

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter



Term 4

Week 4

7 November 2019



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Principal's Report

It has been quite a busy time in our school over the past week, and I'm so proud of our students and happily acknowledge the ongoing support of our parents and community members, as well as the hard work of our staff, in making our school community a great place to learn and live.

I was overwhelmed with the attendance at our school Splash and Dash last Friday. The school had such a wonderful atmosphere and it was a joyous afternoon of fun and activity. Our P&C worked really hard to put this whole day together, and tie it in with our Grandparents Week activities. We hope to be able to raise some significant funds to upgrade our school playground. Thank you to everyone involved on the day, and leading up to the event.

Singleton Town Band Concert

Congratulations to our school band members for their wonderful performance at the Singleton Town band concert on Saturday night. I have heard that their performances were outstanding and they represented our school proudly. Thank you to Mrs Winsor for her time, energy and talent in getting our students prepared for this concert.

State Athletics Carnival

Good luck to our outstanding athletes, who are competing at the PSSA State Athletics Carnival at Homebush Athletics Centre this week. Kaiden B, Eden H, Seren H, Kai B and Johnathon P, will be competing in various events throughout the carnival, with Kaiden, Eden, Kai and Jono in the senior boys relay team, Seren in the 100 and 200m, and Jono also in the 100, 200 and High Jump. Give it your best shot guys.



Girls Touch Footy

Our Girls Touch Footy team travelled to Parramatta to compete in the PSSA State Finals on Monday. They played Mudgee PS in the Quarter Final and won 8-2, to be able to proceed to the semi-finals. They were defeated 10-3 in the semi-final, but this achievement should not be underestimated. *They are the third best primary age public school girls' touch footy team in the state for 2019, an achievement that can never be taken away from them!* ...and several of the eight girls in our team had never played competitive touch footy prior to playing for the school. Congratulations girls, we are all very proud of the effort and enthusiasm you have shown in competing in this competition. Thank you to Mr Orr for coaching, and to our wonderful parents who supported our girls in their success.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING



Children’s University graduation

I had the pleasure of accompanying fourteen Stage 3 students, with Ms Rose and family members, to Newcastle University for the graduation of our second school cohort from this valuable initiative called Children’s University. The students dressed in university graduation gowns and received a certificate based on their hours of learning outside of the school context. They celebrated with dinner and a disco to top off a great night. During the year, students logged hours in their university passports and achieved great success from this program. Next year we hope to offer this program to students in Years 3 to 6.



Kinder Orientation

Our first Kindergarten Orientation session started yesterday, for our 2020 enrolments. There were a lot of familiar parent faces in the crowd and a lot of eager siblings watching out for their brothers and sisters as they prepare for big school. Welcome to all of our new families. I trust that your child will have a wonderful education journey at our lovely school.



Community Consultation meeting

Today, and next Thursday, 14th November, I will be hosting a Community Ideas group meeting, where parents and community members are welcome to come along and share in our school's ideas and visions for next year and beyond. I would like to be able to allow attendees to express their opinions on the great things that are happening at our school, and areas for improvement, as well as any new ideas that you might want to put forward, to improve the education and environment of our students, your children. The meeting will be held at 1:15pm in the school library on both of these Thursdays.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, 11th November, the school will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:30am. This will be held outside near our flagpole area, to commemorate the celebration that our nation holds annually. Our students from defence families will be hosting the event, and we have a special Catafalque party performing their ceremonial routine for the students.

Five Road Safety tips for parents and carers

Here are our top tips to help our students make a safe trip:



1. Be alert and aware

Take note of the dangers you come across on your walk and bring them to your child's attention. Point out dangers, such as vehicles coming out of driveways. Talk to your child about being alert in a road environment.

2. Hold hands

When on the footpath, at a crossing or in a car park always hold your child's hand. It is advised to do this up to the age of at least 8 years old and closely supervise until at least the age of 10.

3. Choose a safe crossing

Lead by example and choose a safe place to cross the road. Explain why it is the safest place to cross.

4. Set a good example

Your child watches everything you do, so if you cross at the crossing they will too. It is also important to share these messages with other carers who may walk with your child to school.

5. Stop, Look, Listen, Think every time you cross the road

Discuss this important road safety message. STOP! one step back from the kerb. LOOK! continuously both ways. LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic. THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Older children may be ready to make the journey to school independently. Before they take this step, observe if they are road safe and reinforce the road safety messages.

For more information, check out the department's [pedestrian safety advice for students, parents and carers](#).

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACTS OR YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL CONDITIONS.



Dates to Remember Calendar

11/11 Remembrance Day	12/11	13/11 Kindergarten Orientation	14/11 Infants Assembly CIG Meeting 1:15pm	15/11
18/11	19/11	20/11 Kindergarten Orientation	21/11 Primary Assembly	22/11
25/11	26/11	27/11	28/11 Infants Assembly	29/11 PBL Bingo
2/12	3/12 High School Orientation	4/12 Presentation Day	5/12 Primary Assembly	6/12

BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOU! CAN YOU HELP IN 2020?

● **Grandparents** ● **Mums** ● **Dads**

Would you like something to look forward to each morning?

A chat and a laugh with some lovely people?

Ideally, we would LOVE some
Grandparents to help with the
8 – 8:40am start up.

Currently we have one grandparent
who would like some help and
company.

Mums & Dads are also welcome from
8:40am or earlier, if you can make it?

**Anyone with a current Working with
Children's Check is welcome.**

**If not, they are easy to apply for online
at**

[https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/
child-safe-organisations/working-with-
children-check](https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check)

Email Jo at singletonheightspandc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Canteen News

Splash and Dash in the canteen was successful. Thank you to all our special volunteers that were involved in any way. It was a fun day for everyone.

Our summer menu is powering on with no complaints from any students. We are following the Strategy guidelines now with only a few tweaks to go before Term 1 in 2020.

This week we picked our first fresh produce from our new vegetable and herb garden near the canteen. Please do not forget to come and get your drinks when you have a card in your bag.



CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 Week 4

MON 11/11	TUE 12/11	WED 13/11	THUR 14/11	FRI 15/11
Jenny / Rebecca	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Tamie	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Kathy / Julie

School Banking

This Weeks awards go to:
 Silver - Tiger, Samuel, Cameron and Mason
 Gold - Oscar, Elise and Sienna
 Congratulations, keep up the great work.
 Happy Banking :)



Mobile phones

If students bring mobile phones to school, they need to be handed in to the office in the morning for collection at the end of the school day.



COMMUNITY CAROLS AT THE HEIGHTS

Saturday 7th December, 5pm-9pm

@ ALLAN BULL RESERVE HUNTERVIEW

**FOOD - DRINKS - JUMPING CASTLES
SPECIAL ACTS - LIVE MUSIC - PLUS MUCH MORE**

EVERYTHING IS FREE!!!

Celebrating Jesus, Enjoying Community

PBL Assembly Awards K-2



Class	Student
KA	Zoe W
KM	Courtney H
KL	Hunter C
KS	Brian W
1C	Bayden R
1D	Aina Storm
1K	Braxten T
1/2W	Charlotte P
2A	Ella P
2B	Tanaya W
2H	Sienna C

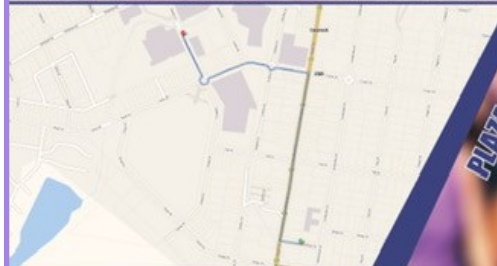
CESSNOCK DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE NETWORK **CESSNOCK WALKS KAWUMA**

FREE
ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD & DRINK
SERVICE STALLS



A peaceful walk to raise awareness of the prevalence and impact of domestic and family violence within the Cessnock community.

WEAR WHITE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



PLAZA ON CASTLEMINEST @ 10AM

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019
FIND US ON FACEBOOK | [cessnockwalkskawuma](https://www.facebook.com/cessnockwalkskawuma)

**THANK YOU to all the
Parents & Grandparents
that helped out & joined
in on the day!**

**YOU ALL MADE THE DAY
SUCCESSFUL & SO MUCH
Fun!**



**DATES
TO
REMEMBER**

**MONEY
DUE
NOVEMBER
8th**

**ORDER
PRIZES BY
NOVEMBER
13th**