

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 1

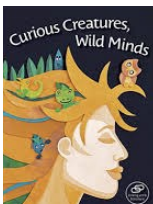
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## Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4, and welcome back to our wonderful students, who we hope have enjoyed a restful, fun-filled holiday. Specific COVID restrictions still remain in place for NSW Government schools, so many of our celebrations at school will look a lot different than in previous years. We will continue to notify parents and community members on our Facebook page, on Skoolbag, and via our newsletter, about the changes that we have made, to still be able to celebrate student success, albeit, in a new and different way. Read on for more information.



### Book Week Parade

Next week is The Children's Book Council of Australia's **Book Week**, and on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we are encouraging students to **dress up in a book character costume**, or a themed costume to match this year's theme of **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**. The school will have a parade on the back oval, from 10am, with students marching in grade cohorts. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this parade. We will ensure we have plenty of photos of the parade to share with our community.

### Kindergarten Transition

Information will be going home to parents shortly, who have children enrolling in Kindergarten for next year. We have developed a different model than from previous years, as restrictions are still in place for parents coming on to the school site in large numbers. There will be four orientation sessions, instead of three. The dates will be 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November. Students/families will be given an allocated time for their orientation, as current protocols don't allow us to have all students and parents on site at the same time. More information about this will be sent out to families this week.



### Current COVID Restrictions

The current restrictions concerning parents at pick up and drop off are based around the fact that, potentially, the school would have large numbers of adults gathering in the school grounds during this time, which is not permitted under the current guidelines. This is the reason we are continuing to have pick up and drop off at the gate. Parents are individually able to enter the school grounds, particularly when it concerns the health care of their child, or to have emergency meetings with staff, or they are volunteering.



### Canteen Menu

Our Term 4 canteen menu is now operating. There are some wonderful choices for our students, including sushi on the menu this term! Remember that you can use Flexischools to order your lunch, as well as use the paper bag option, available at the canteen window.



### Attendance

Congratulations to 2A, who were the winners of the Term 3 Attendance award trophy, for having the least amount of absences over the last term. KM were the winners of the Week 10 Attendance award, and will get to host Mari this week! Please ensure your child is coming to school every day, if they are fit and healthy!

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

## Children's University Graduation

This year, remarkably, we managed to have 11 students graduate in the Children's University (CU) program. Due to COVID restrictions, the previous graduation at University of Newcastle has been cancelled. The school will still hold a short ceremony in the school hall, for these students, on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, from 2:10pm. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this ceremony. Ms Rose and the CU coordinator will be on site to present the certificates. Congratulations to all the students involved in this year's program. Let's hope for more success in 2021.



## Community Consultation

The school has organised to connect with our parents and community members via an online platform, to have constructive conversations about our new school planning process. As yet, we haven't arranged a day or time, however, keep an eye out for some dates where we can meet in small groups to prepare our school for a new school improvement process.

## Child Safety Handbook

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. Over the past 8 years most NSW primary schools have received hard copies of this most important child safety handbook and have distributed them to the parents and carers of their pupils.

The handbook has been updated to include key messages about COVID-19 safety and bush fire safety given the unprecedented fires we experienced earlier this year.

The updated online edition (link below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. [https://issuu.com/associatedmediagroup/docs/cshb\\_2020\\_edition1\\_digital\\_final\\_issuu?fr=sNGZiYtIwMTU4NDY](https://issuu.com/associatedmediagroup/docs/cshb_2020_edition1_digital_final_issuu?fr=sNGZiYtIwMTU4NDY)

## Mari Badge Winners

Last term, right at the end of the last week, I was able to present Mari badges to Adalin H, Emmett M, Skyla S and Summer S. Congratulations to these students for gaining success in our whole school reward system. These students, and possibly many more, will also receive a Pizza Lunch at the end of the term.



## Emotional Management Lessons

This term, our staff have continued professional learning in Visible Wellbeing and expanded our knowledge of teaching and using emotional management. Emotional management is our ability to distinguish between our emotional states as they arise, and make choices to manage those emotions in a way that boosts our wellbeing. Emotional management helps us get along better with other people, support other people when in need, but also puts us in a significantly better mindset to approach learning and difficult cognitive tasks. This week, in our classrooms, we are learning about having a **positive mindset and thinking good thoughts**. When your child arrives home, or when you get a chance to have a conversation with them, in the evening, ask them "What are you most proud of achieving today?"

## Statement of Accounts

Statement of accounts are going out today for voluntary school contributions. Please make payments via credit card, or online POP payments through our website. No cash will be taken over the counter. Thank you in advance for your support.

# NSW Netball Competiton

50 have been completing weekly netball challenges against other schools all across NSW. These challenges could be skills based, re-search tasks, creative tasks or video/speaking challenges. So far 50 is in the top few schools on top of the points table. These are some photos from a task that was "Shoot goals with balls that aren't the normal netball". 50 used footballs, dice, baseballs, handballs and many other different shaped designs. These tasks have been great as they have promoted teamwork and perseverance, especially when doing a task that seems difficult.



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### Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%\* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

\*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescard/terms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below - or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Your Club President  
John Smith

Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

**BENEFITS:**

- Supporting clubs, schools and charities through every week
- Special offers and savings unavailable to non-members
- Original Ritchies Card with an easy-to-use app
- Free to join - and totally necessary

# School Travel for 2021



## 2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

\*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



## Casual Work

Casual positions - Multiple locations across Hunter Region (6556)

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

#### Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

#### Does this sound like you?

- Reliable in good or bad weather
- Good communication skills
- Community spirit
- Positive energy

✓ If it does, visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

✓ Applications close Wednesday, 28 October 2020



Registration & Information Days for 20/21 Season  
Monday 12th & 19th October from 4 - 5.30pm at Singleton Gym & Swim

[www.singleton.swimming.org.au](http://www.singleton.swimming.org.au)

### Main Objectives

- \*Gaining confidence in the water & in racing
- \*Developing a life skill
- \*Building new friendships
- \*Achieving personal bests
- \*Enjoyment



Singleton Amateur Swimming Club  
Since 1928

Due to COVID-19 pressures, we have reduced our fees to \$100 for all swimmers.

Active Kids Vouchers will cover this fee automatically online at point of purchase.

First Competition night is Thursday 22nd October  
5.30pm for a 6pm start

Our club welcomes all abilities from our junior swimmers through to our national swimmers. We look forward to meeting new families and welcoming back familiar ones.

Our club offers two free trial nights for new swimmers.

Competition nights are now held Thursday evenings throughout school terms 4 and 1 from 6pm.

Last comp night is Thursday 18th March 2021.



KEEP CALM AND SWIM