# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Week 8



### RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | EXCELLENCE

**3** December 2020

#### Principal's Report

#### Presentation Day

Term 4

Congratulations to all of the awards winners across K-6, who have been proud achievers of outstanding success in 2020. Each of our Presentation Day ceremonies ran very smoothly under our new format, and I hope you were able to catch a glimpse of the livestream throughout the day. Thank you to our amazing school leaders, Kai, Keleah, Sienna, Paiton, Kaiden and Elliott, for their excellent leadership in running each of our ceremonies. Next year, we really hope to be able to have parents at the Presentation ceremonies to help celebrate this success.

#### Major Year 6 awards

The major Year 6 awards for 2020 are as follows: DUX – Lucy G Citizenship – Sienna K Principal's Award – Kai B

#### Captain and Vice Captains for 2021

It gives me great pleasure to announce the following students that have been elected as our new school leaders for 2021: Captains: Cooper L and Ava W Vice Captains: Piper W, Lyndsay W, Riley T, Cody H



#### Academic Reports

Student academic reports will be sent home with children on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that you have communicated with the office administration about whether duplicate reports are required for families.



#### Year 6 Farewell

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.

#### Community Consultation (for School Improvement Plan) Meeting Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

As our School Improvement Plan (SIP) starts to develop, we are offering a Community Consultation session on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 4pm, in the school library, to look over and plan more of our components of the School Excellence in Action process. Community members are most welcome to attend and provide input into the draft SIP, as well as offer ideas and recommendations for school procedures and processes into 2021. During the morning of this day, the school executive team will be consulting with Aunty Deidre Heitmeyer, who is the Singleton AECG representative selected to review and consult on our school plan as well.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

#### <u>Mari Badge winners</u> Congratulations to the following students who received Mari badges this week, for outstanding behaviour:



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#### Mari Badge Pizza Lunches

If your child received a Mari badge this term, or late last term, they should now have received an invitation to the Pizza Lunch next week. The K-2 (Infants) lunch will be on Tuesday, 8th December, from 1pm, and the 3-6 (Primary) lunch will be on Wednesday, 9th December, from 1pm, in the school Community Room.

#### 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!

#### **Class Parties**

Our Class Parties and Fun Days will be held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Each class and stage is sending out a note with specific information about the activities that will be going on, and the food to bring in. Due to COVID restrictions, there will be limited sharing of food throughout the day.



We have been really busy in the canteen the past couple of weeks. **The canteen will finish providing food to students on Friday the 11th of December.** As we near the end of the year we will be clearing out our freezer stock. This means that some items will be unavailable and that your child may need to choose something else from the menu.

We also have a lot of students coming to the canteen looking for promised lunch orders from parents. Please let your child know if they are going to be receiving a lunch order by Flexi School online ordering. It's quite heartbreaking letting them know that there was no order placed with us.

We have also had some issues online with Flexi School recess orders and will no longer be able to offer ordering of recess items at this time. We do provide a huge variety of food options at the canteen each day at recess.

I have been making some small changes to the current menu and a new summer menu will go out to students soon. This will start term one 2021.

Again I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers that help each and every week. Thank you for all your help and giving your time to our school.





## YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 PARTY DAY - MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

To celebrate all the students' efforts throughout the year, we will be having a "fun day" on Monday 14th December, in conjunction with our whole school party days. Students will participate in some fun activities throughout the day including: disco, Christmas art and a G rated movie.

Students may wear mufti clothing on the day, but please remember that clothing must be sun safe (no sleeveless tops). Children are also required to wear a bucket hat.

A note with further information has been sent home today.



#### Teacher Planning for 2021

Currently, our school is creating draft plans for classes in 2021, and our teachers are being provided with a day to collaboratively plan their teaching and learning for next year. The following days have been provided for our teachers: Kindergarten teachers: Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – the school will form 4 Kindergarten classes in 2021, with the following teachers: Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Austin and Mrs Meredith. Classes and staff members are still being finalised for other grades.

Year 1 and 2 teachers: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 3 and 4 teachers: Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Year 5 and 6 teachers: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December

#### 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 or Monday, 1st February. These assessment times will be sent to families in the near future.

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.

Change of Contact Details

