# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 3

Week 8

10 September 2020





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#### Principal's Report

We are heading slowly towards the end of the term, with only two and a bit weeks until the school holidays. Holidays begin on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, and go through until Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. All students and staff return on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, with our Staff Development Day scheduled for the last day of school, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We are also moving into Spring, with the weather starting to warm up. Please ensure your child is bringing a water bottle to school every day, and that they have a broad brimmed hat for school each day.

#### **Partners in Learning Survey**

Link: <a href="http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3pn5s">http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/3pn5s</a>

Can I ask you to please log in to the parent survey that is currently open for you to provide feedback to the school. We currently only have 28 parents who have responded to the survey, and ideally, I would like to get at least 50 responses before evaluating it. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experiences 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.



#### **Tell Them from Me**

Our students in Years 4 to 6 are currently participating in this survey as well, and our staff have already contributed to the survey to provide a 3-way evaluation of the needs of the school community and the improvements we may need to make

Thank you, also, for the students who returned the Keep, Tweak, Chuck homework task. It is valuable to see how our students perceive the everyday workings of the school, and what we can do to improve it.



#### **Canteen Meal Deal**

Tomorrow is the last day for Canteen orders for our special meal deal next Friday. See more information in the newsletter below.

#### **Community Consultation**

Last week, two of our P&C Executive joined me in a ZOOM meeting with the Director, Educational Leadership for the Upper Hunter, Sean Andrews, to discuss how our school is going to consult the community to develop our new School Improvement Plan for 2021-2024. We have selected a date for our community members to have a chance to meet and discuss community ideas to put forward to the school for inclusion in our school plan. The following date has been selected: **Wednesday, 21**<sup>st</sup> **October** 

#### **Kinder Orientation**

We will be launching our Kinder Café Virtual Tour video on the Singleton Heights Public School Kindergarten 2021 Facebook group next Wednesday, which was our original date for the Café. We hope you enjoy the video once it is launched.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

#### **Character Strength Wall**

A big thanks must go to Mrs Daubeney and Mrs Leyshon, as well as our students and teachers, for designing our updated Character Strengths wall, in our school foyer. We have had the front office door out of action for a few months, so it is refreshing to be able to walk through this area and get a glimpse of our wonderful classroom artwork of balloons, flying our character strengths high in the air.









#### **PBL Rewards**

Our PBL Rewards Day returns this term, with our classes hosting special activities for our students who have been Respectful and Responsible, while striving for Excellence every day this term. We will hold this rewards day on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, during the middle session of the day. Exciting news for our students.

I will be hosting a big group of students for the **Mari Badge Pizza Lunch** on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Any student who has received a Grey or Bronze Mari badge this term, will be having a pizza lunch with me. Part of the fun on this day is the chance to go in the draw to be the Principal for the Day during Term 4. I'm looking forward to hosting these students.

#### **PBL Ticket Tub**

Our PBL Prize Ticket tub has now been emptied, since we last filled it and received the whole school reward of 30 minutes extra play. A student poll will shortly go out to determine what the next whole school prize will be. Keep an eye on this space for more information.

#### **Assistant Principal Panel Outcome**

I will publish the outcome of our recent interviews for the vacant Assistant Principal position in next week's newsletter. I am awaiting confirmation from staffing about the mandatory appeal period, before notifying the community.

#### **Collaborative Planning Time for Teachers**

In the coming weeks, our classroom teachers will be released from class, in their stage groups, to participate in collaborative planning of their programs and assessment for Term 4. This will give each class a head start into Term 4, with consistency of content being taught across all classrooms, as well as a solid basis for some authentic assessment to report back to parents about their child's progress in Semester 2.



Breakfast Club Mon - Thurs 8:40am - 9am Located in front of the Canteen All Welcome



We are now taking Kindergarten
Enrolments for 2021. Please contact the
school office on 65731363.

Our lost property container is filling up quickly. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with students name.

# Men had sun

## CANTEEN FUN DAY

Friday 18th September 2020

## Available NEXT Friday!

- 50c Cordial cup
- 50c Fairy bread
- 50c Marshmallow crackles
- \$ 1.00 |elly
- \$ 1.00 Donuts
- \$ 1.00 Lolly bags
- \$ 1.00 Chocolate mousse
- \$ 1.00 Rocky road Kid friendly / Nut free
- \$ 2.00 HUGE BIG bite cookie





### Junior Futsal at Singleton Heights Sports Centre

When: Term 4, Monday afternoons from 4pm Who: Under 8's and Under 12's competitions (rego as an individual or as a team)
How much? \$8 per child, per game (10wks)
Email singletonSC@belgravialeisure.com.au

Facebook message Singleton Heights Sports Centre









# K-6K KIDS DAY

K-6K had a wonderful day with two special kids. Their names are Thelma and Louise. Thelma and Louise belong to Ms Buckley and live on her property. They are five week old Boar goats. They are really cute and we needed to feed them milk with a bottle.

They spent the day in the old chicken run and lots of children stopped to admire them. Several classes stopped and watched us feed the goats.

K-6K wrote interesting information reports on goats and learned about the different varieties of goats. We learned a male can be called a Billy goat and a female is a Nanny goat. Thelma and Louise loved having cuddles and playing with us. It was great to learn how all babies need to be cuddled and fed. We were very gentle with them and laughed when they tried to climb over us.











