

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 3

8 August 2019



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Principal's Report

Education Week in New South Wales is very significant and this year's theme of Every Student Every Voice is very powerful indeed. I have come up with a few ideas about how our school provides students with a voice that is authentic and where ideas from students are actioned. Student voice in our school looks a little like this. Firstly, we have a student representative council (SRC) that meets every two weeks to discuss ideas for positive change in our school. Each class from Year 2 to Year 6 has a representative elected on that council committee. We also have two student leaders who represent the wider student body on our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team. Every day in the classroom you hear student voices – offering opinions, thinking critically and creatively, sharing expertise, collaborating – all skills that are so important for their future learning and growth. We survey our Year 4 to 6 students twice a year through the Tell Them From Me surveys, and we read that data to look for signs where our school needs to grow or change to support what the students are saying.



Mrs Norris's farewell thank you letter

Dear Students

I missed my chance to say goodbye when our assembly ran overtime last week. You are the main reason that I came to school each day because I just love being a teacher. I wanted to say thank you to you, especially those children who I've been lucky enough to have in my classes. I would say that most days have been happy days for me. I love being part of watching children grow, learn, explore and discover. I have often been amazed by those of you who really strive to develop your skills, aiming to be the best that you can be. I also admire the bravery of children who find learning difficult but who never give up, showing a great determination to improve.

I also want to thank those of you who have shown great kindness to me and to other people. My heart has been warmed on many occasions by witnessing some lovely moments of kindness. Keep this up, as you are the people who can change our world.

Thank you also to the parents, who, over the years, have been supportive volunteers in my classroom and champions of the work that we teachers do. Thank you for your kind and appreciative words, whether written or spoken, as they have added much to my life as a teacher. I've added those to my list of treasures alongside the times that I have spent with your children.

So, thank you all - I have truly enjoyed my time at SHPS, grateful for the many wonderful people, children and adults that I've met and worked with.

Mrs Norris

FETE

This Saturday is the big day for our 40th Anniversary fete, with a big crowd anticipated for Saturday, 10th August to celebrate this school milestone. Gates open for the general public at 11am, and the fete will run until 4pm. If you, as a parent or school community member, could provide assistance on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. We need volunteers to provide assistance on our stalls, in supervising our student Art Show, and also in the canteen. If you are willing to help, please contact the office or come in to the school on Friday afternoon, or early Saturday to help set up tables and shelters etc. Looking forward to a wonderful day in our lovely school grounds!

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING



Zone Athletics

Well done to all of our students who represented our school at the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics yesterday at Alroy Oval. Success comes in many shapes and sizes, and it is a credit to these students for gaining selection at this event. Several of our students will be going on to represent the zone at the Hunter Regional carnival, to be held on Friday, 30th August.

Staff Development Day

Another reminder that students will not be attending school on Monday, 12th August, due to the change of Staff Development Day dates from the start of the term. The majority of Singleton schools will be participating in professional learning in Visible Wellbeing. The keynote speaker, Lea Waters, is a positive psychology expert in regards to education, organizations and parenting. Lea Waters has devoted her time to help people thrive using the science of positive psychology. Our schools are striving to create positive wellbeing across our communities, and to strengthen our partnerships with the Where There's a Will foundation.

Year 3 excursion to Sydney

Next Thursday, 15th August, our Year 3 students and teachers will be heading to Sydney for their annual excursion. They will be visiting Sydney Aquarium and The Rocks Walking Tour. This will be a wonderful experience and supports the two units of work that Stage 2 are learning about this term; Living Things and British Colonisation. The bus will be leaving promptly at 6:30am from the front of the school.

Statement of Accounts

Each family will be receiving another statement of account this term, to pinpoint costings for excursions and other events through this term and next. These statements are for families to decide whether they want to pay for these events, as they may do so, as soon as this account is sent out.



A cavalcade of other events

Next week, Wednesday, 14th August, we have 14 students travelling to Muswellbrook South PS to participate in the Upper Hunter Zone Public Speaking. Notes will be going home today. We wish them all the best.

Our super girls' soccer team are travelling to Old Bar PS, on the mid north coast, to play in the next round of the PSSA knockout. This is on Thursday, 15th August. Good Luck girls!

We have several students going to the St Catherine's Netball Gala Day on Friday, 16th August. We wish them all the best. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Town Library in Week 5, as a part of the Book Week celebrations. Notes and money are due to come back in for this excursion.

Our Book Week Parade will be held on Friday, 23rd August, from 11:35am, in the school COLA. The theme for this year is "Reading is my secret power".

School Banking



This Weeks Award recipients are:

Bronze

Mason.

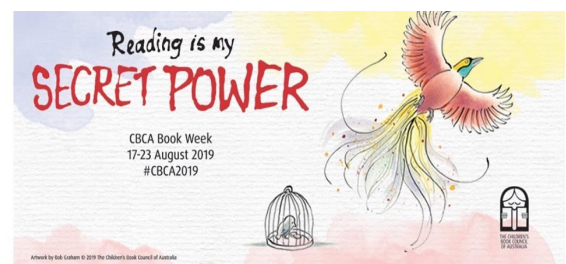
Silver

Nicholas, Sienna, Joseph and Grant..

Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Happy Banking :)

Book Week Parade Friday 23/8/19



Dates to Remember Calendar

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 P&C Meeting 6pm Touch Football Gala Day Town Library Book Week Excursion	21/8 Town Library Book Week Excursion	22/8 Infants Assembly	23/8 Book Week Parade
26/8	27/8	28/8 Fathers Day Stall	29/8 Primary Assembly	30/8 Hunter Athletics
2/9 Year 6 Canberra Excursion departs	3/9	4/9 Infants Athletics Carnival	5/9 Infants Assembly	6/9 Year 6 Canberra Excursion returns



It's Rego Time!

SINGLETON TRACK & FIELD CLUB ARE NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR 2019 / 2020 SEASON!

At the STFC it doesn't matter about your Athletic ability, as our main focus is on personal improvement and having fun. We welcome all abilities. We can't wait to meet any newcomers and say hi to all our returning athletes.

COMPETITION NIGHTS ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT ALOY OVAL, SINGLETON
FIRST COMP NIGHT IS TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER -
LAST COMP NIGHT IS TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

Tiny Tots (aged 3-4) Start Time 5:15pm - All other divisions start time 5:45pm

STFC is a registered Active Kids Provider so make sure you download your \$100 voucher to reduce the registration costs

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE COMPLETED & PAID FOR ONLINE
Early Bird Registration (available until 10th September)

Tiny Tots \$ 80

6 years & older \$110

Registration Fees (from 11th September)

Tiny Tots \$90

6 years & older \$120



Athletes that register before the 9th September can collect their Registration Packs from Alloy oval on Tuesday 10th September from 4pm - 6pm. STFC Uniforms will also be available.

Anyone who registers after this date can collect their packs at the 1st comp night.

If you are having trouble registering online, please do not hesitate to contact

Bec Hatch - 0418445323 or bec_hatch@bigpond.com

www.stfc.com.au for more information

2 Days to go!

Celebrate good times!

4 Years

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

WHAT'S COMING UP?

EXTRA FETE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

RIDE & COOKBOOK PRE-SALES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

ANNIVERSARY WINE PRE-SALE - FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

WORKING BEE FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST - ALL WELCOME!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR VOLUNTEERS ON FETE DAY

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

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
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Cystic Fibrosis
Fundraiser
 Ladies Weekend
 23rd & 24th November 2019

BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG TO A GIRLS WEEKEND FULL OF
 DISCOUNT SHOPPING AT SYDNEY'S GREATEST FACTORY
 OUTLETS WHILE RAISING MUCH NEEDED FUNDS
 FOR A FANTASTIC CAUSE

INCLUDES:

- BUS FARE
- ACCOMMODATION
- SATURDAY MORNING TEA
- SATURDAY LUNCH
- SUNDAY BREAKFAST
- FABULOUS TIME (FREE)

COST: \$290.00 PER PERSON

TO BOOK YOUR SPOT A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED. THIS DEPOSIT IS NOT REFUNDABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALEESHA 0408724930

PBL Assembly Awards 3-6



Class	Student
3C	Jack E
3L	Ayaan A
3S	Patrick H
3/4V	Hayleyrose H
4N	Briella C
4W	Jesse H
5/6M	Hailee C
5O	Tatiana R
5S	Sophie G
6H	Matilda D
6R	Stevie B
6T	Xander S
K-6K	Jaydee F

Canteen News

All our energy is going towards the fete this week as it has come around quickly. We are working towards a fantastic day for our school. Many hours, ideas and toil has gone into the preparations so please get behind us and if you cannot find the time to volunteer, come into the school on Saturday and visit us on the day. You will be very welcome.

In our canteen, we will have a variety of food and drink. Gluten Free, dairy free and vegetarian are covered.

Banana bread and apple sour cream slice to have with your coffee.

Plenty of drinks, milk and juice for the children and as a special treat—ice cream spiders.

Thank you does not seem enough when amazing people have stepped up when so desperately needed but I do thank everyone very much who stepped up last week. Amazing people makes an amazing team.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 3 Week 4

MON 12/8	TUE 13/8	WED 14/8	THU 15/8	FRI 16/8
Staff Development Day	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Tamie	Jenny / Liz	Jenny / Kathy / Julie