

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 2

22 October 2020

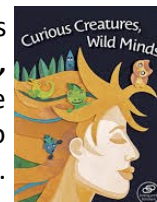


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Principal's Report

Book Week Parade

TOMORROW, Friday, 23rd October, is our BOOK WEEK PARADE, and 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. Prizes will also be given out to some lucky students! 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. Looking forward to celebrating Book Week tomorrow.



Kindergarten Transition Program

Information about our Kindergarten Transition program has been sent out this week, to parents 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 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th 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. We are really looking forward to having the children on site in the near future. Exciting times!



Attendance



Congratulations to 1K, who were the winners of the Week 1 Attendance award, and have been hosting Mari this week! Please ensure your child is coming to school every day, if they are fit and healthy!

Mari Badge recipients

Congratulations to the Riley T, Aria D, Neisha F, Will H, Jayden S and Kane D, for receiving their Mari Badge this week. Kane has now earned his Bronze Mari Badge, after collecting 30 Mari awards! Well done, everyone. These students, and more, will be celebrating their achievement with a Pizza Lunch at the end of the term.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

P&C AGM and General Meeting

The following executive have been elected to fulfil their roles until the 2021 March Annual General Meeting:

President – Mrs Jo Wensley

Vice Presidents – Mrs Amelia Sheath and Mrs Laura Lomax

Secretary – Mrs Dianna Dennis

Treasurer – Mrs Codie Kenny

The following members were elected to fulfil these other significant roles on our P&C:

Uniform shop Coordinator – Mrs Amelia Sheath

Breakfast Club coordinator – Mrs Jo Wensley

Merit Selection Panel Representative – Miss Kathy O'Brien and Mrs Dianna Dennis

PBL Parent Representative – Miss Kathy O'Brien

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th November, from 6pm, at a venue to be advised.



Children's University graduation

The school will be holding a short ceremony in the school hall, for these students, on Tuesday, 27th 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.

Remembrance Day

The school will be holding a commemorative ceremony for Remembrance Day on Wednesday, 11th November. Parents will not be able to attend this event, due to COVID restrictions. We will be holding the ceremony on the school lawn, adjacent the flagpoles.



Principal for a Day

Emily H, in 3W, will be joining me next Friday, to work as 'Principal for the day'. There will be many odd jobs that she will experience throughout the day, and I am sure she will have plenty of ideas to put forward, while sitting in the chair in the Principal's office. I'm looking forward to putting my feet up on the day, while Emily works hard in the role!

Extra Photo Day

Photos of SRC, School Captains, year 6 group and any new students or students absent on the original photo day, will be taken on Monday, 9th November.



NAIDOC Day

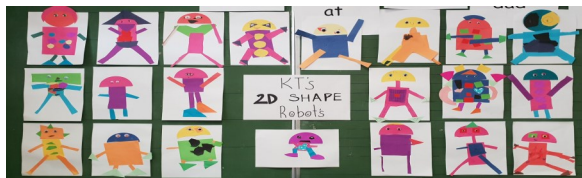
The school will be celebrating National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week on Friday, 13th November, with a range of activities to participate in, across our classrooms. We are also hoping that our Kindergarten students will be able to experience some traditional Aboriginal dance on the day. This is always an exciting day for our students. I am looking forward to seeing what they can create and learn about.

Classes 2021

Firstly, please inform the office if your family is relocating in 2021. Also, in the coming weeks, the school will begin planning for classes in 2021. In this process, teachers, school executive and the Learning Support Team, use professional judgement to very carefully ensure the correct placement of students in classes for next year. Occasionally, parents or carers have a specific concern for the wellbeing of their child for consideration in this process. If you have a specific concern, it is important to, firstly, share your concern with the child's class teacher as they may have a different perspective to add. Having done that, concerns can be put in writing to the attention of the school principal and submitted to the office. Concerns or requests pertaining to the child's social, academic or emotional wellbeing will be carefully considered within the process. Under the principle of equity, requests for specific classroom teachers for 2021 will not be considered. Submissions might include a comment on a child's capacity to relate to other children, or perhaps a style of teaching that a child has responded positively to previously. The organisation of classes is a process which is carefully planned. If you have a specific concern, submissions need to be received by the office prior to Friday, 27th November, 2020. It is usually not possible to move a child to a different class once rolls have been established.

Maths in KT

Students in KT recently investigated 2D shapes looking at different orientations and discussing their features such as the number of sides and corners of each shape. In the photos students are using pop sticks to make a variety of 2D shapes and Geoboards to make shapes using elastic bands and boards. They loved creating their own 2D shape robots using circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. KT students enjoyed learning how to use 2D shapes in various ways.



K-6K Kitchen Kart



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 to apply today!
- ✓ Applications close Wednesday, 28 October 2020



ARE YOU MOVING? IF YOU ARE MOVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND WON'T BE ATTENDING SHPS IN 2021, OR HAVE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CONTACT DETAILS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ASAP.



WHEN: 2/11/2020 - 7/12/2020
TIME: Monday 3.45pm - 4.45pm
WHERE: 30-40 Combo Lane
Singleton
NSW 2330

