

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 5

20 August 2020



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Principal's Report

Multi-cultural Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the multicultural public speaking competition this week and last. The standard of the finalists' speeches was of a high quality and I was very impressed with the researched and topical content, as well as the confidence that the finalists showed in their presentations.

Stage 2 placegetters - 1st - Bethany P, 2nd - Emily H, 3rd - Liam S

Stage 3 placegetters - 1st - Cooper L, 2nd Elliott M, 3rd - Paiton M

It was fabulous to see that we were able to get through the majority of our K-2 Strengths Sports Carnival last Friday, although the rain came in and spoilt the last few rotations of the day. But we have had some amazing photos go up onto our website, and on our Facebook page to show our community how much fun the students had. Thank you to the K-2 staff for putting on some wonderful activities.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Updated Health and Safety Information

As was published on Skoolbag this week, and on our Facebook page, the NSW Department of Education has updated health advice for schools, to manage around COVID-19. See below for details.

The following link provides expanded advice, but I have summarised the points that are relevant to our school setting.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

SPECIFIC HEALTH ADVICE

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

Our school will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/SCHOOL SITE USAGE

Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.

Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.

All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. More information about band/music lessons has been sent home this week

ACTIVITIES/SITE USAGE THAT CAN TAKE PLACE

Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum. Stage 1 Gymnastics can still continue.

School assemblies are still to be limited to 15 minutes with no external visitors.

Special Religious Education can continue within restrictions.



Building Maintenance

The concreting is expected to be completed in the Main COLA this weekend, with the hoarding removal and other cleaning taking place early next week. We are hoping to be back to some sort of reasonable order by the end of next week.



PBL Bingo

Our Term competition of PBL Bingo will be held in classrooms next Friday, 28th August. All classes receive a bingo card with the school values and descriptors for positive behaviour and wellbeing in the school and our school leaders will play a game of bingo over our internal broadcast, while classes remotely compete to win. Good luck, classes!

Merit Selection Panel

Our school Merit Selection Panel will be meeting next week to shortlist applications for the vacant Assistant Principal position that was recently advertised. We will then be considering interviews for the following week.

School Security Incident

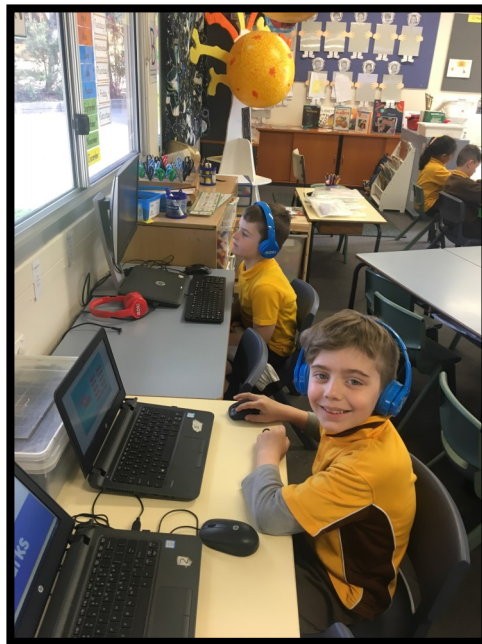
Unfortunately, our school had a break-in overnight on Tuesday, and suffered some building damage, as well as losing several valuable technology items.

Our canteen was closed on Wednesday due to damage in that area. All students were able to return to normal classroom procedures on Wednesday.

The office area will remain out of use for community members and the majority of staff, as police need to continue their investigations in this area. We have made arrangements for alternative operations for our office staff. The alternative office door will have an administration officer working to handle issues as they come in during the day. We hope to be able to return to normal office routines on Friday. I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this incident, particularly with our temporary canteen closure.

1/2W Maths Groups

Each week, 1/2W have maths groups. The children rotate around activities and the teacher has a small group to explicit teach a maths concept.



Canteen News

We are half way through Term 3 and the winter menu is very popular. The students have been really enjoying the variety of foods on offer at recess and lunch. Pizza muffins are most popular as well as our home made scones and the chocolate bliss balls. We have picked most of our fresh beetroot from the garden and made a roasted beetroot dip. We served this with fresh snow peas and dutch carrots that we also pick from our school garden.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that help out in our school canteen.



Please remember that Flexi schools and over the counter lunch orders close at 9.10am.

A quick reminder that if you have ordered lunch and you leave to go home early please check with the canteen to see if your order is ready to take with you. All perishable food items are thrown and no credits will be given.

Mari visits 1C



Good for Kids good for life

EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites

