

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 4

Week 1

7th October 2021



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Principal's Report

Wow, oh wow, who'd have thought Term 3 was going to have 6 weeks of at home learning?? It is so great to see how well our community engaged with the learning at home, and our teachers did a wonderful job of ensuring your child was well equipped with constructive learning taking place. I would like to commend our office staff, who coordinated parents with paper copies on a daily and weekly basis, and also talked through the many trials and tribulations of trying to get your child to work from home. What a great school community!

I am so glad we are back to face to face learning, and I am so impressed that we have so many students back at school straight away under our Level 3 guidelines.



I will try and explain our current guidelines, which are quite different to those in other parts of the state, which is why you may read or hear conflicting information about schools opening and closing etc.

Masks

Masks or face coverings are currently required in:

- all indoor and outdoor settings for all staff
- all indoor and outdoor settings for students in Year 7 and above.

Visitors

No parents or other non-essential visitors will be allowed on site.

Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted and should continue to operate in a COVID-safe way.

- Events, assemblies, excursions, field trips etc are not allowed

- Singing, dancing, choir, band and sport (except within PDHPE classes) are not permitted. Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop off and pick up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. **Please ensure that you are not crowding around the entrances to gates of an afternoon.** Please communicate with your child about a place to meet in the afternoon. Being consistent with where you stand and wait will really help them know where you are. You are welcome to spread out across the pathway on Dorsman Drive and Blaxland Avenue. We will ensure that no child will be left waiting at the gate for too long.

Students Arriving and Leaving

K-2 students will be able to enter every school gate.

3-6 students will not be able to enter or exit Falkiner Crescent gate.

K-2 students will finish at 3pm, to avoid congestion at the exits. Siblings may wait at school for their brothers or sisters, in 3-6, who will finish at 3:10pm. Buses will run as normal.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

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School Canteen

Our SCHOOL CANTEEN will be operating as a pre-order service only. Flexischools ordering is the best option, but students are also able to order their lunch and/or recess through the traditional bag order process, dropping it in the order container before school.

PIE DRIVE ORDERS!!

I am pleased to say that **Singleton Heights Bakery (in John St!!)** are going to provide the collection point for the pie drive orders that were paid for last term, before we went into stay at home orders.

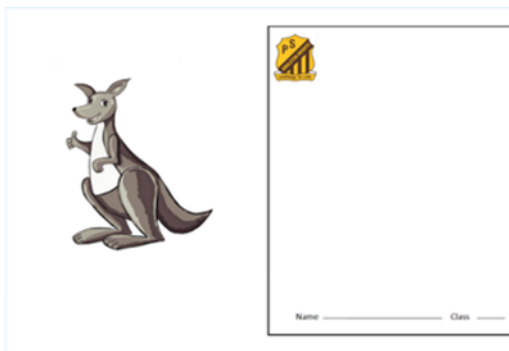
Pie orders that were due to be picked up on **Tuesday, 10th August will now be on Tuesday, 12th October**, and those for pick up on **Wednesday, 11th August will now be on Wednesday, 13th October**, from 1pm to 4:30pm. All previously paid for pie drive orders will be available for collection at **the John St store**. P&C volunteers will be at the bakery handing out orders. Please ensure you sign in to the bakery with their QR Code when collecting the orders. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school.

Mari Badges and Awards

I will endeavour to ensure all awards and badges are distributed by the end of this week. There are many eager students who are waiting for a badge, and I will endeavour to invite many students to a pizza lunch throughout this term, who have earned it. Watch this space for more information.

Student Goal Setting Tasks

You might remember way back at the beginning of Term 3 that our school teachers sent home a goal setting booklet for you and your children to talk through and complete, ready to return to school. It would be great if you are able to locate those mini booklets and return them with the tasks completed to your child's classroom teacher. Thank you for your support with this.



Semester 2 Goals—2021	
On the adjacent page, your child's classroom teacher has identified two academic goals, based on your child's semester 1 report.	Teacher: Academic goal: _____ Academic goal: _____
We ask you to help your child also identify a personal goal for them to work towards at school. You may also like to make a comment in the parent box.	Student: Personal goal: _____
Research shows us that goal setting helps students to persevere and leads to improved engagement, learning and achievement. Having achievable goals helps your child improve each year.	Parent comment: _____ _____ _____
Please return this goal setting document to your child's classroom teacher when complete.	
<i>Tip: Instead of asking "How was your day?" every now and then ask "How are your goals going?"</i>	

Waraya Young Mob Centre (previously known as the Waraya Homework Centre)

We will recommence Waraya Young Mob Centre from next week. Please be aware that the Education Centre will operate on a Monday, with the first session commencing on MONDAY 11th October 2021 in K6K classroom, for Years 3 to 6 students who were previously attending in Term 3. If you would like your child to participate in this great service, please contact the office for a permission note.

The centre will be under the tutorship of Jo Tonon, and we also have a group of dedicated teachers who are volunteering their time as well.

Children will participate in reading, mathematics and cultural activities. Our primary aim is to cater for the individual academic needs of the students.

Children will be provided with a healthy afternoon snack.

Sessions conclude at 4.30pm.

It is your responsibility to arrange how your child will return home at 4.30pm. The children will be walked to the Dorsman Drive Gate at 4:30 pm.

Playground Equipment upgrade

Our front playground equipment is being upgraded and construction begins next Friday, 15th October, with temporary fencing being installed on the Thursday. They will work through the weekend and then into Week 3. They will also be installing rubber under the play equipment on the back oval, which will likely occur in Week 4. This equipment will need to be closed until the work is complete.

Voluntary School Contributions

Statement of accounts will be sent home this week, with the voluntary school contribution (VSC) being the only current payment to be allocated to families. The VSC is \$50 per child, or \$75 for a family of two or more children. Preferred payment is online, on the school website, through the MAKE A PAYMENT link at the top of the page.

Parent Survey - Partners in Learning

Every year our school conducts student, staff and parent surveys through the Learning Bar's Tell Them From Me (TTFM) platform. Our Parent surveys are used to guide decision making for school planning. It is important every family responds to the survey so we can gather a more in depth understanding on where we are, where we need to be and how we will get there. This year's questions include aspects of learning from home, and how our school has managed this process.

Please use the link below to complete the survey.

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tq7pw>

We currently have had 16 families respond to the survey so it would be great, if you haven't already, to get on and have your say.

Thank you in anticipation of your feedback..

Pie Drive orders

Pie orders from the Term 3 Pie drive will be available on allocated days, next Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th October. From Singleton Heights Bakery, John St.



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Taking enrolments now.
Enrolment forms available online
via our school website
or at the school office.

Virtual Book Week



Book Week continued

