SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2

14th October 2021





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Principal's Report

Well, it has been a soggy, wet week, with students inside during our break times for most of the week, not a great way to start Wellbeing Week!

Congratulations to our Mari badge recipients, who received their badges last week, and have waited patiently throughout our at-home learning period to get a badge.









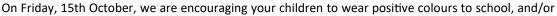




A huge congratulations to our first Silver Mari badge recipient, Piper H in Year 6. Our school started Mari awards when Piper was in Year 2, and she has managed to earn 45 Mari awards in that time. It just goes to show that a silver or gold Mari badge is definitely achievable in the time your child goes from K-6.

Wellbeing Week

This week, our school is focusing on positive wellbeing, re-establishing positive relationships in the classroom, looking after each other and being kind to ourselves.





bringing in their favourite teddy or stuffed toy to have a picnic with their class at lunchtime. There is no cost for your child to come out of uniform on this day.

COVID reminder to all families

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom

-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Symptoms may include: fever, cough, sore or scratchy throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell, loss of taste.

Kunarr Ngarrama AECG Meeting

Kunarr Ngarrama wishes to advise that the annual general meeting will be held directly after a short general meeting on 21st October, from 4pm, via Teams.

We welcome new members and associate members to join during the general meeting. Please request a membership form via email (secretary.kunarrngarramaaecg@gmail.com) if you intend to join the meeting and would like to become a member of Kunarr Ngarrama AECG.

The election of Office Bearers will take place during the AGM. All Office Bearers are required to be full members at the time of nominations.

If changes allow for the meeting to be held in person, notification of changes will be sent via email closer to the 21st.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

<u>Visitor Check In system – from Monday, 18th October</u>

A new streamlined, digital school visitor check-in system is coming to our school. Visitors, such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers will need to use this new system.

The Department of Education has partnered with ServiceNSW to give every visitor and contractor a streamlined way to check in and out of any NSW government school they visit.

Benefits of the new system include:

- * Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- * Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate
- * Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Please look out for the signs to indicate where you need to go to check in. The main office will be the only place with a QR Code to check in with this system. All other QR codes will be taken down.

Year 6 Debate

Our Year 6 Debating team will be participating against Timbumbura PS next Tuesday, on a virtual platform in the next round of the regional competition. Good luck to the team!



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	Teacher
	Academic goal
On the adjacent page, your child's classroom	
teacher has identified two academic goals,	
based on your child's semester 1 report.	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 student	5
to persevere and leads to improved engage-	
ment, learning and achievement. Having achiev-	
able goals helps your child improve each year.	
Please return this goal setting document to your	Parent comment
child's classroom teacher when complete.	
TIP: Instead of asking 'How was your day?' every	
now and then ask 'How are your goals going?'	

New Playground Install

Great news in many ways, but it will have an impact! Our front playground equipment upgrade will begin construction next Tuesday, 19th October, with temporary fencing being installed tomorrow. They will work through next week to try and have it completed and ready for the children to start playing on in Week 4. There will be some disruption to the playground area and bus lines during this time, but it will only be minimal. Please ensure that parents are not crowding around the Blaxland Avenue gate exit so bus lines can move freely in this area.

They will also be installing rubber under the play equipment on the back oval, which will likely occur in Week 4, or whenever they complete the work on the front equipment. This back playground equipment upgrade has been courtesy of a grant from Glencore via a submission from our P&C!

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.

Check-in Assessment for Years 3 - 6

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Year 3-6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3-6 students during Term 4 Week 3-4

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.





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Taking enrolments now.

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

Back to school in KW



















