

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 3

13 February 2020



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## *Principal's Report*

### **Successful Swimming Carnival**

Our Years 3 to 6 students had a wonderful swimming carnival experience on Monday. There was some great competition throughout the day and I am sure there were many tired students on Monday afternoon. It was nice to be able to have a non-competitive lane in place for a casual swim for many of our students. A big thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers, who worked tirelessly throughout the day. We couldn't do it without you! It was a very proud moment when several of the Swim and Gym staff commented to me directly on how wonderfully behaved the students were throughout the day. I am very proud of you, kids! Thank you, lastly, to the staff who kept the carnival running along smoothly throughout the day. Well done.

The Zone Swimming Carnival is being held next Tuesday, in Scone. All competitors who qualified for the Zone carnival, will have received their note this week.



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



### Maintenance works

It goes without saying that the school is going to have a few maintenance disruptions over the next few weeks. We are still in the midst of a canteen refurbishment, with many of the tasks being completed this Friday, giving the P&C a better indication of when the work will finally be completed and we can move back in. This will still be another two weeks at least. Sorry for this continued disruption, but I can vouch for the fact that Mrs Thorley and her team of volunteers are doing a fabulous job in serving our students delicious healthy foods each day, despite the relocation.

On Friday, work will begin on the **replacement of the roof sheeting for all of our two-storey buildings**. The main COLA will be shrouded with scaffolding, and temporary fencing will be placed around the border of the COLA area. Please be cautious when moving through these areas, as visibility will be affected.

The first building to be worked on will be the library. All Library, Computer and Learning and Support lessons will be relocated for at least the next week. The pathway behind this building will be blocked. **All pedestrian access to the Year 3 to 6 rooms will be through the smaller teacher carpark or the main COLA.** Safety cones will indicate the temporary pathway. NO DISABLED PARKING access will be available inside the school fence.

In next week's newsletter, I will indicate further changes to the building works, as they complete each building. Thank you for your anticipated support during this big disruption.



### PBL Rewards

Continuing with our awesome Positive Behaviour for Learning approach, we have now introduced classroom reward tickets, to align with our playground reward system. Students currently receive white tickets in the playground that they place into a draw, to win prizes on the Monday morning assembly. We have now added classroom tickets (green) that will also go into a separate draw, again, on Monday morning's assembly.

Just a reminder that Mari awards can be collected over a number of years. Students are able to accumulate Mari Awards and will receive a prize and/or a certificate each time they collect three Mari Awards. As our assemblies are now only every fortnight, there will be a delay between when they hand in their awards, to when they receive their certificate. The next School Assembly will be held next Thursday, for K-2 students, in the hall, from 12:40pm.

### Homework Procedures

Starting this term, as a result of staff, student and parent feedback, there will be no weekly set homework tasks for classes, other than the regular home reading program that we offer in Kindergarten to Year 2, while Year 3 and 4 will offer a combination of home readers and reading encouragement systems. In Years 5 and 6, there will be a strong reading encouragement focus, with resources students can take home to support their independent reading. All classes will shortly be linking into an online maths program that all students will be able to access for free, either on a PC or through an app. This will support your child to potentially further develop their numeracy skills. Details about this program will be published in next week's newsletter and your child will soon receive a username and password to access it.

### Exciting News!! Playgroup Starting Soon

In the very near future ( in a couple of weeks, depending on the roof replacement) our school will be hosting a playgroup program for pre-school children on Friday mornings, from 9:30-11am, in our Community room, upstairs at the front entrance, opposite the office. Mrs Dagg and Mrs Daubeney will be organising many fun activities for families to come along and enjoy. Please contact Mrs Dagg, if you would like more information, or you would like to attend.



### Spare classrooms

The school currently has two spare rooms that we are anticipating being able to utilise for many of our extra-curricular programs in 2020. One of these rooms will be used for film making for classrooms, as the school received a green screen and a film making kit from the Woolworths earn and learn program. This room will be called the Tech room. Our other room, as indicated above, will be used for community activities, such as Playgroup, as well as our Kitchen Kart program. This room will be called the Community Room.



### Zone Cricketers to Muswellbrook on Friday

Several of our students will be travelling to Muswellbrook on Friday, to compete in the Upper Hunter Zone Cricket Trials. Good luck boys and girls!

### Scripture – New Families

If your child has just begun Kindergarten, or you are a new family to the school, please ensure you return the PINK Scripture note as soon as possible. We are currently putting together our Scripture timetable, to hopefully begin lessons in Week 5.

### Digital Devices – School Procedures

Today, your child will be bringing home a document outlining the school's expectations for the use of Digital Devices in schools. It will be expected that you talk with your child about the school's expectations, particularly in relation to personal devices and how they are to be managed at school. ***It is expected that, if a student needs to bring a personal digital device to school, they will hand it in at the office for storage during the day, and collect it after school.*** What is a Digital Device? Digital devices are electronic devices that can receive, store, process and share digital information and connect to applications (apps), websites and other online services. They include desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, smartphones and other devices.

A good website to explore for parents and students is from the e-safety commissioner. The link is as follows:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day>

## Dates to Remember Calendar

17/2 Debating Workshop	18/2 P&C Meeting Zone Swimming	19/2	20/2 K-2 Assembly	21/2
24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2 PBL Bingo
2/3	3/3 Parent /Teacher meet and greet	4/3	5/3 3-6 Assembly	6/3
9/3 School photos Yr 2 swim school starts	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3

# Canteen News

We have had a wonderful week in the canteen. The children are very excited to try the delicious food options we have on offer. This week we have had Ham & Corn Egg Cups, Fried Rice, Apple & Cinnamon Pikelets, Mixed Berry Smoothies and Mexican Quesadillas. Many of the children are coming in requesting some of the many tasty treats they have tried last week which is fantastic.

Thankyou to the wonderful volunteers that have popped in and helped out this week.

The Sausage Sizzle was a huge success on Friday.

Please remember when ordering on Fridays that we are offering limited hot foods options. As well as the Sausage sizzle we will only have Pies, Sausage rolls and Lasagne.

## Recipe of the week - Corn & Zucchini Fritters

### Ingredients

- 1 x cup S/R Flour
- 1 1/2 cups Corn Kernels
- 1/2 cup Creamed Corn
- 1/2 cup Grated Cheese
- 1/2 cup Milk
- 2 x Zucchini's (grated)
- 2 x Eggs
- 2 x Shallots

### Method

Whisk the milk and eggs together. Add in the flour gradually until combined. Squeeze out all the liquid from the zucchini's and add to the mix with the cheese, shallots, corn. Mixed well. Cook in Pikelet size portions for 2-3 minutes each side or until golden brown.

Serve warm with avocado salsa.

Salsa - 1 x Avocado (diced)

1 x Tomato (diced)

1 x Spanish Onion (diced)

1 TBLS chopped coriander (optional)

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEMPORARY CANTEEN MENU TERM 1 2020	
<b>SALADS / WRAPS / SANDWICHES</b>	
Ham or chicken, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, pineapple	
Summer Salad Bowl	\$4.50
Summer Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Summer Salad Sandwich	\$5.00
Dressings	\$0.50
Italian / Thai / Sweet Chilli	
<b>HOT FOOD</b>	
Party pie	\$2.00
Party sausage roll	\$2.00
Ham & cheese toasties	\$4.00
Beef lasagne	\$5.00
Taco boat	\$5.00
Roast chicken & gravy roll	\$5.00
Tomato sauce	\$0.50
<b>ICE BLOCKS</b>	
Queich stick	\$1.00
Ice Mony	\$1.00
<b>SNACKS</b>	
Frozen fruit	\$0.50
Pikelet	\$0.50
Pretzels	\$0.50
Anzac biscuit	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Apple slinky	\$1.00
Vanilla custard	\$1.00
Cheese & crackers	\$1.00
Fruit cup	\$1.50
Yogurt & muesli	\$1.50
<b>DRINKS</b>	
Water	\$2.00
Slushie	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.20
Strawberry Milk	\$2.20
Up & Go (chocolate, caramel, strawberry)	\$2.20
100% Juice	\$2.20
Glee	\$2.20
Juice Bomb	\$2.20

*Eat your Vegetables*





## Part-Time Work

1x Permanent Part-Time position – Singleton Heights Public School – 00007K/UT

### Help protect our vibrant school communities

#### Become a 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

School crossings require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8:20am-9:20am and 2:45pm-3:45pm, 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 [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) to apply today!

Applications close: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## School Choir

Junior Choir (K-2) and primary choir (3-6) have now commenced, but it is not too late to join. Choir involves not only singing but also learning performing and story-telling skills in a fun small group environment.

When : Wednesdays at 8:40am

Where: Junior choir in 4B

Primary choir in 3W

**School banking will begin next Wednesday. If you wish to join apply online at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) or visit any CommBank branch.**



### Does your daughter love to dance??

Hunter Valley Physie has dance classes for girls from the age of 2yrs right through to ladies!

Physie is an affordable dance sport, which helps develop good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and balance through dance. Our national choreography curriculum is age-appropriately designed to teach the relationship of music to movement, rhythm and musical interpretation. We provide a new syllabus and music every year and run fun annual competitions for teams and individuals. Contact us for more information [huntervalleyphysie@gmail.com](mailto:huntervalleyphysie@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook @BJP Hunter Valley Physical Culture

Hunter Valley Physie is a registered Active Kids and Creative Kids provider



### Under 11's Netball

We are looking at forming a new under 11's netball team this season with Singleton Netball Association.

**You must be turning 11 in 2020.**

No experience needed, just a good attitude, be willing to learn and a good sport.

**We need 9-10 players**

to make a team which includes reserves. First in secures your place.

Any parents with coaching experience or who are willing to co-coach are welcome to join in.

Please contact Jo Wensley (Ava Wensley's Mum) on 0410 679 973 **by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**





The Singleton Junior Rugby Bulls need you in 2020!

Fancy running with the Bulls in the great game of Rugby Union?

Fancy playing for the Wallabies someday?

It all starts at junior rugby.

Rego for the 2020 season is open now but closing soon.

We need you registered by downloading the Rugby Xplorer app from the iTunes or the google store and registering before the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2020.

Look to see you running with the Bulls in 2020. Please feel free to contact

Garth O'Brien secretary SJRU 0422 234 748



### NET SKILLS PROGRAM

Girls & Boys 5-7 Years \$80 - Individual Regos accepted

**COMPETITIONS (REQUIRE TEAM ENTRY)**

Set Go & Junior \$120 - Senior \$140

Rego info evening 12/02 McDonalds from 5.30pm

Rego payments due 20/02 at SNA clubhouse 5.30-6.30pm

**ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS REDEEMABLE ONLINE  
WITH REGISTRATION**

Email: [singletonnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:singletonnetball@hotmail.com)



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Open for boys and girls 5-17yo



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