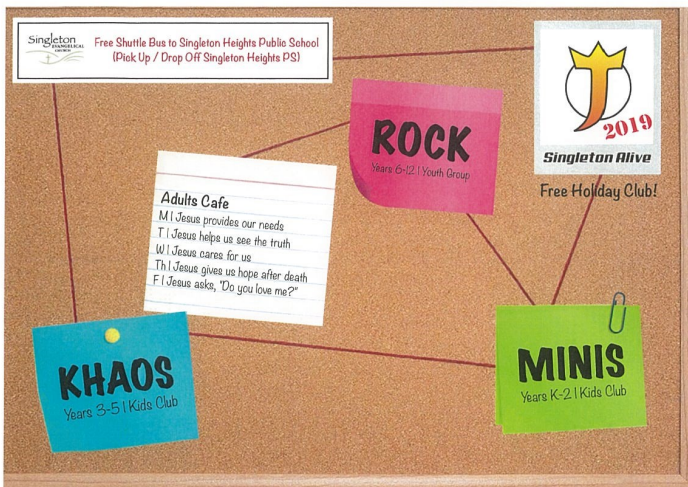
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Uniform Shop

Opening Times

Monday 8:45 - 9:30 am
Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30pm
Friday 8:45 - 9:30 am

Can You Help ?

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

ATTENTION

Please notify the office if you will not be attending SHPS in 2019. Thank you



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THIS VOUCHER!**

\$9.90*

ALL TICKETS

Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas
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