

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 6

5 March 2020



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## Principal's Report

It was so nice to see so many children and parents attend our first **playgroup** session last Friday. We even had William S, who was Principal for the day last Friday, attend the playgroup and read to the children and families. What a great experience. Thank you to Mrs Dagg and Mrs Daubeney for organising the playgroup session. We will continue on every Friday, from 9:15am, with a minor disruption to proceedings when the roof on Building A is replaced in the coming weeks.

Speaking of Principal for the day, William had a very busy day, moving about the school and visiting classes and doing odd jobs for me! Thank you for your hard work, William!

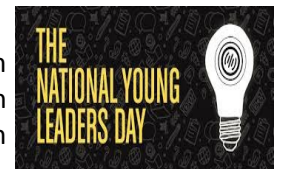


## Parent Teacher Meet and Greet

Thank you immensely to the families and teachers who came along to our Parent/Teacher meet and greet on Tuesday afternoon. It is wonderful to see so many of our parents interacting positively with their child's teacher. It is so important to make those connections, to support our students to connect, succeed and thrive at school.

## Young Leaders Conference

Miss Hazelwood and Mrs Dagg escorted our six school captains and vice captains to the Halogen Young Leaders conference in Sydney on Monday. I am certain the students had a great deal of fun and learnt about the qualities of leadership from some very renowned speakers, including Erin Molan and Rove McManus.



## Sports Achievements

Congratulations to Deanda Smuts, who has qualified for the PSSA State Swimming trials, to be held at Sydney Aquatic Centre on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Good luck to the boys and girls who will be going to the Upper Hunter Zone Soccer trials in Scone on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to Riley T, Jonathon P, Kaiden B, Kolby C, Marshall F, Kealah B, Sybella P, Lacey R, Isabel C and Olivia M.



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

### School Photos

Our School Photo Day is set down for Monday, 9th March. Photo packs were sent home last week with your family's exclusive barcode.

Please ensure you register online so that once photos have been uploaded, after Monday, 9th March, you will receive an email or SMS view and order your photos on the secure webshop page.

Register at: [orders.photoworxonline.com.au](http://orders.photoworxonline.com.au) and enter your family image code and fill in the mobile phone and email section.

If you have not received a unique image code, all children that have been photographed by Photoworx will receive an email, SMS or letter after the photo shoot, with instructions on how to preview their pictures and order prints.

Every child will receive a second form to take home on photoday with their order code and they will all still have another 2 weeks to view photos and place orders. Please refer all enquiries regarding the photos to the photographer - Gavin on: 02 40888199 or [gavin@photoworx.net.au](mailto:gavin@photoworx.net.au)



### Year 2 Swimming School

Our annual Year 2 Swim School begins on Monday, 9th March. School photos will be organised for Year 2 on this day, so as not to clash with the swimming school. Class times for visiting the pool are as follows: 2H and 2L – 12:25-1:50pm, 2A and 1/2W – 1:30-2:15pm. Children who are not attending swimming school in Year 2 will be sent to other classes with classroom work during the time their teacher is at the swimming school. Students in Year 1 in 1/2W will integrate into the other Year 1 classes to continue their learning progression.

### 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 4 and 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 year 1 - Year 6 classes will now be linked into an online maths program called Prodigy. Your child should have received a username and password to be able to access Prodigy on a computer or mobile device from home. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if this has not been the case yet.

### Child Safety Handbook email and link

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. Over the past 8 years most NSW primary schools have received hard copies of this most important child safety handbook and have distributed them to the parents and carers of their students.

The handbook has been updated to include key messages about bush fire safety given the unprecedented fires we experienced recently.

The updated online edition (link below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

<http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

### Children's University Launch

Our Year 3 to 6 students were able to listen to a short seminar from the University of Newcastle on Tuesday, to launch the Children's University program for 2020. Students in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to engage in this great initiative this year, and as we had over 15 students graduate last year, we would like to see even more this year. Information notes, including the cost of the program were given to interested students on Tuesday.



### P&C Canteen Manager Position

The P&C will be shortlisting and selecting potential candidates for interview, for the Canteen Manager position vacated by Mrs Carol Higgins, on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will inform the community as soon as the successful candidate is chosen.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at SHPS

Attached to this newsletter, is a brochure outlining our Positive Behaviour for Learning process at school, including the types of awards students may receive at school. We hope this helps in clarifying some of the questions and comments your child might have about PBL at SHPS.

### PBL Prize Tub - Facebook Poll

As part of our PBL reward systems, students receive PBL tickets in the playground and in the classroom for showing Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. These tickets are used for a weekly raffle and are then placed in our PBL Prize Tub. When the tub fills up with tickets, all students receive a prize. We are asking you, our school community, to vote on what you would like the prize to be for the students.

Option 1: 30 minutes of additional play time on a teacher-selected day

Option 2: A movie in class

The poll will be on our school Facebook Page for a week from today.

We look forward to seeing what the new prize will be!



### School Assembly

The next school assembly will be the K-2 Assembly on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, from 12:40pm in the school hall. The Primary Assembly, with swimming awards being handed out, was held today.

NOTES DUE				
NOTE	WHO	Action Required	Date Due	✓
Great Aussie Bush Camp	Year 5	Permission note and deposit	13/3/20	
Childrens' University Program	Interested students Yr3 - 6	Annual membership fee & note	10/3/20	

## Dates to Remember Calendar

9/3 <b>School photos</b> 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 K-2 Assembly	20/3 Yr 2 Swim school ends
23/3	24/3	25/3 Girls Oz Tag	26/3	27/3 Koala Charity Day - Mufti costumes
30/3	31/3	1/4 PBL Rewards Day	2/4 3-6 Assembly	3/4 Cross Country

# SHPS Playgroup

Friday mornings in our community room.

9:15 –10:45am

For further info or to enrol please call Alison 65731363.

Please bring a drink and snack for your child.

Morning Tea provided for parents and caregivers.

We would love you to join us!



**Photo Day Coming**  
**Monday 9th March**  
**REMEMBER**  
**Register to View Your Photos**

**Photo Day Is Coming Soon...**

**Name:**  
**Group:**  
**Photoday will be on:**

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW** to be notified when images are ready to view.

**Just follow these easy steps...**  
(FOR ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN)

- 1 Go to: [orders.photoworxonline.net.au](http://orders.photoworxonline.net.au)
- 2 Enter your IMAGE CODE
- 3 Fill in YOUR mobile number & email address

Your information is securely stored in accordance to Australian and GDPR privacy policy rules for the use of distributing private codes to you, to view photos. That's it...you'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are READY to view & order in our secure webshop.

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## Canteen News

The Canteen Refurbishment is almost complete. We really appreciate everybody being so patient with us.

A quick reminder that we have a limited menu. Some students are handing in lunch orders requesting chicken nuggets and slushies but these items are not available at the moment.

**Also Year 2 students will not be able to order lunch whilst participating in the Learn to Swim program running from Monday 9th of March until Friday the 20th of March.**

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all of your help this week.

The date and oat bliss balls were very popular with the students. The recipe is below:



### Date and Oat Bliss Balls

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 500g packer of pitted dates
- 1 cup dedicated coconut
- 2 TBLS maple syrup
- 2 TBLS cocoa
- Extra coconut to roll the bliss balls in

#### METHOD

Soak the dates in warm water until they become soft. Drain the dates and place all the ingredients into a food processor and blitz until well combined.

Roll into balls and coat in the extra coconut.





# PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning at S.H.P.S



**RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENCE**

## WELCOME TO SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Singleton Heights Public School (S.H.P.S) proudly embraces the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework.

Our school has three core values of:

### **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.**

These values apply to all members of the school community including students, staff, parents and guests.

Within our core values, there are three 'expectations'. These provide a common language for all students, staff, parents and guests and allows everyone to understand what is expected at S.H.P.S. The images on the next page outline the values and expectations at S.H.P.S.

### **Mari**

This is our school PBL mascot, Mari.



Mari was chosen after a school-wide voting process in 2016. The name Mari came from the Indigenous word meaning kangaroo.

### **RESPECT**

Speak nicely

Be kind to everyone

Care for your environment



### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Make smart choices

Be ready to learn

Be safe



### **EXCELLENCE**

Work towards your goals

Try your best

Believe in yourself



## **Mari Awards**

Each day a Mari Award is given out to one student in each class who has shown **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.**

This is taken home by the student to show their family members. Students collect these Mari Awards and can see the principal (Mr Graham) when they have 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 Mari Awards. Below is a table outlining the Mari Award System.

Number of Mari Awards	Reward
3	Prize from Mr Graham
6	Small certificate on assembly + prize
9	Small certificate on assembly + prize
12	Large certificate on assembly + prize
15	Large certificate on assembly + Mari badge and a special lunch with Mr Graham

## **Mari Class for Assembly**

Each fortnight a class is awarded the 'Mari Class' based on their excellent behaviour in assembly. During assembly the teachers are looking for the best class.

The winning class receives Mari for 4 weeks. These photos can be seen as part of the powerpoint at the following assembly.



## **PBL Playground and Classroom Tickets**

Students can receive PBL tickets in the playground and classroom if they are displaying our school's values of:

**Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.**

Students write their name and class on the ticket and place it in their designated mailbox. There is a draw each Monday where students' tickets are drawn out and they choose a prize from the PBL prize box.



### **Assembly Awards**

As a part of our awards at assembly, students can receive a PBL 'Star Award'. This is given to one person from each class to acknowledge a student who has displayed the school's values.



### **PBL Bingo**

Throughout the year the school plays a whole-school game of PBL Bingo. Each class has a bingo card and listens to the school values being called out over the intercom system. This is a great way for students to increase their knowledge of our school values



### **PBL Rewards Day**

Towards the end of each term, the school has a PBL Rewards Day. This is for students who have consistently displayed our school values all term.



### **Golden Ticket**

The Golden Ticket Program is a lunch time program helping recognise students who consistently get it right. Students participate in a variety of games including minute to win it, human hungry hippos and high interest games.

## **PBL Lessons**

Each week there is a PBL focus where students learn more about one of our expectations. Students participate in PBL lessons each week where they learn more about the weekly focus from our values.

Here, students role play examples of how to be Respectful, Responsible and Excellent students at S.H.P.S.

### **PBL Signs**

Around the school you will notice our PBL signs that display our school's values and expectations. These are a great tool to use with students and allow them to reflect on their behaviour.

### **School Vision**

At S.H.P.S our school's vision statement is:

**POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS  
HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
AUTHENTIC LEARNING**

Our PBL values link with our school vision to ensure that all students are valued and provided with a quality learning environment.

