

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 8

26th November 2021



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Principal's Report

Our school is building into an exciting end of the year, with lots of fun activity planned and our formal presentation day taking place next week. The resilience of our students is really rising to the fore at the moment, as if they haven't already been through enough with two periods of at home learning across the past two years. With restrictions on our cohorts mixing during lunch and recess, our primary students are limited to mostly the back oval, and our infants students to the main COLA and front playground. Adding to this restriction has been the closure of both of our play equipment structures for upgrading. Both of these upgrades have been delayed because of rain, and our students have had quite a limited amount of play outside, due to this rain as well. So, if your child is getting stir crazy for some way to burn energy, you might be able to understand why!

Presentation Day

Our annual school Presentation Day will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday, 1st December – Note: COVID guidelines - Assemblies and presentations are allowed 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.

Potential Captains and leaders

Our Year 5 students who are seeking leadership roles in 2022 have recently completed their speeches via video to our Year 2 to 5 cohort, and the winners will be announced on Presentation Day. Congratulations to all of the students who presented a speech, and I hope to work with you in a leadership capacity at the school next year. Exciting times!

Academic reports

This semester, due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on schools, our school is providing a comment, both in English and maths, explaining the content covered. Your child's individual progress and achievement, that has been observed, will be provided in the general comment. A commitment to learning summary will also be included. Academic Reports will be sent home on Thursday, 9th December.

Singleton Square Colouring in Competition

Congratulations to Shauna B in Year 4, who was chosen as the winner from our six finalists in the Singleton Square Reindeer colouring in competition. Shauna will now work with one of our staff members to transfer her design onto a larger reindeer that will go on display at Singleton Square in the lead up to Christmas.



PBL rewards Day and PBL Bingo

Our PBL Rewards Day is set for Tuesday, 7th December. PBL Bingo will also be happening on this day as well. These days are a great way to reflect the wonderful behaviour that the vast majority of our students display on a day to day basis. Students will get to participate in a range of fun activities in their classroom on the day, and all students in classes will take part in the Bingo game to win the glory of being crowned PBL Bingo Champions!

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Save the DATES

- Presentation Day – School Hall – 1st December – Note: COVID guidelines - Assemblies and presentations are allowed 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.

Class Disruptions

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of casual teachers, our school has had to separate classes into their cohort classes on some days when our teaching staff have been sick and unable to attend school. The casual staff that we have available to us are doing a marvellous job in continuing the education of our students. The reality of the situation is that this is a wide-ranging issue, especially in the Upper Hunter and we are doing our best to avoid disruptions to your child's learning. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing for 2022

I hope to be able to publish to you next week, our staffing arrangements for 2022. We are still finalising our teaching positions at the moment, and we have received confirmation of a targeted graduate placement in our school, to replace Mrs Anderson for 2022. I have also formed a merit selection panel for a permanent teaching position to replace Miss Rutherford, who received a promotion at another school. That position will also start in 2022. Keep an eye out next week for where our teachers might be teaching in 2022.

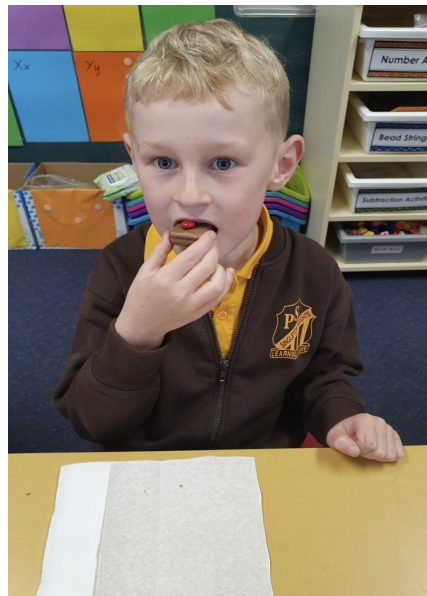
Mari Badge Recipients

Well done to Zari S, Hunter F and Ayla F who received their bronze badges. Also Alissa H, Isla J, Arie M, Coby H, Abby S and Joshua R on receiving their Mari badges. Congratulations to you all!



Last Day for Students 2021

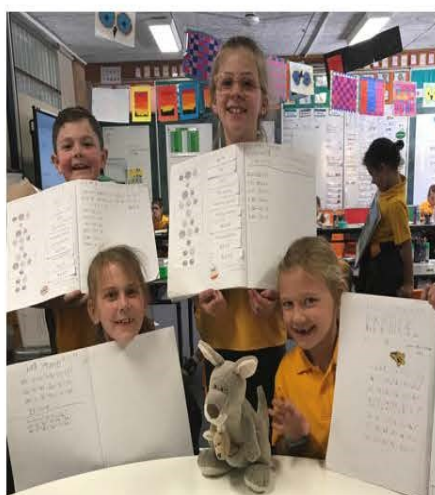
Thursday, 16th December is the last day of school for students in 2021. Staff will be participating in professional learning on Friday, 17th December.



Kindergarten Kitchen Kart



This week in 2H, Mari saw some amazing number work using the jump and split strategy. He also joined in for our reading and TEN groups. Mari especially loved our Mindfulness times. Can you spot where he is on the floor during our meditation? We loved having you in our class Mari. You're are welcome back anytime.



Mari in 2H



Mari visits KW



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 your class teacher.

*Please
donate*



DATES TO REMEMBER



29/11	30/12	1/12 Presentation Day	2/12 Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Sessions	3/12 Summer Fair Yr3-6
6/12	7/12	8/12 Mari Pizza lunch Yr 6 Aussie Bush Camp	9/12 Reports home	10/12 Year 6 Farewell
13/12 No Canteen	14/12 No Canteen	15/12 No Canteen	16/12 No Canteen Students last day	17/12 Staff Development Day
20/12 School Holidays	21/12 School Holidays	22/12 School Holidays	23/12 School Holidays	24/12 School Holidays