

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 6

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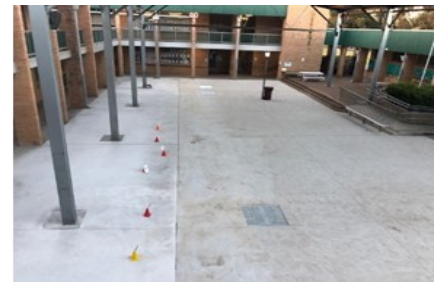
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Principal's Report

This week, we have recognised the invaluable and outstanding contributions that our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) provide to students, teachers and the wider community on a daily basis across our school. There are so many examples of the outstanding work they all do in this education community, and I am so very grateful for the contributions they make to the positive culture of this school. To the SASS staff at SHPS, we think you are amazing. Keep up the great work!

Construction Completion (almost!)

I didn't think I'd ever be so excited to be able to get our Main COLA back to normal. Almost all year, we have had disruption to this COLA, with scaffolding, temporary fencing and hoarding all contributing to the disruption, with reconstruction of the roofing and concrete in this area. I am now pleased to say that we should be able to use the whole of this area, free from disruption, for some time. We are going to negotiate with the P&C about the possibility of putting some playground markings in this area, for students to play fun, passive games in the future.



Public Speaking

Our successful finalists in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition had a photo opportunity this week, and our first two place getters in each stage; Bethany P and Emily H in Stage 2, and Cooper L and Elliott M in Stage 3 will be recording their speeches to be uploaded for judging in the regional section of the competition. Good luck speakers!



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Partners in Learning Survey – Tell Them From Me

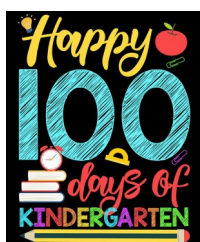
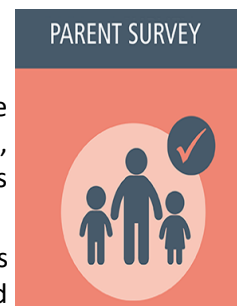
Survey link here: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3pn5s>

As part of our annual cycle of seeking feedback from parents, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this very valuable survey.



100 days of Kinder Fri 4th September

Our Kindergarten classes will be celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten, next Friday, 4th September and will be participating in some "100" themed activities. Due to the time spent out of school, due to COVID restrictions, we have calculated 100 days of face to face teaching in 2020, for our awesome Kinder students. Students and families are being asked to bring in 100 pieces of an item in a bag, such as paper clips, rubber bands, marbles, cotton balls, Lego pieces, pieces of paper etc., to make a window display of "100 things" for their classrooms.

Father's Day stall

Our P&C Father's Day stall will go ahead next week, over two days, to avoid having too many parent volunteers on site. The P&C will be using current volunteers who have been on site over the past few months to help sell items at the stall. The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be able to buy from the stall on Wednesday, 2nd September, and the Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 classes will be able to buy from the stall on Thursday, 3rd September. Prices will range from \$2-\$5. Classes will rotate through the stall on their allocated day.



Community Consultation – School Planning - Meeting Fri 4th September

As a part of the school planning cycle for the next four years, our P&C executive have been invited to attend an online Community Consultation webinar, to plan and create ways for the community to engage productively in our school community, to support student learning and wellbeing. Mrs Jo Wensley (current P&C President), and Mrs Diana Dennis (current P&C Secretary) will be attending this meeting with me, to develop a plan for Community Engagement. Watch this space for future information.

COVID update



Current Health advice now stipulates that schools are no longer required to report **suspected** cases of COVID-19. Schools will **IMMEDIATELY** report any **confirmed** cases to the Incident Report and Support Hotline, and a plan will be enacted for school, if this occurs.

Staff and students can only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. Confirmation of the negative result must be received and sighted by the school.

Kinder Café

Our Kinder Café has now been cancelled due to new COVID restrictions in schools.. Our Kindergarten teachers, and our Deputy Principal, Ms Rose, are putting together a video for 2021 Kindergarten students and parents, to be able to view the great programs and activities that are available to the school, which would normally be showcased in our Kinder Café environment. We look forward to this video being launched on the 16th September.



Attendance award for 6T

COVID-19 has definitely affected the attendance rate of many of our students. Our school continually awards the class with the best attendance each week, by allowing them to host our Attendance trophy, as well as our Mari mascot for the week, and providing that class with a certificate of recognition. I understand that we are being very cautious with the health of our students at the moment, but please encourage your child to attend school every day that they are healthy and well, as one or two absences a week or a fortnight, can have a significant impact on their education. WELL DONE TO 6T, who were the winners of the Trophy and Mari this week. Who will win it next week?



PBL Bingo



Just a reminder that our PBL Bingo competition will be held in classrooms tomorrow, Friday, 28th August. All classes receive a bingo card with the school values and descriptors for positive behaviour and wellbeing in the school. Our PBL student leaders, Sienna K and Paiton M, will be coordinating this event. Good luck classes!

PBL Ticket Reward

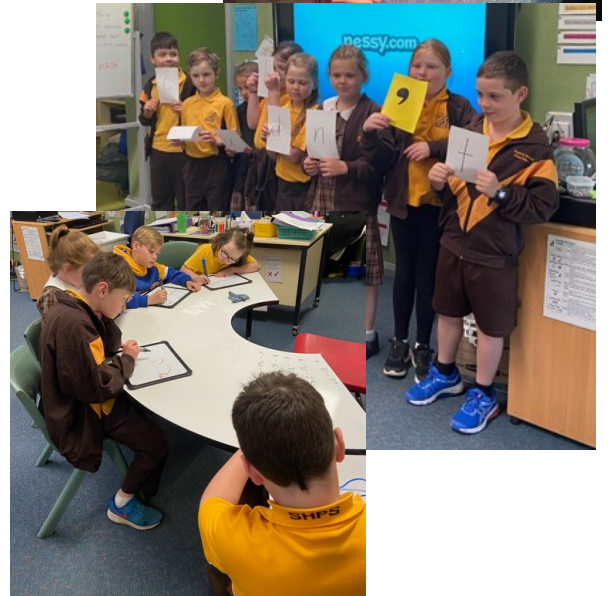
Our PBL Ticket tub is now full, which means each class will be receiving 30 minutes free time this week, as voted by our community via a Facebook poll earlier in the year. Well done to the students, collectively, for achieving this amazing feat! Enjoy your extra play.

Merit Selection Panel

Our Merit Selection Panel for the vacant Assistant Principal position, will be holding interviews next Wednesday for this position. The successful applicant will then be announced in the coming weeks.



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CANTEEN SPECIAL DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

MEAL DEALS

Option 1

Meat pie
Lamington
Popper or water

Option 2

Sausage sizzle
Lamington
Popper or water

- An order form will be sent home next week.
- Meal Deal ordering will also be available via Flexischools

**The canteen standard menu
will not
be available on this day.**

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Kinder – Year 2

Will be held on

Wednesday 2nd September, 2020

Year 3 - 6

Will be held on

Thursday 3rd September, 2020

Prices range from \$2 - \$5

Mari visits 6T



Lifelong Learning with Uni4You

Community Information sessions



Find out how our friendly team can support your life-long learning options with a range of free sessions online, or in small safe groups in your local community.

Come along to one of these online sessions:

1pm – 2pm	10am – 11am
Monday 17th August	Wednesday 2nd September
Tuesday 18th August	Thursday 3rd September

Or attend a small group session:

10 am-12 noon, Tuesday, 8th September, Singleton Library, 8 Queen Street, Singleton

These one-hour sessions are for any questions you may have about re-connecting with your education, or help with:

- Choosing lifelong learning options that suit you & your interests
- Accessing different pathways for tertiary education
- Understanding what Uni is really like

To register your interest, or for any question about the Uni4You project:

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