

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 6

12th November 2021



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## Principal's Report

It has been a busy week of learning this week, given our disruptions last week. Our students and staff that were asked to isolate as close or casual contacts have begun to return to school this week. I hope they and their peers can go back to some normality in the coming weeks and be able to enjoy the excitement of the end of Term 4.

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Thank you to the staff and students who were able to pull off our virtual Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday, 11th November. Mrs Daubeney put together a video of the commemoration ceremony that each class was able to view, and some of our defence student leaders were able to conduct the ceremony through the class intercom system to read various texts related to this very special day.



### Level 3 Restrictions

Just a reminder that our restrictions have eased slightly, as every other school in the state aligns to Level 3 restrictions.

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- We are able to host P&C meetings again, with a COVID plan.
- Kindergarten orientation this week will be without parents (drop off and pick up is still okay), unless individualised support is required for a child. This will have to be communicated in advance to our school executive team.

**Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING**



### P&C Meeting

The next scheduled P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The P&C Executive will contact members shortly to communicate the plan for this meeting.

### Kindergarten Orientation

I am really sorry that we had to postpone the first of our three Kindergarten Orientation sessions yesterday. Obviously this was very disappointing for the children and families, and to be informed at such short notice was unavoidable, however we are not able to predict when staff will be extremely ill. We want the very best start for our 2022 Kinder students, and with a staff shortage such as we had yesterday, we would not have been able to provide that great start.



Our new Orientation sessions will now be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Just a reminder that there are three sessions each of the days, and your child has been placed into one of those sessions, indicated by a note that was sent home last week. A few reminders:

Due to COVID guidelines that the school must adhere to, we ask for your cooperation in doing the following:

- Prior to attending the orientation session, ensure that the school has received your child's enrolment
- Please stay home if you or your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms
- Please wear a mask on school grounds and adhere to social distancing requirements
- Please do not stay for drop off or pick up for longer than 10 minutes
- Enter the school via Dorsman Drive. If you are only dropping off and picking up, you do not need to use the QR Code.

It is not necessary for your child to bring along anything on the day, just a big smile! We look forward to our families attending for the rest of the term.

### Online Concerns

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos, you can create and share short lip-sync, comedy and talent videos of 3 to 15 seconds. You can also create short looping videos up to 60 seconds long. ***It is really vital that, if you haven't chosen to allow your child to have a TikTok account, you are aware of what is being uploaded and viewed on that account.*** Some of the stories that are coming from our Stage 3 students are alarming, in terms of what they are viewing and uploading. I am sure you would be shocked to hear what the children see on this platform. If you need to know more about this, please visit the [safety.gov.au](https://www.safety.gov.au) website to find out more.

Being safe online



### eSafety Parent Guide to Online Gaming

You're invited to join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a free live webinar that provides parents and carers with an understanding of the benefits and risks of online gaming. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13 years.

The two webinars being offered are:

15th November - 12:30pm-1:30pm

24th November 7:30pm - 8:30pm

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### **School Banking**

On 24 October 2021, the Treasurer and the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning announced that the school banking programs will no longer be run in New South Wales schools from 2022.

School banking programs at Singleton Heights Public School are arranged at a local level [via the school's P&C Association]. With the upcoming cessation of the program, students will no longer be able to deposit savings through the school banking program at Singleton Heights Public School. You can still keep your child's bank account open and can continue to make deposits into your child's accounts through online transfer or at any bank branch. More information is available on the department's school banking website and Commonwealth Bank of Australia's [school banking website](#).

The decision was made following the review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) review on School Banking Programs on 15 December 2020, which found that the costs of the program outweighed the benefits.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the school.



### **Singleton Square Colouring in competition**

Singleton Square is creating a reindeer display and has asked for support from the local primary schools. Students have been designing a colourful reindeer this week, and six lucky entries will be chosen to go on display in the centre. From Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November until Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, community voting will take place to determine the best design from each primary school. The student with the winning design will get to paint their design on to the larger reindeer for display in the centre, leading up to Christmas. Good luck to the students. We will announce the 6 finalists early next week.



### **Save the Dates**

- Year 6 to Year 7 High School Orientation – Tuesday, 23rd November
- Presentation Day – School Hall – 1st December – Note: COVID guidelines - Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- Year 6 Summer Fair – 3rd December – fete-style stalls created by our Stage 3 students (3-6 only)
- Term 4 Mari Badge Pizza Lunch – Wednesday 8th December
- Year 6 Farewell – Friday, 10th December Note: COVID guidelines - Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.



# Summer Fair

2021 has been a rough year for all of us but year 5 and 6 are here to save the year. On 3/12/21 we are holding a Summer Fair, where there will be stalls and activities that children can participate in, Eg Scary Tunnel, disco and much more.

**Donations!**

We would also appreciate if people can donate prizes like lollies and chocolates.

By Sarah, Lily S and Sebastian (Communication Committee)

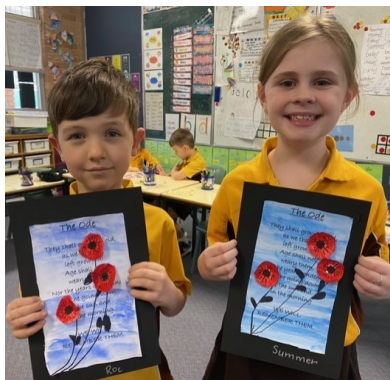


# Rembembrance Day





# Lest we forget



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Our Uniform shop is currently closed  
Orders can be placed via the  
Flexischools app and the order will  
be delivered to your child's class.

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**Are your contact  
details up to date?**

**Please contact the school office on  
65731363 if any changes  
need to be made.**



Students in Years 5 and 6 are busy  
preparing for their Summer Fair.

They have been kept busy writing  
their business plans to present to  
Mr Graham.

They are asking for donations of  
lollies and chocolates to be used as  
prizes.

Give your donations  
to you class teacher.

*Please  
donate*



## DATES TO REMEMBER



15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Sessions  Library Stocktake	19/11 Library Stocktake
22/11 Library Stocktake	23/11 Library Stocktake	24/11	25/11 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Sessions	26/11
29/11	30/11	1/12 Presentation Day	2/12 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Sessions	3/12 Summer Fair
6/12	7/12	8/12 Mari Pizza lunch	9/12	10/12 Yr 6 Farwell