

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 4

Week 7

26 November 2020



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Principal's Report

I would just like to commend the twelve Year 5 students who gave their leadership speeches to our Year 2 to Year 5 student cohort on Tuesday. Due to the current restrictions, they had to deliver their speeches three times over the day and were very professional in their delivery each time. I would also like to thank our current School Captains and Vice Captains for the coordination of the speeches and the voting that took place afterwards. You are great role models for our future leaders. I wish all candidates the best of luck in their leadership journey into Year 6 2021. The successful candidates will be announced at Presentation Day next Wednesday.



Presentation Day

Next Wednesday, 2nd December, our school will be holding our annual Presentation Day. This year's format is very different from previous years. Parents are unable to attend due to social distancing restrictions within our hall, and students will be attending in stage cohorts for the majority of their Presentation assembly. Times for each presentation are as follows:

- Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) – 9:30-10:15
- Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) – 10:20-11:10

Stage 2 classes will arrive for the announcement of the captains and vice captains at the end of the Stage 3 presentation.

- S1 – 12pm-1pm
- ES1 – 2:10pm-3pm

Year 6 to 7 High School Transition – Orientation Day

Students attending Singleton High School in 2021 will attend an Orientation Day at the high school on Tuesday December 1st. They will have the opportunity to meet some of their teachers, familiarise themselves with the school and meet other Year 6 students from local schools who will be their classmates next year. Students will need to take a school bag, lunch and snacks, and a hat and drink bottle. Year 6 students will need to wear the gold school polo shirt on the day. Please note that students will not be able to order lunches through the Singleton Heights PS canteen, nor use the high school canteen.



Mari Award winners

Several students missed out on the presentation of their Mari badge awards last week. Congratulations to Claudia B for receiving her Bronze Mari badge, with 30 Mari awards, as well as Bentley H and Seamus B for collecting their Mari badge, with 15 awards.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING



Mari Badge Pizza Lunches

This term, we have a record number of students who have received a Mari Badge, so we will be hosting a K-2 Pizza Lunch and a 3-6 Pizza Lunch, to cater for the amount of students. The K-2 (Infants) lunch will be on Tuesday, 8th December, and the 3-6 (Primary) lunch will be on Wednesday, 9th December. Invitations will be sent out to the deserving students early next week.

PAT Assessment Results

This year, our school opted in to a Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) method, to gather student results, to better inform our teaching in 2020. The approach focuses on assessing and monitoring student growth over time and is underpinned by an understanding that students of the same age and in the same year of school can be at very different points in their learning and development.

The students undertook the Reading and Numeracy assessments in Years 3 to 6, in Term 1 and then again in Term 4. I would just like to share with you some of our outstanding results, with many students achieving their expected growth or beyond from one test to the other.

Years 3 to 6 Reading

Term 1

Students in top 3 bands – 11%

Students in middle 3 bands – 61%

Students in bottom 3 bands – 28%

Term 4

Students in top 3 bands – 20%

Students in middle 3 bands – 65%

Students in bottom 3 bands – 15%

Years 3 to 6 Numeracy

Term 1

Students in top 3 bands – 2%

Students in middle 3 bands – 67%

Students in bottom 3 bands – 31%

Term 4

Students in top 3 bands – 5%

Students in middle 3 bands – 79%

Students in bottom 3 bands – 14%

I am proud of how hard our students have worked, and how explicitly our teachers have taught their students, considering the year we have had.

PBL Bingo and PBL Rewards Day

Our Term 4 PBL Rewards Day will be held on Friday, 11th December. The PBL Bingo will be at 10:50am, and our students who have displayed excellent behaviour throughout the term will get to participate in fun PBL activities in their Stage cohorts. This is always a nice way to reward our students, and as I heard in one of the leadership speeches, I think the students would like more of them!



Year 6 Farewell

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The Year 6 farewell will be held on Friday, 11th December and will be limited to Year 5 and 6 students only, as well as supervising staff. Students will have a picnic-style dinner prepared by our canteen, a silent disco (yay!) and a celebratory cake (individual cupcakes in stack!). Year 6 students will then camp overnight in the school (hall and library), with a movie to be screened after the Year 5 students retire home for the night. A BBQ breakfast will follow the next morning, after which students will be collected by parents.

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.





2021 Start Dates

The NSW Department of Education has announced that, in 2021, schools will have two Staff Development Days (student-free 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 Tuesday, 2nd February. Kindergarten students will undertake Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, prior to starting, on either Friday, 29th January or Monday, 1st February. These assessment times will be sent to families in the near future.



Mari in KT





After 30 years of supplying musical instruments and music teachers to schools in the Singleton area, Allan Ward will not be continuing his current business as a "Try Before You Buy" system in schools in 2021.

The last stock of 2020 instruments are now being allocated for 2020 Christmas gifts. If you wish to take advantage of the last Allan Ward Music rent or buy system, please phone Allan Ward on 40237674.

Instruments available are;

Clarinets, Flutes, Alto Saxophones and Trumpets.



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Breakfast Club



Singleton Heights Bakery



MADER
NEW SOUTH WALES

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PBL Assembly Awards

3-6



Class	Student
3C	Millie W
3W	Jax L
3/4S	Kaden Y
3/4V	Blayke L
4B	Sataya T
4L	Amber B
5L	Rubee B
5O	Mikhaila W
5/6M	Annalyse B
6H	Kealah B
6T	Isabel C
K-6K	Zedekai H

PBL Assembly Awards

K-2

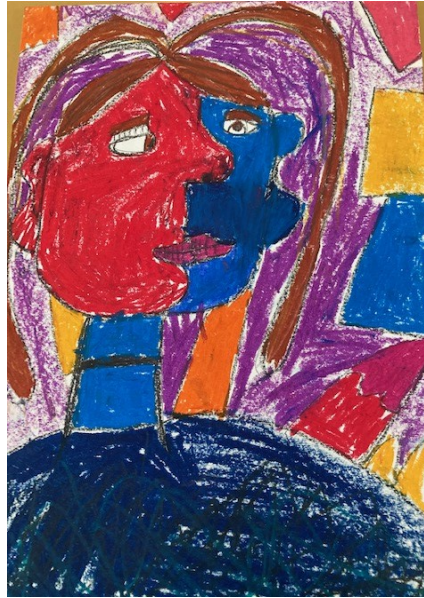


Class	Student
KM	Remi L
KS	Corey B
KT	Skye M
1C	Diezel Mc
1D	Zane B
1K	Alexander M
1/2W	Claudia B
2A	Lorelai R
2H	Emily L
2L	Aston T

3/4V cubist portraits



Monique A



Abigail M



Nataliarose H



Sienna M



Patrick M



Harry L

Working Together in 4B

4B have had a busy week. We've celebrated students favourite pieces of art, had fun doing drama games and used our math skills during maths groups. As a class, we have really enjoyed working together this year. We are looking forward to cooking shortbread and creating Christmas art in the next few weeks.

