

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 3

11 February 2021



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## Principal's Report

It goes without saying that we have the best students at SHPS! I was lucky enough to attend the 3-6 Swimming Carnival on Wednesday and was super-impressed with the behaviour of all of our students. We had great competitiveness in the water, excellent barracking in the stands and an overall fabulous day. Thank you to the school staff for organising a great day, and to the parent helpers who were able to attend. The P&C funded shade shelters have been an excellent success at our carnivals. A great day out.



### Zone Swimming Carnival

Leading on from this, our Upper Hunter Zone Swimming Carnival is next Tuesday in Scone, and students with qualifying times that will have them selected, will be notified before the end of the week.



### House captains Elect

Congratulations to the following students, who were elected as house captains last Friday, during our Sports House meetings, and who took on their leadership roles very well at the Swimming Carnival yesterday.

Dangar: Captains – Marshall F and Kaleisha B, Vice Captains – Bradley-George B and Charli G

Greenwood: Captains – Jesse H and Hailee V, Vice Captains – Kane D and Rubee B

Minimbah: Captains – Lucas G and Emma M, Vice Captains – Hayden O and Lilly S

Barooka: Captains Jackson S and Sarah P, Vice Captains – Noah D and Annaliese H

Next Thursday, we will be inducting our school leaders, including our school captains and vice-captains, as well as sports house leaders and class SRC representatives, into the leadership group. One family member per child will be invited to attend next week. Letters of invitation will be going home with these children today.

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



### Health Care

We have several students who can potentially have anaphylactic reactions to certain types of food products. Please err on the side of **not serving your children peanut butter or nutella** on their sandwiches at school.

### Attendance Expectations

Congratulations to 5L and 2A, who received the School Attendance trophy and the right to share Mari throughout the week, for having 0 absences last week.

As a part of our new school improvement planning process, we will have a strong focus on Attendance, and we have clear accountable improvement measures to focus on. In 2021, these improvement measures are that we, as a school community, will focus on having 71% of our students attending school 90% or more of the time. So that is 360 of our 505 students coming to school for 9 out of every 10 days each fortnight. Surely that is an easily obtainable goal. Have a look at the statistics below:

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*School success starts with attendance*

### Voluntary School Contributions

Statement of accounts will be sent home today, with the voluntary school contribution (VSC) being the first 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.



### COVID GUIDELINES

Despite the fact that our guidelines have stated that parents of K-2 students are able to enter the school, can we all please be mindful of the time you arrive at school, both for drop off and pick up. Drop off means to just drop your child and leave the school grounds, and pick up needs to be as close to the bell as possible. This will potentially alleviate the issues with social distancing, and avoid parents having to scan the QR Code each time you enter the school. We really don't want to go back to keeping parents outside the gates, but if the crowds are not able to distance from each other, we may need to revert back to our model from last year. Thank you for your support with this. Kindergarten parents may be able to wait out in the Kinder COLA area, where the painted animals are on the concrete, for the 3:10pm pick next week and beyond.

## Executive Teacher Roles in 2021

Our 4 Assistant Principals are going to be working hard on focusing on quality teaching and learning across the school this year, with an Instructional Leader role that will further build the capacity of our classroom teachers to explicitly teach each student in guided sessions in English and mathematics. This whole school initiative began last year, with the major COVID disruption throughout the year, but our teachers found it to be very beneficial to their teaching, and ultimately in achieving better outcomes for students.

*Please  
Join Us*

## P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 16th February, from 6pm in the school staffroom. If you are intending on attending the meeting, you will need to RSVP to the P&C secretary, care of the school email: [singletonh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:singletonh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th March, from 5:30pm, with the general meeting opening at 6pm. Executive roles will be vacated at the AGM, and executive will be elected or re-elected during this meeting.



## Positive Parenting Workshop flyer

If you would like to attend one of these workshops, the school will be hosting one of the online sessions on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. If you are unable to access the workshop from home, and/or would like to attend the school hosted workshop, please contact the school for further details and to register your interest in attending.

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### NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

During the online workshops, we will cover four topics:

- diversity of autism
- working together with your child's school
- understanding sensory processing
- understanding behaviour.

These workshops are part of a series of sessions but you can choose if you would like to register for each session or just the individual ones you are able to join.

*\*Please note that this is not a webinar but is an online workshop where we will work collaboratively together online across the sessions.*

**Location:**  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
via zoom online

**Dates & Times (AEDT):**

<b>Diversity of Autism</b> Tues 2 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Sensory Processing</b> Tues 9 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>Understanding Behaviour</b> Tues 16 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Working Together</b> Tues 23 Feb, 2021 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[http://](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) For more information and to register, visit [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) or contact Rachael Dillon [rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:rdillon@autismspectrum.org.au)

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This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

**Location:**  
New South Wales  
via zoom online

**Date:**  
Wednesday 24th February 2021

**Time**  
Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

[http://](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) For more information and to register, visit [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) or contact Alison Macrae [amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:amacrae@autismspectrum.org.au)

In 5L we have been learning how to work in teams in a game called 'Lifeboat' where the students have to help each other from the sinking boat to land using various equipment, as part of our Belonging unit in PD/H/PE. Mari has enjoyed learning with us.



5L



# Uniform shop

Our uniform shop is run by P&C volunteers. It will only be open on Thursday mornings from 8:45 to 9:30 am.

## WHAT DO THESE ROAD SAFETY SIGNS MEAN?



**YOU CAN STOP HERE FOR 2 MINUTES ONLY**

You can drop your child off here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car. Mobility sticker permit holders may stop for up to 5 minutes.



**YOU CANNOT STOP HERE**

You cannot drop your child off here.



**YOU CANNOT STOP HERE UNLESS DRIVING A BUS**

Children cannot be dropped here unless they are arriving by bus.

**Hours of operation may apply to some signs.**  
This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.



*Netball is back and better than ever in 2021, and we want to see you on the court.*

**SINGLETON NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Team Registration Night:**  
Thursday 25th February 2021

**Winter Competition Commences:**  
Saturday 13th March 2021

**For more information visit:**  
[www.singletonna.nsw.netball.com.au](http://www.singletonna.nsw.netball.com.au)