

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 7

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Principal's Report

Year 2 Swimming School

Our Swimming School kicked off this week, and will continue into next week. Thank you to the teachers and parents for having our students really well prepared to be involved in this great initiative, and thank you to the students who are very excited but very well behaved so far! 2H and 2L are swimming from 12:40—1:25pm and 2A and 1/2W Year 2 students are swimming at 1:30-2:15pm.

Canteen Movement

We are anticipating a hand over of the newly refurbished canteen next Monday, 16th March. **The canteen will be CLOSED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 16th and 17th March**, while our volunteers and P&C crew get it all up and running for a **REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, 18th March**. We are very sorry for this inconvenience, however it is a necessary part of a handover. The P&C have recently held interviews for the vacant Canteen Manager position. The successful candidate will be announced very shortly.



Roofing works

Next Tuesday or Wednesday, pending weather, the roofing work will move over to Building A, which is the Kindergarten classrooms building. KT will be relocated into the library on either of these days, until completion of this roof replacement (most likely a little over one week).



Community Room – Playgroup etc

The Community room will be closed until the roofing work is completed on Building A, meaning that the **Playgroup will not operate on Friday, 20th March**. Our Kitchen Kart program will relocate to its old area and the PCYC program will also operate out of an alternative space.



Digital Devices and Online Services Policy – PARENT WORKSHOP

The school will be hosting an afternoon workshop on Wednesday, 1st April, from 4:30pm, in the school library, to provide information to parents about the Department of Education's new Policy on Digital Devices and Online Services. The workshop will also cover our school's procedures in relation to this policy. Please come along and enjoy some afternoon tea, and listen to this very informative workshop.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Easter Hat Parade

I am mindful of the potential for our Easter Hat Parade, on Thursday, 9th April (last day of Term 1) to have to be shifted out of the traditional area of our Main COLA, with great viewing spaces, because of the scaffolding that is currently in this area. The builders are anticipating this moving before this event, but, if wet weather persists, and the scaffolding remains in the COLA, we are going to have the parade on our back field, as a contingency plan.



Staff Movement

I will be in Sydney this Thursday and Friday, at the Primary Principal's Association State Council meeting. Ms Rose will be relieving in my absence. Mrs Rees will be supporting Ms Rose in the office on Thursday and Mrs Vern on Friday.

Staff Professional Learning

Our Deputy and Assistant Principals recently attending professional learning called Foundations of Teaching Sprints, delivered by Simon Breakspear. This professional learning supports the work that our Deputy and Assistant Principals will be doing to build the capacity of our teachers to focus in on making positive shifts in our student learning and outcome achievement. The Teaching Sprints will involve the shared planning of a very explicit focus area (guided reading, for example) in which teachers make small shifts in their practice, to make a difference to the student learning. These shifts or changes are then brought back to the group for evaluation, and then the process starts again. Exciting stuff!

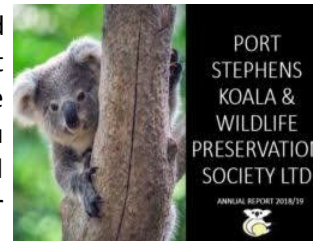
K-2 Assembly



Our next Infants' Assembly will be held on Thursday, 19th March from 12:40pm in the school hall. Please be mindful that Year 2 students will be most likely absent from this assembly, due to swimming school commitments.

Mufti Day Friday Week 9

The school will be holding a Mufti Day (out of uniform) on Friday, 27th March. The children (and staff) will be asked to come to school in a costume that represents someone who helped out during the recent devastating bushfires that many communities faced. Examples might include firefighters, SES volunteers, park rangers, vets, nurses, paramedics etc. I'm sure if you brainstorm with your class, you will come up with many more. The school will be donating all proceeds to the Port Stephens Koalas. & Wildlife Preservation Society. Check out their Facebook page or website to find out more about them.



P&C AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the school P&C will take place next Tuesday, 17th March, from 5:30pm, in the school staff room. All executive positions will be declared vacant and elections will take place for nominated applicants to take on executive roles in 2020. Following the AGM, the regular P&C meeting will be held at 6pm.

PBL Rewards Day

Our next PBL Rewards Day will be held on Wednesday, 1st April. The Pizza Lunch for our Term 1 Mari Badge winners will be held on Friday, 3rd April.



Crossing Roads



Please be mindful that we still do not have a second crossing guard stationed on Dorsman Drive at the moment. Both while you are driving and/or walking your child across the road, please be very, very careful about your behaviour and your child's behaviour on or near roads.

NOTES DUE				
NOTE	WHO	Action Required	Date Due	✓
Great Aussie Bush Camp	Year 5	Permission note and deposit	13/3/20	
Year 6 Shirt	Year 6	Order and payment	27/3/20	

“Community Herb and Bush Tucker Garden”



Students in 2A planted the garden this morning with Mr Andrews and Mrs Considine. This garden was supported by a Community Grant from Ashton Coal in 2019. Thanks to Sue, Danni and Felix for their help. 2A students and Mrs Considine will be looking after our garden as part of their mindfulness lessons.

Dates to Remember Calendar

16/3 Yr 2 Swim school	17/3 P&C AGM 5:30pm Yr 2 Swim school	18/3 Yr 2 Swim school	19/3 K-2 Assembly Yr 2 Swim school	20/3 <u>No Playgroup</u> Yr 2 Swim school
23/3	24/3	25/3 Girls Oz Tag Yr 2 Swim school	26/3	27/3 Koala Charity Day - Mufti
30/3	31/3	1/4 PBL Rewards Day	2/4 3-6 Assembly	3/4 3-6 Cross Country
6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4 Easter Hat Parade	10/4 Good Friday School Holidays

Canteen News

We have been very busy getting ready to move back into our newly refurbished canteen. It is looking bright and new.

We have been using lots of fresh herbs and cucumbers from our school vegetable garden. The herb and garlic dip with veggie sticks is a tasty healthy choice.

We have been trying out some new food items at recess and getting some great feedback from the students. We have made a big batch of Date and Oat Bliss Balls. These are extremely popular and don't last long.

Please remember we have a limited menu on Fridays and SAUSAGE SIZZLES are available for \$3.50



2019 School Magazines are available for \$10 at the office.

PBL Assembly Awards 3-6



Class	Student
3C	Mason S
3W	Bradley L
3/4SS	Olivia S
3/4V	Harry L
4B	Nicholi T
4L	Sarah T
5L	Isabella K
5O	Sophie L
5/6M	Hannah A
6H	Seren Hall
6T	Lacey R
K-6K	Caleb R



Breakfast Club will re-open on Monday 23rd March. Open Monday to Thursday before school. Help wanted!

