Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Week 5



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Principal's Report

12 November 2020

Remembrance Day

Term 4

We enjoyed a very memorable Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, 11th November, with all students able to gather on the flagpole lawn for the commemorative event. Our school was honoured to have Warrant Officer Brendan Bowring join us as a representative from the Lone Pine Barracks. Greg Brennan, from Singleton Town Band played the bugle for our Last Post and Rouse, and our school choir sang the spirit of the ANZAC's for the audience. Thank you to Mrs Daubeney and the defence students, who did a great job in ensuring the ceremony was a special one. Thank you to the school community for donating flowers, and to the P&C for the constructing of the wreaths.



Kinder Orientation

Thank you to the families who were able to attend our second Kindergarten Orientation session yesterday. We hope your child is excited about starting Kindergarten in 2021. Our next session will be held next Wednesday, 18th November, and the children will get to visit their next classroom on this transition journey.





NAIDOC Week celebration Friday

Our school will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Friday, with class activities being organised across the school. Some of our Aboriginal students have videoed an Acknowledgement of Country for all of our classes to view in the morning, to kick off the day. Our dance teacher, Emily, will be teaching some traditional Aboriginal dance to our Kindergarten students throughout the day.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Changes to COVID restrictions

From Thursday, 12th November, the NSW Department of Education is opening up restrictions to end of year school events, however, the easing of these restrictions come with clear protocols that the school has to adhere to.

COVID-19 UPDATE

NEW GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES AT NSW SCHOOLS

We have decided that, for Presentation Day, we will hold the event at school, with each Stage to have a separate presentation assembly to present awards.

The protocols for end of year celebrations state that the school needs to follow the 4 sqm rule, in terms of how many adults are allowed in an indoor space. Our hall is approximately 240sqm, which would allow for 60 adults, in a perfect world. During the Presentation Day assemblies, we would need anywhere up to 15 adults supervising the children. This would allow for only 45 adults on top of the staff in the hall. Each Stage will give out 40+ awards on average, so we would technically need to invite more than 45 parents to the event, if this was the case. Also, given that each adult is supposed to have a 1.5m space between them, we will find it very difficult to fit these adults in the hall, while also having up to 140 students in the hall as well. So, we have to make the decision that parents are unable to attend the school's Presentation Day. More information about whether your child will be receiving an award this year, will go out closer to Presentation Day.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 farewell will be limited to Year 5 and 6 students only, as well as supervising staff. Students will have plenty of fun activities to celebrate the farewell, and information regarding this celebration will be sent out in the near future.

P&C Meetings

From 12 November, P&C meetings may occur on the school site with executives and invited guests. These meetings must occur outside of school hours. The number of parents and external visitors meeting onsite is limited to a maximum of 20 people. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. All attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form, which will be supplied by the school. Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, 17th November. It will be held on school site, however, you will need to RSVP to the P&C Secretary, to be able to be guaranteed that you can attend the meeting.

Carols by Candlelight and our own carols on the green still remain on hold.



Merit Selection Panel

Our school has formed a merit selection panel to advertise the vacancy for the Behaviour Support Class. This position will be filled with a permanent teacher to replace Miss Fiona Kidziak who has relinquished the position, after leaving the school permanently. Mrs Tonon will continue teaching the class in a temporary capacity for the remainder of the year.

New Teacher transfer for 2021

Our school has been notified that we will be receiving a teacher on a transfer from Branxton Public School in 2021. Mrs Melissa Mungoven will be joining our staff on a fulltime basis. Mrs Mungoven has had a visit to the school this week, to meet some of our staff and to get some background information about her role. I look forward to introducing you to her in 2021.



Executive Planning Day

Next Friday, our Executive team will be meeting to draft our Strategic Directions, which will form our School Improvement Plan from 2021 to 2024. Next Wednesday, we have scheduled a second Community Consultation Meeting to consider the feedback provided by parents in the first consultation meeting held a few weeks ago. AECG Consultation will then take place later in the term.

2021 Start Dates

The NSW Department of Education has announced that, in 2021, schools will have two Staff Development Days (studentfree days) to start the year, on Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th January, meaning that students will return to school on Friday, 29th January. Kindergarten students will start school on a different day, as these students will undertake Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, prior to starting. Kindergarten students will start school on Tuesday, 2nd February.



Crazy Sock Day

Next Thursday, 19th November, the school will be having a Crazy Sock Day to raise funds for the Year 6 farewell. We would like all students to participate by wearing socks of their choice and bring a gold coin donation.

Practicum Teachers

We currently have three practicum teachers gaining experience in different stages across the school, with Michelle Ziennger in 3/4V, Bailey Howes in 1/2W and Amy Tull in 5O. I am sure the staff and students are making them feel welcome.

<u>Attendance</u>

Congratulations to 2L, who were the winners of the attendance trophy for this week, after having only 2 absences in Week 4. They will get to host Mari and the attendance trophy for this week. Well done!









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.





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Day	Time	Age Group	
Monday 16th November 2020	5:00 - 5:45pm	U13 & U14	
Monday 16th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U15 & U16	
Monday 16th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U18	
Thursday 19th November 2020	5:00 - 5:45pm	U13 & U14	
Thursday 19th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U15 & U16	
Thursday 19th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U18	
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Check Singleton Strikers Football Club Group Facebook Page for updates



TUNING INTO TEENS Parenting Workshop

A free four part program for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 16, focusing on communication between you and your child.

Tuesday 10 November | 5.30-7pm Tuesday 17 November | 5.30-7pm Tuesday 24 November | 5.30-7pm Tuesday 1 December | 5.30-7pm

Bookings Essential https://tuneintoteens_singyv.eventbrite.com.au

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SINGLETON STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLUB

SAP provides a clear, professionally delivered development opportunity for young footballers in NSW which underpins the National Premier League's NSW mens and womens competitions. SINGLETON STRIKERS ARE LOOKING FOR FUTURE TALENT AND WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

Day	Time	Age Group	
Monday 9th November 2020	5:00 - 5:45pm	U9 & U10	
Monday 9th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U11 & U12	
Thursday 12th November 2020	5:00 - 5:45pm	U9 & U10	
Thursday 12th November 2020	6:00 - 6:45pm	U11 & U12	

at Alroy Oval, Singleton Heights

Players must register online www.singletonstrikers.com.au/play-football/trials/

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PBL Assembly Awards K-2			PBL Assembly Award _s 3-6		
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	Mia B			Class	Student
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	Zari S			3/4S	Aden C
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				5/6M	Sienna K
Can you help? Second hand uniforms are needed			6H	Beau M	
			6T	Elliott M	
	bed		K-6K	Jaydee F	

Canteen News

We have been very busy finalising all our footy fun day orders for next Wednesday. There is always so much excitement with the students on these fun days. A lot of work goes into these canteen fun days and it would not be possible without the tremendous help of our wonderful volunteers.



We will be sending a flyer home next week for over the counter food items.



We will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Friday with some baked damper, decorated biscuits and lemon myrtle pikelets.

We have been having a few problems with parents/ carers placing Flexi School orders. If using a mobile phone or tablet you may need to swipe across to see the lunch section.

