

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 8

19 March 2020



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Principal's Report

COVID-19 Updates

Our school community has worked very positively this week, during unprecedented worldwide events associated with coronavirus. I have rigorously attempted to follow the advice from the NSW Department of Education, in relation to how our school can continue to operate, under social distancing restrictions. I can only apologise that our school has to cancel certain events because of these restrictions. I will personally present Mari award certificates to students in their classes this week, because our K-2 Assembly has had to be cancelled. Read on for further cancellations.



Future School Events

All school activities that involve the interaction of more than one class, for example, stage-based sport, dancing and singing, have been restricted to individual classes until further notice.

Many of our future school events are in jeopardy, as most non-essential gatherings are being postponed or cancelled. At this stage, our **Easter Hat Parade** will not go ahead, unless a change in government policy or procedure occurs before the end of term.

Our **PBL Rewards Day** will be revised to classroom sized activities, if it does go ahead, and the **Mari Badge Pizza Lunch** with the Principal will be postponed until further notice.

The scheduled **school assemblies** are now cancelled (today's K-2 assembly and the next 3-6 Assembly on Thursday, 2nd April).

The **School Cross Country** will be cancelled on Friday, 3rd April.

The **Digital Devices Parent Workshop** we had planned for Wednesday 1st April has been postponed.

The **Easter Scripture Assembly** that was scheduled to be held in Week 11 has been cancelled.

Breakfast Club will remain closed.

The New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association advises that the following championships and knockouts will not proceed on published dates-

1. NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Swimming Championships
2. NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Diving Championships
3. NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Statewide Knockout Competitions

All NSWPSA activities will be 'temporarily ceased until further notice'.

The school has procedures in place for the potential closure of schools, either temporarily, or for longer periods. These procedures will be communicated to families when they are to be implemented.

The most important message is that, if your child is unwell, if they have a cold or a fever, a cough, a sore throat, or any respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms, your child MUST NOT attend school. If a child is sick, keep them home.

Staff Professional learning

Mrs Stafford, Miss Lantry and Mr Stacey (the Support Teacher hearing for our network of schools) attending the Positive Partnerships Autism training last week, bringing back knowledge of better supporting with students with autism.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Harmony Day Celebrations

Harmony Day is celebrated annually on 21st March in Australia. Obviously in our current climate, restrictions will be placed on these celebrations on the Saturday it is due to take place. Our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday, 20th March, with special classroom activities throughout the day. The canteen will also be selling some exciting orange food items. **We are not asking students to dress in mufti clothes this Friday.**



School Charity Fundraiser

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. Check out their Facebook page or website to find out more about them.



Canteen

Congratulations to our newly appointed canteen manager, Mrs Royleen Thorley. Mrs Thorley was chosen for the position after interviews were held last week. Mrs Thorley comes to the canteen manager position, after relieving in the role from the start of this year. Mrs Thorley is a qualified chef, which is a bonus for our students!

Our new canteen has opened and is now operating. We are operating on a health and safety system of hand sanitiser being used before purchases are made, and adjusting our canteen line etiquette, to follow appropriate social distancing procedures.



NOTES DUE				
NOTE	WHO	Action Required	Date Due	✓
Year 6 Shirt	Year 6	Order and payment	27/3/20	

NDIS provision of support for students at school

There are 4 key steps for parents and carers who want an NDIS-funded service delivered in school:

1. Ask the school in writing
2. Meet with school staff to discuss details
3. The principal considers your request, taking into account the needs of your child, other students and the operations of the school
4. The principal lets you know whether or not the provider can deliver their services at the school

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.



P&C Meeting

Unfortunately our P&C AGM and general meeting were cancelled on Tuesday night, based on constitutional rules that stipulated that if the meeting could not obtain a quorum of members, it could not proceed. The next scheduled general meeting is Tuesday, 19th May, this will be the new date for the AGM, but this meeting will only proceed if the social distancing rules are lifted, for our committee to obtain a quorum of members attending.

Dates to Remember Calendar

23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 Koala Charity Day - Mufti
30/3	31/3	1/4 PBL Rewards Day	2/4	3/4
6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4 Good Friday School Holidays
13/4 School Holidays	14/4 School Holidays	15/4 School Holidays	16/4 School Holidays	17/4 School Holidays

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
**TEMPORARY
CANTEEN MENU**
TERM 1 2020

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

Eat Your Vegetables

2019 School Magazines are available for purchase from the office for \$10 each.



School Banking

School Banking has finished for Term 1.



Breakfast Club will remain closed

SHPS Playgroup

Reminder there is no **Playgroup this week** due to the roof replacement. We hope to resume next week.

