

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 8

20 Jun 2019



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## *Principal's Report*

### Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Friday, almost 30 of our Year 6 students travelled to Muswellbrook to compete in the annual Newcastle University/ Rotary Club Science and Engineering Challenge. Students competed in a series of STEM-like challenges throughout the day, earning points for efforts in achieving the goals of the challenges. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our school was the OVERALL WINNER on the day. Well done to all students involved. Here is a story from one of the students involved.

From Matt Waugh:

The Science and Engineering day started at 10am. My group had to make a biometrical hand from a pipe, a piece of sting, some thick and thin straws and plasticine. My group made a five finger hand. At the end we got extra points. We were able to get a glove on, not many people did. When we were testing our hands, we were able to pick everything up except for the straws. After lunch, (sausage sizzle, and we got seconds!) each group started the second activity. My group had to build a chair to hold a 1kg cat and a 3kg dog at the same time. The materials we were given were cardboard, straws, paper, card and tape. Nothing on our chair broke except the dog drop. And no, they weren't real cats and dogs. Our school ended up winning the whole science challenge.



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

### **Debating teams to SPS on Monday**

Several of our Stage 3 students visited Singleton Public School on Monday, with Mrs Thompson, to participate in a series of debates against other schools, as part of the Upper Hunter Debating workshops that have been running this year. Well done to all of our students who competed on the day, I hear we had some great success.

### **Kai and Tipi at Rugby League**

I would like to send out a belated 'Good Luck' to Kai B and Tipi P, who were competing in the State PSSA Rugby League trials, as part of the Hunter PSSA team, in Charlestown this week. I truly hope you gained a lot of experience and perhaps even a place in the State team. A great achievement in making this team boys, well done!



### **Netballers**

Our school, on behalf of Miss Lewis, travelled to Rose Point Park on Wednesday, to compete in the Schools Netball Cup. Three teams competed on the day and had a mixture of success throughout the day. I happened to see a wonderful message from one of our grandparents on social media about what a wonderful day it was, and how great it is that our school provides these sorts of opportunities for our students. To the students who participated; thank you for being great ambassadors for our school.



### **Zoo Excursion**

Our Kindergarten classes are off to Hunter Valley Zoo today, to support their curriculum delivery of their Living Things unit of work. I'm sure they are having a super day and I can't wait for them to come back and describe their experiences through their wonderful recount writing that they are producing at the moment. Can't wait to see the photos as well!

### **Out of uniform day and FETE Donation**

On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, all students are asked to bring in donations for our Fete/40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as come to school **out of uniform** for the day. Students are asked to bring in the following items, as payment for being able to come out of uniform:

Kinder: Pre loved Plush Animal/teddy

Year 1 and 2: Non-perishable food or household items

Year 3 and 4: Jar filled with items for Tombola

Year 5 and 6: 180g block chocolate and/or bag of wrapped lollipops

### **PBL Rewards Day**

Our PBL Rewards Day is scheduled for Thursday of Week 10, 4<sup>th</sup> July. Watch this space, as the date may change to suit other school events that it may clash with. On this day, students will participate in a series of fun activities designed by teachers, to acknowledge the exemplary behaviour of those students who have been outstanding Respectful and Responsible students, who always strive for Excellence.

### **Public Speaking Competition next Tuesday**

Two of our students from each class will participate in the School Public Speaking competition next Tuesday, in the school hall. The top two students from each stage will advance to the next round of public speaking, competing against other Upper Hunter schools. This will be a wonderful display of our school talent. Mr Graham will be adjudicating the speak-off throughout the day. We wish our competitors the best of luck.

### **Academic Reports**

Our student academic reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If you require a second copy for family, and you haven't already indicated this to the office in the past, please do so soon. Three-way conferences will be held early in Term 3, with you, your

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Fete Day

This year, our school turns 40 years old, and the P&C would like to tie in this celebration with our annual fete. The P&C have decided on a tentative date, pending any significant clashes with other community events, which will be Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, from 11am to 4pm. We envisage having regular fete activities, as well as tying in memorabilia displays and a children's art show. The P&C will organise a committee to coordinate these events. If you are interested in being involved in this significant fundraiser and celebration, please contact Mrs Dagg via the school office.



### NAIDOC Day

Our school will be celebrating NAIDOC Day on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will be operating with a similar format to last year, in that students will be involved in a whole school assembly, followed by a series of rotations with many different cultural activities being offered, including art, sport, music and dance. We hope to have a wonderful celebration to recognise the significant history of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme for this year's NAIDOC Day is Voice, Treaty, Truth and our classroom teachers will also be providing lessons around this theme throughout the day.

| NOTES DUE               |        |                       |          |   |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| NOTE                    | WHO    | Action Required       | Date Due | ✓ |
| Year 4 Sydney Excursion | Year 4 | Notes and Deposit due | 21/6/19  |   |

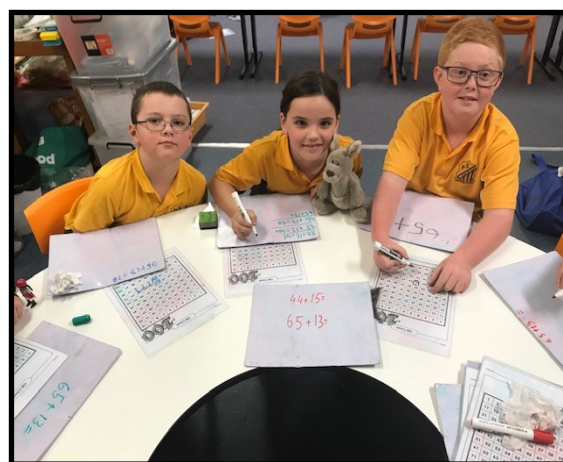
## *Dates to Remember Calendar*

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|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 24/6                    | 25/6<br>Upper Hunter<br>Public School<br>Speak Off | 26/6                    | 27/6<br>Infants Assembly                                      | 28/6                    |
| 1/7                     | 2/7  | 3/7<br>Reports Home     | 4/7<br>Primary Assembly<br>Children's<br>University Excursion | 5/7<br>NAIDOC Day       |
| 8/7<br>School Holidays  | 9/7<br>School Holidays                             | 10/7<br>School Holidays | 11/7<br>School Holidays                                       | 12/7<br>School Holidays |
| 13/7<br>School Holidays | 14/7<br>School Holidays                            | 15/7<br>School Holidays | 16/7<br>School Holidays                                       | 17/7<br>School Holidays |





## Mari visits 2H



## Canteen News

Once again we are approaching school holidays. It will be Christmas before we realize it.

As with every other end of term, we will be running down our freezers. If we run out of a food item, we will then contact the student and ask them for a second choice.

We have taken delivery of a double door freezer to match our fridge. Some of us are very excited about that. It will be slotted into the canteen when the refit is completed.

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents who have helped us in our time of need. Amazing people leads to amazing achievements.



Our Breakfast Club is in urgent need of volunteers! It is on Monday to Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am.

Can you spare a bit of time one morning to help out? Even if it's only a for part of the morning.

### CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 2 Week 9

| MON 24/6        | TUE 25/6    | WED 26/6      | THU 27/6    | FRI 28/6              |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Jenny / Rebecca | Jenny / Liz | Jenny / Tammy | Jenny / Liz | Jenny / Kathy / Julie |



**51 Days to go!**  
*How Exciting!*



**4 Years**



*This year SHPS is celebrating its 40th Anniversary!!!*

**WHAT'S COMING UP?**  
FETE RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE COMING HOME SOON  
THURSDAY 4TH JULY - SPECIAL MUFTI DAY, FOR FETE DONATIONS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VOLUNTEERS  
Please fill out the form if you would like to donate some of your time on the day 😊




**for Supporting our Breakfast Club**



**GLENCORE Australia**



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## Volunteers' Expressions of Interest – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete Celebrations

This year Singleton Heights Public School is turning 40 & we are excited! We will be celebrating with the school & local community by holding a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August. The fete will run from 11am – 4pm.

The P&C are calling out for Expressions of interest for volunteers that would like to kindly donate some of their time to make our Celebration one to remember!

If you are able to donate your time, please fill out the form below & return to the School Office.

Thank you!

Angela Penton – P&C Fete Coordinator 2019

Volunteers Expression of Interest - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete Celebrations

Name: ..... Contact Number:.....

WWCC:.....

Can assist from 9am – 5pm

Can assist during these times ..... (Please specify times)



# PBL Assembly Awards K-2



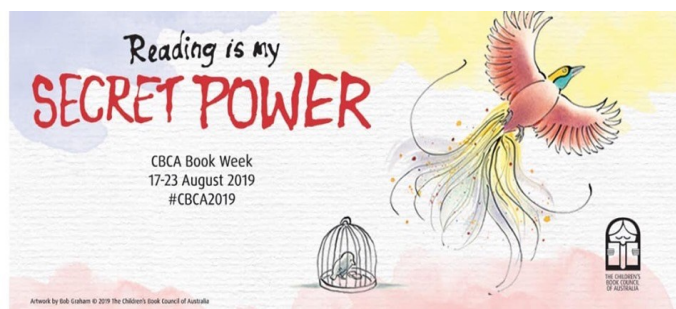
| Class | Student     |
|-------|-------------|
| KA    | Mackenzie R |
| KL    | Joshua S    |
| KM    | Jacob H     |
| KS    | Hugh McG    |
| 1C    | Mason M     |
| 1D    | Lilly H     |
| 1K    | Charles Mc  |
| 1/2W  | Owen L      |
| 2A    | Dom T       |
| 2B    | Ava D       |
| 2H    | Sienna R-H  |

## Entertainment Books



Save money and help us raise money at the same time.  
Books are \$65 - \$13 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>



## Wanted

Volunteers needed for NAIDOC Day. Mrs Anderson will be holding a meeting in KA for people interested in being involved on Wednesday afternoon straight after school.



## School Banking



This weeks Bronze award recipients are Mia, Samuel and Diezel. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

Happy Banking :)

**Coffee for a Cause**  
02.07.19  
6AM - 10.30PM

McDonald's  
Rutherford, Singleton, Greta

50c from every Large McCafe beverage purchased will be donated to Jerome and his family

**Jerome Brecard, at the age of just 33, received the devastating diagnosis of Stage IV Bowel Cancer which has spread to his liver.**