

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 7

14 March 2019



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Principal's Report

A day at school

Throughout this week, I have wandered around the school looking in on the everyday happenings at this wonderful school. I snapped a few photos of the great extra-curricular educational opportunities our students receive, and it makes you realise how enjoyable a child's day must be at this school.



Mari has, as always, been out and about in classrooms this week and last. Mari has been visiting 6R, the winners of the primary assembly award last week.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Leaders Day

Mrs Meredith and Miss Hazelwood had the pleasure of taking 20 of our student leaders to Sydney on Monday, for the Halogen Leadership conference at Darling Harbour. The students were entertained and enthused by many of Australia's young leaders. Some of our students wish to share their experience of the conference, below:

At 4:30am, most of the Year 6 leaders were in the school office ready to hop on the bus! We had a breakfast stop on the way there... We arrived at Darling Harbour Convention Centre in Sydney at 8am... There were thousands of kids and teachers from all over NSW. The conference started with us learning dances from a professional dance teacher. The hosts were DJ Raf and Liv from ABC3. The first speaker was Tim Diamond, who runs the Cotton On foundation...The next speaker was Tamson Janu, a children's author. The third speaker was Cate Campbell, gold medal winning swimmer and the final speaker was professional cricketer, Holly Ferling... It was an amazing day and we are very grateful that we had the opportunity to attend this event. – Ivy Taylor and Desiyer Brace.



Parent Workshop – Reading Comprehension

Parents and carers are invited to attend a **PARENT WORKSHOP** in relation to **reading comprehension strategies** for children on Wednesday, 3rd April, from 11:35am-1pm. Our school is currently training classroom teachers in enhancing their skills in teaching reading comprehension, and it works nicely to be able to connect this teaching and learning into the home. Mrs Faustini will be coordinating this event, to be held in the library. Please come along and maybe enhance your own understanding of the important skills required by children to reading with comprehension.

Scripture organisation

We have had quite a bit of difficulty in coordinating scripture groups, quite a number of children have opted out of scripture this year. The school sent out a note advising parents of their options for scripture, due to this data, from enrolment records, being lost. I urge you to rethink your decision about allowing your child to opt out, as non-scripture students cannot receive any additional teaching whilst Scripture lessons are being taught. This is made even more problematic due to space restrictions for students who are not attending scripture. Scripture lessons are designed to teach core values which support and reinforce the values of the school. These values include: creativity, acceptance, compassion, hope, communication skills, understanding, encouragement, caring, confidence, good choices, resilience, responsibility, consequences, leadership, positive influence, and inclusiveness. ***Please contact the school if you decide to re-enrol your child into scripture lessons.***

P&C Meeting

Our next school P&C Meeting will be after our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday evening, 19th March. The AGM will begin at 5:30pm. **All executive positions will be vacated at this time and nominations will be accepted and voted on during this meeting.** The regular P&C meeting will then take place from 6pm.



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

For the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence the NSW Department of Education will be launching an interview that they have recorded with Kellie Britnell, from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on cyber safety. From **4pm on Thursday 14 March** the interview will be available as a featured video on the department's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/NSWDepartmentofEducation/>

Kellie answers questions submitted by parents and carers on keeping their children and young people safe online, and addresses key information on preventing and addressing online bullying.

Our students will also be receiving a guide card on ways to stop bullying on Friday, as part of our school supporting this day.



Sentral SMS Messaging

Starting next week, the school will be sending out SMS notifications if your child had been marked as **absent – unexplained** each morning, after 10am. The school has a dedicated mobile phone number that will push these messages out to families. This number is 0439984271. You can save this as a contact, if you wish. You may reply to this number with a reason for your child being absent. This will then count as an explained absence..

PSSA Soccer Trials

A group of students participated at Zone soccer trials in Scone yesterday. Congratulations to Georgie W, Lacey R, Kealah B, and Maronay S, Jonathan P, Kaiden B, Ben R, and Doug R for making it through to the next level. The girls will now compete in the Regional trials on Thursday 28th March, while the boys will have their Regional trials on Thursday 4th April.



Dates to Remember Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18/3 Yarr 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
8/4	9/4 PBL Rewards Day Scripture Assembly	10/4	11/4 Cross Country 3-6 Infants Assembly	12/4 Easter Hat Parade



for Supporting our Breakfast Club



CANTEEN NEWS

Flexischools are still having problems on Fridays but are trying their hardest to rectify the situation. Please be patient and remember that if you want to place an order for Friday, that you can do that any day previous.

Winter menu has been completed and is ready for approval by the Principal then the next step is to Good Choice to be approved. Menu will be ready for distribution in the last week of term with the newsletter.

A big thank you to Jason and his family who donated a griddle to the canteen. Very much appreciated. Thank you.

A big thank you also goes to our grandmothers, mums and dads who just pop in to the canteen randomly, complete what job needs to be done and continue on with what they were doing. Amazing parents/grandparents and amazing people.



PBL Assembly Awards 3-6



Class	Student
3C	Kirby Hayes
3L	Kimaya Stephens
3S	Zane Gardiner
3/4V	Laura Hall
4N	Sarah Partridge
4W	Emma Meldrum
5S	Darren Wyld
5/6M	Chloe Baldwin
5O	Janae Currie
6H	Sarah McKay
6R	Georgie Williams
6T	Zoran Dennis

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>

Uniform Shop

Opening Times

Monday 8:45 - 9:30 am

Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30pm

Friday 8:45 - 9:30 am