

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 6

7 March 2019



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Principal's Report

Thank you to the school community and our wonderful teachers for engaging with our Parent/Teacher meet and greet on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you also to the Kindergarten parents and teachers for being involved in the Best Start interviews in the past few weeks. This is a strong focus area for our community engagement strategic direction and it has once again proven to be a success.

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to our wonderful swimmers, Maronay S, Deanda S and Cooper B who took part in the regional PSSA Swimming trials on Tuesday. Maronay has now qualified for the State Carnival, while achieving a personal best in the 50m freestyle at the regional carnival. You achieved your goal, Maronay, well done!



Girl's Cricket

The girl's cricket team braved the heat on Wednesday to participate in the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition. Unfortunately they were defeated by Singleton Public School, after our team batted through the maximum 25 overs. Great job girls, and well done in representing our school proudly.

School Photos

Our School Photo day will be held on Tuesday, 12th March. As discussed at several P&C meetings last year, the school community has made the decision to go with a new school photographer this year. You may order your photo packs online, or place the money in the envelope on the day of the photo shoot and bring it to school. If you place your order online, you will need to indicate the reference number (REF#) on the envelope, and send it with your children on the day. Also, the **Photo Book** includes a copy of the individual photo, a class photo and the individual photos of other class members. This is available in the \$35 pack, as well as in other options.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Student Leader's Conference

Miss Hazelwood and Mrs Meredith will now be taking our Year 6 school leaders and our Stage 3 house captains to the Halogen Student Leadership conference on **Monday, 11th March**, at Darling Harbour in Sydney. Students will be travelling by bus, with Muswellbrook South PS. This will be a great opportunity for these students to learn from other inspiring leaders.



Year 2 Swim School

Our Year 2 Swim School begins on **Monday, 18th March** and will run for two weeks, up to Friday, 29th March. Students will be catching a bus to Singleton Gym and Swim on this day. The organisation of classes on these days will be as follows:

Session 1: 2H and 2B – 12:30-1:15pm

Session 2: 2A and Year 2 students from 1/2W – 1:25-2:10pm

P&C Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th March, from 5:30pm, in the school staff room. All executive positions will become vacant at this time. Please note that you have to be a current financial member to vote. The regular P&C meeting will follow this meeting at 6pm.



Staff Movement

Mrs Barwick will be leaving us next Wednesday to take maternity leave and welcome her new baby into the world very soon. We wish her all the best in establishing her new family. Miss Hazelwood will be our librarian in Mrs Barwick's absence.

I will be out of the school again next Thursday and Friday, as I will be attending the Primary Principal's Association State Council meeting in Sydney.

Two of our staff, Miss Tolmie and Miss Harden are participating in a two day workshop on implementing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) projects in our school, through a Boy's Education initiative that Singleton High School are implementing with its feeder primary schools. We hope to be able to tie in our Kitchen Kart into this great initiative.

Our Kindergarten teachers are currently taking part in their on-going professional learning for L3. This is a half day of training per term. The first session was held on Tuesday.

Kitchen Kart activities

We are currently running a cooking program with some of our Year 3 to 6 students over the next eight weeks. Miss Tolmie and Mrs Elloy with the assistance of Mr Olofsson, are cooking with 20 students for two weeks each, utilising the Cook in a Box resources that we received through a grant from Hunter Valley Operations.



Tell Them From Me surveys

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our **Year 4, 5 and 6 students** to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Flexischool On Line Ordering

Over the last 3 Fridays, Flexischools have had a few issues which have made placing orders on Friday mornings quite difficult for some families. I am led to believe this is due to the large number of people ordering at the same time. To avoid this dilemma, it has been suggested that orders for Friday be placed on Thursday night if time permits. Thank you for your patience and hopefully this will fix our problem.

We have had lots of positive feedback for the changes we have made in regards to lunch basket handout at 1.10pm. It is working for us in the canteen and I am happy that our students prefer this system as well.



Dates to Remember Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11/3	12/3 <i>School Photos</i>	13/3 Zone Soccer trials	14/3 Infants Assembly and Community Cafe	15/3
18/3 Yr 2 Swim School starts Zone League trials	19/3 P&C AGM 5:30pm	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day Primary Assembly and Community Cafe	22/3
25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 Infants Assembly and Community Cafe	29/3 year 2 swim school ends
1/4	2/4 Positive Playground Training	3/4	4/4 Primary Assembly and Community Cafe	5/4

PBL Assembly Awards K-2



Class	Student
KA	Mackenzie Richards
KM	Audrey Carr
KS	Ivy Cooke
1C	Charlotte Jones
1D	Kyle Boyd
1K	Gabrielle Samuel
1/2W	Ashlee Ball
2A	Zara Runken
2B	Jasper Smith
2H	April Reeves

Entertainment Books



Save money and help us raise money at the same time.
Books are \$65 - \$12 per book goes to our school.
To order contact the office or alternately order online
using the link below
<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/354h04>

Please place any payments in the box located in the foyer area.

Envelopes are available to use.



Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 19th March at 5:30pm in the teachers' staff room.

ALL POSITIONS WILL BECOME VACANT.

This is your opportunity to get involved.

Below are the roles available to be filled for the Executive Committee.

If you are interested, please come along to the meeting.
Everyone welcome.

Positions Vacant

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer



Book Catalogues were sent home this week. Loop Orders are due by Friday 22nd March.

SINGLETON COMMUNITY PRESENTS

SINGLETON EMERGENCY SERVICE EXPO 2019

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

TOWNHEAD PARK | 9 > 12PM

SERVICES ATTENDING

- NSW State Emergency Service
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW Fire and Rescue
- NSW Ambulance
- Local Land Services
- NSW Police
- NSW Mines Rescue
- Singleton Council
- The Salvation Army
- Red Cross
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE DAY INCLUDE

Quad bike roll over | Water rescue | Kitchen fire

