

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 5

28 May 2020



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## *Principal's Report*

**Thank you Thank you Thank you...**all so much for adhering to the social distancing guidelines at the gates this week. It really does help with the pick up in the afternoon. We will continue with the early finish for Kindergarten students, at 3pm. Please contact the school if it is an issue to collect your Kindergarten child at this time.

In this newsletter, we have included photos of our classes, acknowledging our parents and caregivers who have provided learning platforms and opportunities for their child over the course of this pandemic. We give our sincerest thank you for your encouragement, support and unbridled enthusiasm for not only continuing with your child's learning, but keeping them safe and supported during this time.



### **Learning is back on track**

It is lovely to see almost all of our students back in their classrooms fulltime this week. Despite the dreary, wet weather at the start of the week, our students have really enjoyed the social aspects of their return to school, and have really appreciated the opportunity to get back into formalised learning. During the week, I have reminded the students of a few things that we need to start adjusting to, now that we are back and learning 5 days a week in the classrooms. They are:

- Please ensure your child has access to a school jumper and/or jacket for the winter months approaching. Students who have consistently been wearing an out of uniform jumper to school will be given a replacement school jumper to wear, unless they have a note from their family, stating the reason they are unable to wear a school uniform jumper or jacket.
- Our school values, of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence, are expected to be followed at all times in the school grounds. Some students can find it difficult to adjust to the discipline of school life, and all students are reminded of the rewards that our school delivers to students who are following the values each day. Please remind your children of the expected behaviour at school.
- Students are still restricted from drinking at the water bubblers at school. They need to bring a water bottle to school each day that can be refilled in the classroom, or at the bubblers.

### **Life Education**

Our scheduled Life Education Van visit next term has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. School staff may opt in to the Life Education Online modules in Term 3 and beyond, to support our PDHPE curriculum delivery. We apologise that this exciting event is unable to be scheduled this year.



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



### **PSSA Programs Term 2**

NSW Primary Sports Association (NSWPSSA) advises that due to the COVID-19 outbreak and 'social distancing strategy', all programs for Terms 1 and 2 are now cancelled.

The health and wellbeing of everyone involved is paramount and at the heart of this decision. We recognise the pressures that schools are currently experiencing and supporting staff and students is our highest priority.

All NSWPSSA activities in Terms 1 and 2, trials, championships and state-wide competitions are cancelled.

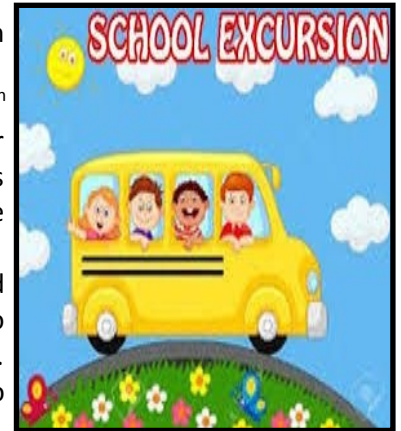
This situation will be regularly reviewed and updates provided. We thank you for your understanding during this time.

### **Future Year 5 and 6 Excursions**

An expression of interest note will be going home shortly, for families of children in Year 5 and 6, in relation to future excursions this year.

The **Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp** has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September to Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. The note going home is to gauge whether families are still interested in sending their child on this excursion. Please return it as soon as possible so that we can make a decision about whether to go ahead with the excursion or not.

The same type of note will go out for the **Year 6 Canberra Excursion**. This is scheduled for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. This note is also going home to gauge whether families are still interested in sending their child on this excursion. Please return it as soon as possible so that we can make a decision about whether to go ahead with the excursion or not.



### **Academic Reports**

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's Semester 1 report at the end of the term. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Teachers will arrange phone interviews (or Face to Face, depending on social distancing rules) with parents at the end of this term, and into Term 3, to discuss your child's progress throughout Semester 1.

### **Canteen and Uniform Shop**

Don't forget that our canteen is operational, with recess and lunch orders via Flexi-schools or sent in with your child. Over the counter service is now available at recess and lunchtime, as the canteen has a volunteer rostered each day to support this. Uniform shop orders will still be maintained via Flexi-schools.



### **Extra-curricular Creative Arts**

Drama Club and dance groups have started to meet and rehearse again. Our band and music lessons are also back up and running on Fridays. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact the school.

***Are your contact details up to date?***

***Please contact the school office on 65731363  
if any changes need to be made.***

















