

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 4

20 February 2020



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Principal's Report



Playgroup

Another exciting initiative at SHPS starts next Friday, from 9:15am to 10:45am in our new Community room (up the stairs opposite the front office). Mrs Dagg will be organising our Pre-school Family playgroup. Parents can bring their pre-school children along for the morning and enjoy some games and activities for the little ones. Tea and Coffee will be available to parents as well. We hope you can come along.

Zone Cricket

Well done to our star cricketers Kaiden B, Kealah B, Lacey R and Isabel C for making it in to the Upper Hunter Zone Cricket team. These students will play in the trials for the Hunter region team on Friday, 6th March in Maitland. Good Luck!



Zone Swimming

Well done to our students who attended the Upper Hunter Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. We had plenty of success in the pool and it was great to see our students proudly wearing their swimming caps that were donated by our school P&C. Thank you to the parents and teachers for transporting and supervising the children throughout the day. We must remember to take the shelter next year! Congratulations to Sienna K, Deanda S and Elliott M on qualifying for the Regional Carnival in individual events, and to Josh S, Seamus B, Oscar C and Aiden C who qualified for the junior boys relay team.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING



Canteen and roof work

The roofing work is well under way and our school looks very much like a building site at the moment. Work has begun on the library roof, with library and computer lessons, as well as Mrs Faustini's reading enrichment program, operating in alternative spaces. I am proud of the students for being safe, responsible and patient while all of this refurbishment takes place. After the library refurbishment, 1C and 1D classes will relocate to the library and our Tech room classroom for the week that the roof is replaced on their classrooms.

The canteen work is going along nicely, with a completion date of Friday, 13th March anticipated. This means another three weeks of work before completion. The school P&C are looking at having a special opening of the canteen not long after we move back in. Look out for a special day coming up.



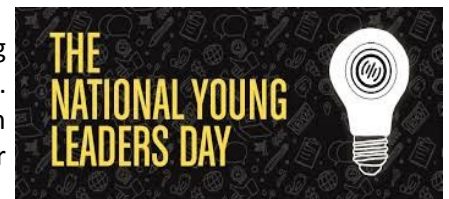
P&C Meeting

The final P&C Meeting before the Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday night. We have many fundraisers occurring across the school again this year, with our Easter raffle being the first one in Term 1. Look out for more information about the raffle later in the term.

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th March, from 5:30pm, in the school staff room. The regular meeting will then begin at 6pm.

National Young Leaders Day

Miss Hazelwood and Mrs Dagg will be escorting our 6 school leaders to Darling Harbour on Monday, 2nd March to attend the Halogen Young Leaders Conference. Many highly respected motivational speakers and leaders will be presenting on the day and we believe that this will be a great day for the leaders to get a better understanding of the role of a leader.



Assistant Principals/Deputy Principal - new roles

Mrs Winsor, Mrs Vern, Mrs Meredith and Ms Rose are currently planning to take on a new role across the school, in the respective stages that they supervise, whereby they will take on the role of an instructional leader. This means that they will work directly with teachers to build student and teacher capacity in both literacy and numeracy. The instructional leader role draws upon a strong understanding of, and high expertise in, quality teaching in literacy and numeracy across Kindergarten to Year 6.



Library borrowing

Library borrowing is happening in classes this week, and into the beginning of next week. As soon as the roof is completed on the library building, Miss Hazelwood will open up the library at recess and lunch for students to be able to borrow. Sorry for this inconvenience, but we hope students will keep the enthusiasm for borrowing that they started with this year!

SRC reps for PBL

Our Student Representative Council recently elected two of their members to represent our school Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team to provide a student voice to the positive systems and practices that the school has developed. Sienna K and Paiton M will be attending the PBL meetings twice a term, on Wednesdays at 8:30am.





Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet

The school will be hosting Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Interviews on Tuesday, 3rd March in the school hall, from 3:30-5:30pm. Students will shortly be receiving a note to take home, for you to indicate a time preference for your meeting. If you are unable to arrange an appointment on this day, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time. Please note that Mrs Kempster will be conducting interviews separate to this day, for parents of children in 1K, as she will be on leave when the interviews take place on the 3rd March.

AECG Meeting

The school will be hosting the Singleton Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Meeting in the school library on Wednesday, 4th March, from 4pm.

High School Year 6 to 7 2021 Information Session

Singleton High School will be holding a parent information session on transitioning to High School on Tuesday, 3rd March at 4:45pm for a 5pm start in the High School Multi-purpose Centre.

Statement of Account

Statements of account for the voluntary general school contribution of \$50 per student and \$75 for a family, have gone home. This is used to cover general school supplies. Payments can be made online or at the office, if you have any questions about this statement, please contact the school office.

Dates to Remember Calendar

24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2 PBL Bingo Playgroup begins
2/3	3/3 Parent /Teacher meet and greet SHS Year 7 2021 information evening	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
16/3	17/3 P&C AGM 5:30pm	18/3	19/3	20/3 Yr 2 Swim school ends

School Band

Mr Ward is impressed with the new players that joined the band program last week. Keep practising what you have learned! Remember to come to the hall and see Mr Ward before school for your lesson times. If you haven't returned your note yet, it's not too late! We particularly need some new trumpet players.

We have a school trombone available for the right student. You would probably need to be in Year 5 or 6, and be able to commit to having lessons with Mr Ward at school. You would need to love music and be dedicated to practising what you learn each week. See Mrs Winsor if you think you are the right person to play trombone with our band.

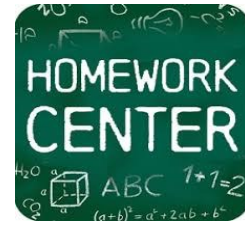
All players from last year should be coming to rehearsals in the school hall **on Fridays, STARTING at 8:30am**. If you are having instrument lessons outside of school, you are still welcome to join the band. We would love to have a new keyboard player join us this year. See Mrs Winsor for more details.

WARAYA HOMEWORK CENTRE

Waraya Homework Centre will recommence on MONDAY 25th February, 2020 in K6K classroom. Notes are being sent home to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students this week. The Homework Centre is primarily for students from Year 2 to Year 6.

The centre will be under the tutorship of Jo Tonon, Karen Thompson, Vicki Caelli and Jenny Hazelwood. We have a group of dedicated teachers who are volunteering their time as well.

Please return the permission note to the school office.



Darlington Bush Fire visit

Last week, some Darlington fire brigade members visited our school with their fire truck. They came because 3W made each member a 'thank you' card.

These are some of our thoughts about the visit:

We learned that the truck weighed about 13 tons! I was amazed how heavy the truck was. (Emily and Charlie)

The uniform is very heavy. Their suits were really hot and heavy from fighting fires. When they fight the fires they have very thick suits. The helmet was very heavy. I learned that they need to use different clothing on special times - bush fires and house fires. (Bradley, Jax, Xavier, Delilah)

I liked the visit because the fire truck had cool stuff. I liked the fire truck and members. (Addisyn and Callie)

I asked have they ever failed and how did the rain help. (Reuben)

The students were very respectful. 4B and 3C also looked at the truck and asked questions. What great volunteers we have in our community! There may be some inspired new recruits in the future.



Former student, Amy, showing Charlee, Delilah and Shauna the heavy uniform



3W with the Darlington Brigade fire fighters



- **CANTEEN MANAGER**
- **SCHOOL HOURS**
- **INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT!**

Rare & fabulous opportunity!

Singleton Heights Public School promotes a school of excellence where every child is a creative, confident, life-long learner and a respectful, responsible citizen. The Singleton Heights Public School P&C are looking for an enthusiastic, suitably qualified and experienced Canteen Manager who will support and reflect our school values **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence** within the canteen environment.

The Singleton Heights Public School canteen services approximately 510 students and aims to provide hygienically prepared and healthy food at a reasonable price, make a profit for funding of extra school resources, and provide a social benefit by encouraging involvement within the school by parents.

This is a **Permanent Part-time Canteen Manager Role**, 5 Days per week, 6 hours per day.

Rate of pay: \$23.05/hr (Fast Food Industry Award 2010).

The role reports directly to the Singleton Heights Public School P&C Association and is responsible for:

- Planning, organising, and monitoring the day to day operations of the canteen, including the rostering and supervision of voluntary workers, daily record-keeping, opening and closing of the canteen, preparation and cooking for lunches and window service.
- The development of a lunch and recess menu that meets the requirements of NSW Healthy Schools Canteen Strategy.
- Planning, preparation and organisation of food requirements, ensuring nutritional & allergy requirements for 50+ children.
- Ensuring a pleasant, positive and team orientated working environment for the volunteers.
- The development and implementation of appropriate written procedures to assist volunteers to deliver hygienically prepared food in a timely manner, and the health, safety & welfare of all persons in the canteen.
- The development and implementation of food safety procedures to ensure food delivery, storage and handling are performed to prevent food spoilage and contamination.
- The development and implementation of an efficient system for ordering, purchasing, checking all supplies & stock levels.
- Reviewing costs of goods and pricing on a regular basis, and minimising wastage.
- Counting, recording, reconciling and banking the daily takings.
- Ensure cleaning relating to the main function of the canteen is carried out during each day of operation.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- Current Paid Working with children check and police clearance.
- Safe Food Handling or similar certification or willingness to obtain.
- The skills and ability to practice safe food handling and preparation to meet the requirements of the Food Standards Code.
- Demonstrated effective time management, organisational skills and a positive approach to work.
- Proven ability to lead & educate volunteers with a wide range of organisational & food preparation skills.
- An ability to build morale, motivate and establish relationships with volunteers, students, school staff, vendors, parents and the P & C committee.
- Proven food preparation / baking skills - Cook or above highly desirable.
- Ability to menu plan & purchase goods, whilst running a profitable canteen that is accessible to family friendly budgets.
- Displays passion for creative thinking.
- Knowledge of the Healthy School Canteen Strategy and menu planning.
- Sound cash handling and banking skills.
- Ability to maintain and manage the Flexischools online ordering system.

Apply by 11am Wednesday 4th March, with a resume outlining current skills and experience, and a cover letter no longer than 2 pages addressing the essential criteria and why you are passionate to become our new canteen leader!

Please include at least 2 referees and send your application to:

The Secretary, Singleton Heights Public School P&C Email: singletonheightspandc@gmail.com



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 Explorer app from the iTunes or the google store and registering before the 21st 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



Girl Guides meet near you!

Laughter, learning, friendship and fun...
 come and discover at Guiding what's done!

Singleton Junior Guide Unit
 (For girls 7–9 years old)

Tuesdays 4.30–6pm

Singleton Guide Unit
 (For girls 10–13 years old)

Tuesdays 6.30–8pm

Singleton Guide Hall - 54 York Street, Singleton

For more information please contact Kirsty
 Ph: 0458 213 271
 Email: ggkirstybates18@gmail.com



SHPS Playgroup

Starting Friday 28th February 2020
9:15 – 10:45am

Please call Alison 65731363
to enrol.

We would love you to join us



DONOR MOBILE VISITING SOON

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Centre is visiting Singleton

Monday 24 February, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Tuesday 25 February, 1.00pm – 6.30pm)

Wednesday 26 February, 1.00pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 27 February, 1.00pm – 6.30pm

Friday 28 February, 9.30am – 3.30pm

If you haven't already made an appointment to give blood, you can book a donation online or call us on **131495**.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies,

Canteen News

The Canteen Refurbishment is coming along nicely. It's looking bright and fresh and the new electronic shutters will be a wonderful addition.

This week we are making Watermelon Sorbet and Beef, Vegetable and Noodle Chow Mein. We will also make fried rice as this was extremely popular.

A quick reminder to make sure your child hands their lunch order in when they get to school before the bell goes, this would be appreciated as we have receiving lots of late orders.

Don't forget Sausage Sizzles are available on FRIDAYS.

