

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 8

28 November 2019



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## *Principal's Report*

I think most of our staff and students were absolutely entertained and informed at our Stage 2 Wildlife Expo held last Thursday and Friday in K-6K and the Year 3 and 4 rooms. All classes had an animal to research and present to our school students and staff, while students were able to donate towards the animal whose habitat they would wish to be able to create in our school, to allow this type of wildlife to be attracted to our school environment. \$300 was raised, which will go towards building a combined wildlife habitat in our school grounds. Keep an eye out for more information about this early next year.

The P&C have informed me that the **student prizes for our Splash and Dash** fundraiser will be arriving shortly and will be distributed to classes once they are sorted. I'm told that they will most likely be given to students early next week.

### **Presentation Day**

Next week, our annual school Presentation Day will be held at Singleton Civic Centre, on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. The K-2 Presentation Day will take place from 10am until approximately 11:30am. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the Civic Centre, at no cost, with their classroom teachers. The 3-6 Presentation Day will begin at 12:45pm and finish at approximately 2:30pm. Students in years 3 to 6 will travel by bus, leaving school from 11:45am

A few logistics to note:

- \* If your child is in the school band, K-2 Aboriginal dance group, combined choir, K-2 dance group or are a school leader, they will be travelling down in the morning, on the first bus to leave school.
- \* Information notes were sent home yesterday, in relation to further details. Students do not require separate permission notes, as the general permission note signed at the beginning of the year, provides permission.
- \* If your child is receiving an award, their information note will indicate with a tick in a box on the note. Look out for this.
- \* A canteen will be in operation on the day, however, the Civic Centre has their own caterer on site, and so the canteen will not be selling food or drink on the day, as previously noted.

### **PBL Bingo**

Tomorrow, Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, all classes will participate in our PBL Bingo game, held each term. All classes will receive a bingo card, with a selection of Positive Behaviour for Learning values and behaviours. Our school leaders will then randomly select from a number of these values/behaviours and read them out to all of the classes. When a class receives 5 in a row, they are crowned the PBL Bingo champions for the term!



### **Mari Badge Principal's Pizza Lunch**

The Mari Badge Principal's Pizza lunch, for all students who have received a Mari badge this term, will be held on Friday, 13th December.

### **Character Strengths**

Our two character strength focuses for this week are **Humour and Perspective**. Humour is one of my top three character strengths and the students and staff have heard a few 'dad' jokes this week!

**Our Vision:** POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

### Girls Academy visit

Our Year 6 Aboriginal girls will be visiting the Singleton High School Girls Academy this Friday, with Mrs Anderson and Mr Oloffson, from 11:45-1pm. The girls will be travelling by bus to and from the High School. This is a great transition program for the girls to connect to their culture in high school.



### Community Ideas Group

Our final Community Ideas Group meeting will be held this afternoon, from 1:20pm in the school library. We will be trying to capture our community ideas for 2020 and beyond. It would be great if you would like to come along and share your ideas and opinions.

### Classes 2020

In the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2020. 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 2020 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, 6th December, 2019. 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 2020.

### Confirmed case of whooping cough

We recently had a confirmed case of whooping cough at the school.

Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness. Older children and adults can get whooping cough and can spread it to others, including babies. Antibiotics can prevent whooping cough spreading if given early but the cough often continues after treatment.

Whooping cough is highly infectious in the first 3 weeks. It spreads easily through families, childcare centres and schools, so it's important to act fast.

- Anyone with symptoms should see a doctor as soon as possible. Your GP can test for whooping cough. Early diagnosis is especially important for new parents and people who have regular contact with babies.
- If whooping cough is detected early enough, your doctor may prescribe a course of antibiotics for 5 days.
- People diagnosed with whooping cough should stay away from work, school or childcare until no longer infectious. Ask your doctor when it's safe to return.

### Staff Movement

I will be out of the school on Tuesday, for a Upper Hunter Principal's meeting, and on Thursday, for a Primary Principals Council Meeting. Ms Rose will relieve in my absence on these days.

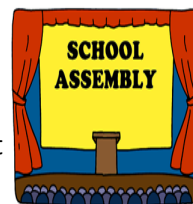
### Assemblies

The next assemblies will be as follows, to end the year:

Wednesday, 4th December - Annual Presentation Day at Singleton Civic Centre

Thursday, 5th December – Primary Sports awards Assembly 12:20pm in the school hall

Wednesday, 11th December – Primary Library Assembly – 12:30 in the school hall. This will be the last assembly for the year.



### *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.





### Carols on the Green

Our annual Class Christmas Carols concert will be held on Monday, 16th December, from 6PM on our front playground lawn. The P&C will have drinks and snacks available for purchase on the night, and we may even have a surprise visit from the man in the red and white suit!



### Other important dates

The Year 6 farewell will be held in the school hall on Thursday, 12th December.

The Band Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, 13th December.

Class Parties will be held on Monday, 16th December.

Academic Reports will go home with students on Monday, 16th December.

The last day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday, 18th December.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

### CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 4 Week 8

MON 2/12	TUE 3/12	WED 4/12	THUR 5/12	FRI 6/12
Jenny / Rebecca	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Tamie	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Kathy / Julie

### PBL Assembly Awards K-2



Class	Student
KA	Ruby B
KM	Khloe F
KL	Levi F
KS	Brydie P
1C	Alexis S
1D	Addison B
1K	Levi P
1/2W	Harmony B
2A	Irfan H
2B	Delilah E
2H	Thomas T

### School Banking

The last award for this year are:

#### Silver:

Mia & Emily

#### Gold:

Ayrton, Nicholas, Charlotte & Jacob

#### Our Class room awards for term 4 are

1st - 2B

2nd - 2H

3rd - 3/4V & KM

#### Our Classroom Awards for the entire year are

1st - 2B

2nd - 4W

3rd - 2H

Our student with the most deposits for the year of 2019 is Rylee :) Congratulations to everyone. This was last Banking day of 2019, I would like to thank my amazing helper Kim for all her hard work this year. Thank you to all our bankers for being a part of the banking family. Hope to see you all again in 2020.

Happy Banking



## *Dates to Remember Calendar*

2/12	3/12 High School Orientation	4/12 Presentation Day	5/12 Primary Assembly	6/12 Volunteers After- noon Tea
9/12	10/12 SRE Assembly	11/12 Choir Elizabeth Gates 2pm Library Assembly	12/12 Year 6 Farewell PBL Rewards Day	13/12 Band Concert Mari Pizza Lunch
16/12 Carols on the Green 6pm Party Day	17/12	18/12 Students last Day	19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 School Holidays
23/12 School Holidays	24/12 School Holidays	25/12 Merry Christmas	26/12 School Holidays	27/12 School Holidays

### Year 1 and 2 House Display



S.H.P.S



As part of our science unit, Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about the properties of materials. Students have designed and built houses using their knowledge of materials. The houses must be waterproof, sturdy, insulated and transparent. The students will be displaying their houses in the school hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 1.20-1.40 pm. Students and parents are welcome to come to the display during this time and talk to the students about their designs.

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** School hall

**Time:** 1.20-1.40 pm

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

*Year 1 and 2 teachers*



### Uniform Shop Times Week 1 2020

**Tuesday, 28th January 10am – 3pm**  
**Wednesday, 29th January 8:30-10am**  
**Thursday, 30th January 2:45-3:15pm**  
**Friday, 31st January 8:45 - 9:30am**

