

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 1

25 July 2019



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Principal's Report

I would like to offer a warm welcome back to everyone, after the two week winter break. Most of our staff and students are refreshed, relaxed and ready to go, with a few still getting over niggling illness. Mr Orr and his family welcomed a new daughter at the start of this week. Our congratulations go out to his family! Mr Orr will return to class at the beginning of Week 3, and will be offering 3-way conference times in Week 4. Mrs Carson is relieving on 5O. Welcome to Miss Laura Lantry, who will be taking over 4N, from Week 3 onwards, this year, as Mrs Norris slips into retirement mode. Mrs Saunders has been relieving for Miss Tolmie this week, who will return next Monday.

Girl's Soccer

Well done to our Girls' Soccer team, who beat Branxton PS on a count back of corners on Wednesday, and they now go through to the next round of the PSSA Knockout. You are such a great team!



Staff Development Day change

As you are well aware, our students returned to school a day early this term, as our staff will be participating in professional learning with the other Singleton schools on **Monday, 12th August**. This will be our Term 3 Staff Development Day and students will not be attending school on this day.

Fete volunteers

Planning for our huge 40th Anniversary celebrations, on Saturday, 10th August, are well under way and we are seeking your support to help in both setting up during the morning, and in helping on stalls and activities throughout the day. If you are interested in helping out please complete the form in this newsletter, or simply contact the school and leave a message to say you are keen to help out. We will also be setting some stalls up on the Friday before, 9th August, during the afternoon session of school and after school. If you can provide assistance on this day also, it would be much appreciated. The anniversary fete will run from 11am-4pm.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Quality Teaching Rounds

15 of our teachers have just begun their Quality Teaching Rounds this week. This is a valuable professional learning initiative, where teachers, in groups of three, observe each other's teaching practices and talk about great ideas and ways of improving lessons. It is a great way of sharing their profession in a small group situation, to continue to grow their expertise. Each teacher will have three days release from their class over the term, and into next term.

Digital Devices policy

Our school is going to be piloting the Department of Education's draft policy on Digital Devices and Online Services. During this pilot we will be seeking student and parent feedback about our implementation procedures for the use of digital devices and online services in our school. I will be tabling these procedures at the next two P&C meetings, to ask for feedback. These meetings will be held on Tuesday, 20th August, from 6pm, and Tuesday, 17th September, at 6pm. Students will be able to suggest ideas and feedback to their SRC representatives, who will then be asked for input into the school procedures in relation to this policy. Keep an eye out for updates.



Girls' State Touch Rep

Maronay S will be participating in the Girls' State Touch Football trials, as a member of the Hunter region team, in Mudgee, from Tuesday, 27th August until Thursday, 29 August. We wish her all the best in yet another state trial for this multi-talented young girl.

PBL Challenge

This term, Students are going to be given a challenge to develop a video, poster or multimedia presentation on how they follow our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence in our wider community. Students will receive more information about this in the near future, but if you would like your child to participate, start having a conversation with them now to get some ideas into their creative minds! Their work will be showcased at the school at the end of the term. See over for more details.



Kindness Week

Next week, our school will be participating in Kindness Week, as we do each term in Week 2. This term, the class lessons will focus on being kind to animals. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to learn about this important focus. On Thursday, we will have a free visit from the RSPCA, to talk about their role in being kind to animals, and on Friday the school will hold a Mufti Day, where students can come dressed in an animal onesie, for GOLD COIN donation, which will go towards the RSPCA.

Arriving Before school

Please be extremely mindful that your child is not supposed to be at school before **8:40am**. We have a large number of students arriving before **8:40am**, and it not appropriate, as no direct supervision is in the playground until **8:40am**. Please have a conversation with your child and work out some strategies to support them to get to school at the right time. If children do happen to arrive early, they are to be seated in the COLA until the bell goes at **8:40am**.

Changes to parking on Dorsman Drive – Disabled parking space

A new disabled parking space will be installed outside the school gates in the near future. The installation is in response to correspondence council has received in relation to a lack of disabled parking options at the school. The disabled persons parking space will be installed on Dorsman Drive, just at the beginning of the No parking (kiss and ride) section nearest the entrance to the school. The signs and line marking should be installed in the next few weeks.



Photo Day



On Wednesday 31st July the school photographers will be returning to the school to take photos of sporting groups, the choir, and the year six group photo. Any students who were absent on 12/3/19 and all students who started after this date will also be taken. Ordering options will be made available after the photo day.

Mari had lots of fun with 1C



Dates to Remember Calendar

29/7 Kindness week	30/7 Debating Workshop	31/7 Photo Makeup day Family Maths Workshop	1/8 Spelling Bee Primary Assembly	2/8 Mufti Day/Animal Costume/Theme
5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8 Open Classrooms Education Week Assembly	9/8
12/8 <u>Staff Development Day - No School</u>	13/8	14/8	15/8 Year 3 Sydney Excursion Primary Assembly	16/8 St Catherine's Netball Gala Day
19/8 Town Library Book Week Excursion	20/8 Touch Football Gala Day Town Library Book	21/8 Town Library Book Week Excursion	22/8 Infants Assembly	23/8 Book Week Parade

S.H.P.S PBL Challenge

How do you show Respect, Responsibility and Excellence in our community?

You all do a great job displaying Respect, Responsibility and Excellence when you're at school and we would love to see how you display these values out in the wider community!

We are asking students to show us how they display our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence when they are out in the community.

This could be done by making a video, taking photos and making a PowerPoint presentation or making a poster. During Term 3, we would love students to record themselves displaying our school values in the community and create a poster, PowerPoint or video. These can be handed in to Mr Andrews in his classroom (before school or during recess) by the end of Week 8 (13th September, 2019).

The posters, PowerPoint presentations and videos will then be displayed in the school, showing how our students are positively impacting our community.

Make sure you are always showing Respect, being Responsible and striving for Excellence.

PBL Playground Tickets

The PBL Playground Tickets that students earn for showing Respect, Responsibility and Excellence go into a weekly draw to give students the chance to win prizes. As well as going into the weekly draw, ALL of these tickets will now be placed into our PBL Prize Tub. When the tickets in the tub reach the tape line the whole school receives a prize!

This will start in Week 2 of Term 3. The tub will be placed in the meeting room window and will be visible from the COLA. Keep an eye on the tub as it fills up, representing all the times our students are showing Respect, Responsibly and Excellence.



16 Days to go!
It's going to be a Celebration!



4 Years



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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

EXTRA FETE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

RIDE PRE-SALES WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK - WATCH APP & FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS

ANNIVERSARY WINE PRE-SALE - FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

WORKING BEE THURSDAY 31ST JULY - ALL WELCOME!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer during our working bees or on the day for your chance to win a Biscuit & Boom Cruise for 2 with Lake Macquarie Cruises!



for Supporting our Breakfast Club



GLENCORE Australia






Volunteers' Expressions of Interest – 40th 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 40th Anniversary Fete on Saturday 10th 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 - 40th Anniversary Fete Celebrations

Name: Contact Number:.....

WWCC:.....

Can assist from 9am – 5pm

Can assist during these times (Please specify times)

School Banking



Welcome Back to Term 3, This weeks Award winners are

Bronze:

Lachlan, Cameron.

First Silver Awards for 2019:

Samuel, Laylah, Lilly, Rylee, Addisyn, Jasper and Thomas. Congratulations Everyone, Keep up the great work.

The Class Deposits for the end of Term 2 Class deposit

Winners were:

3rd **KM**

2nd **2B**

and Our Winner for Term 2 Most Deposits from a class is... **4W !!!**

Congratulations!! It was close only separated by one deposit for 1st and 2nd, and both are in the same position Term 1,

Watch out 4W looks like 2B want your title..

Don't Forget it is never to late to join the School Banking Family.

Happy Banking :)

Book Week Parade Friday 23/8/19



ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. ICAS helps to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement for individual students.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year. (Information from ICAS website).

Singleton Heights Public School would like to invite students in Years 2-6 to sit the 2019 NSW University ICAS papers. There is a new format of students completing these assessments online this year. Students will be removed from class to sit their paper online on the dates specified below. Students may sit as many papers as they wish. All applications must be completed on the form below and returned with relevant fees to the office for Ms Rose by Wednesday 31st July, 2019.

Paper	Sitting date	Fee (inc GST)	Year level offered
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 3 rd September	\$14.50	3-6
Science	Thursday 5 th September	\$14.50	2-6
Writing (Paper)	Tuesday 10 th September	\$14.50	3-4
Writing (online)	Tuesday 10 th September	\$14.50	5-6
Spelling Bee	Thursday 12 th September	\$14.50	2-6
English	Tuesday 17 th September	\$14.50	2-6
Mathematics	Thursday 19 th September	\$14.50	2-6

My child _____ in class _____ would like to sit the following ICAS papers. I understand that they will be removed from class to complete these papers online and if absent on the day all monies paid will be forfeited.

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	Spelling Bee	Thursday 12 th September	\$14.50
	English	Tuesday 17 th September	\$14.50
	Mathematics	Thursday 19 th September	\$14.50

I have enclosed the sum of \$ _____ or I paid online : _____ (receipt number)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3 Week 2

MON 29/7	TUE 30/7	WED 31/7	THU 1/8	FRI 2/8
Jenny / Rebecca	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Tamie	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Kathy / Julie

NOTES DUE

NOTE	WHO	Action Required	Date Due	✓
Year 3 Sydney Excursion	Year 3	Notes and payment due	31/7/19	