Singleton Heights Public School

Newsletter



Term 4

Week 9

12 December 2019



EXCELLENCE RESPONSIBILITY |

Principal's Report

We are coming to the end of what has been a huge year for our families and staff at this great school. We started the year with a vision that we were really going to focus on wellbeing across the school, and in ensuring that every student is known, valued and cared for. We have provided the students with so many unique and authentic learning experiences this year and your child's classroom teacher has worked so hard to ensure your child is moving along the continuum of learning at the pace that they need to and maybe sometimes challenging them to go beyond what they think they can do. Thank you for a great year at the Heights. I would like to wish all of our families a very merry Christmas, and I hope to see you at our Carols night.

Thank you to our wonderful Scripture teachers for performing the annual Christmas concert for our students on Tuesday morning. I hear that it was very enjoyable and entertaining.



Canteen Last Day

Our school canteen will not be open next week, as they are preparing to shut down, to allow for the refurbishment of the canteen in early 2020. There is a possibility that the school P&C will only be running a smaller canteen for the first weeks of term, while the new refurbishment is completed. We will notify families on Skoolbag and Facebook about any disruptions that may occur for the start of the year.

Carols Night

Our Carols on the Green will be held on Monday, 16th December, from 6pm, on our front playground lawn. All classes and year groups have been rehearsing their carols, so it would be great if we could get as many children as possible come here on the night, to celebrate the end of the year with our school community. The P&C will have drinks for sale on the night and there might even be a special visit from a white-bearded man in a red and white suit! (Please bear in mind that if the air quality is in the high risk range next Monday night, the school will consider cancelling this event. Let's hope it has cleared by then).





Band Christmas Concert

The Band Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, 13th December, in our school hall, with shows for K-2 at 10:30 am and Yr 3-6 at 11:40am, parents are welcome at the second concert.

Class Parties

Class Parties will be held on Monday, 16th December. Individual stages will organise their own party arrangements, with fun activities usually scheduled on a rotational basis. Individual classes will then hold class parties after these activities. Notes will be sent home from classroom teachers about what food and drinks to supply for the party.



Student Academic Reports

Your child's academic report will be going home on Monday, 16th December. It has been wonderful to be able to read these reports and see the progress that your child has made in 2019.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING



Last Day of School

The students will have their last day on Wednesday, 18th December. It would be great if your child was at school to celebrate the last day of school for 2019. We will be having a marching out parade for our Year 6 students at the end of the day, in the main COLA, from about 3pm.

Staffing 2020

The following list will give you some idea of what grades and stages our staff will be teaching in next year. As our student population has decreased, we will be forming 21 classes, with only 3 Kindergarten classes, instead of the originally proposed four classes.

Kindergarten – Mrs Wendy Mackenzie, Miss Terina Saunders and Miss Courtney Smith and Mrs Angela Austin (sharing). Support Class – K-6 – Mrs Jo-Ann Tonon.

Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Mrs Sue Winsor (Assistant Principal), Mrs Wendy Kempster, Miss Crystal Degabriele, Mrs Vicki Caelli, Mr Nathan Heien, Mr Joel Andrews, Mrs Elizabeth Linsley.

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) – Mrs Bianca Vern (Assistant Principal), Mrs Janelle Cox, Mrs Tara Winsor, Mrs Kylie Stafford, Ms Julie Brooker, Miss Laura Lantry.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6) – Mrs Simone Meredith (Assistant Principal), Mr Matthew Orr, Miss Charlotte Lewis, Mrs Karen Thompson, Ms Claire Huntley.

Support roles – Mrs Baker (Digital Technology teacher), Mrs Michelle Faustini, Miss Belinda Harden, Mrs Erica Elloy (part-time), Mrs Helen Morrow (part-time), Mrs Rebecca Standen (part-time), Mrs Carolyn Gray (part-time), Miss Rebecca Tolmie (part-time).

Librarian - Miss Hazelwood

Artificial Grass

Our school has just has two of the three artificial grass installations go in last week. It has certainly beautified these areas, and allowed for more play place for our students. Thank you to the school P&C for contributing to this upgrade of our school grounds.







Recess and Lunch Changes for 2020

In 2020, our school will be operating the recess and lunch breaks a little differently. Both breaks will be 40 minutes, with recess having two twenty minute sessions, and lunch consisting of a 10 minute structured eating time and then 30 minutes of play. This was done in response to several data sources and surveys, to shorten the length of the lunch break. We hope that this has minimal disruptions to families and that children have a longer play at recess, ready to keep learning through the middle session of the day.

| THE WEEK AHEAD Term 4 Week 10 | | | | |
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| Monday 16/12/19 | Tuesday 17/12/19 | Wednesday 18/12/19 | Thursday 19/12/19 | Friday 20/12/19 |
| Carols on the Green 6pm Class Party Day | | Students last Day | Staff Development Day | School Holidays |



Canteen News

Tomorrow (Friday 13/12/19) is our last day of trading for this year. The Canteen will be closed next week.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas. Enjoy the school holidays and we will see you all next year.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Week 1 - 2020

Tuesday 28th January (*Pupil Free Day*)

10am – 3pm

Wednesday 29th January (First day of school)

8:30am - 10am

Thursday 30th January (Trading as normal)

2:30 - 3:15pm

Friday 31st January (Trading as normal)

8:45 - 9:15am

BREAKFAST CLUB NEEDS YOU!CAN YOU HELP IN 20203

•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?

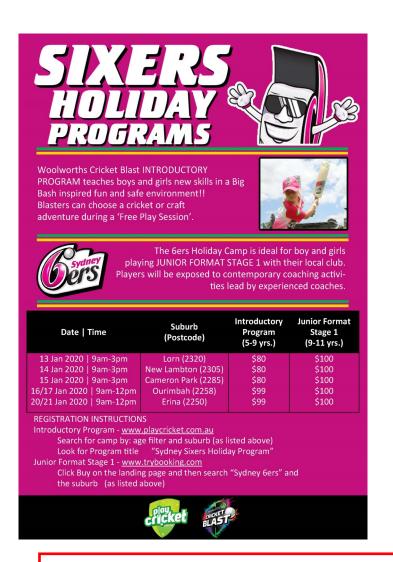
Anyone with a current Working with Children's Check is welcome.

If not, they are easy to apply for online

https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

child-safe-organisations/working-withchildren-check

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





ARE YOU MOVING? IF YOU ARE MOVING AT THE END OF THE
YEAR AND WON'T BE ATTENDING SHPS IN 2020, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP.
PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO
YOUR CONTACT DETAILS



