

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 4

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Principal's Report

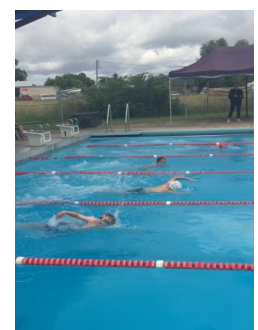
Congratulations to the four students who received Mari badges last week, for collecting their Mari awards. Ivy C, Elijah A and Willow T each received their initial Mari badge, while Bethan H has received her Bronze badge for earning 30 Mari awards. Just remember that students can collect their Mari awards over the years they are at school, it doesn't go back to zero at the start of each year. Every time they receive a multiple of three (3,6,9,12,15,18,21 etc) they have a right to return them for a reward.



CONGRATULATIONS

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our zone swimming representatives, who attended the Upper Hunter Zone carnival in Scone on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Stafford, Mr Andrews and our parents for helping make this day special for the students.



Big Announcement – School Photos Wednesday, 3rd March

Our School Photo Day is booked in for Wednesday, 3rd March. Envelopes for payment and ordering details will be sent home very shortly. Please keep an eye out for them in your child's bag.



Playgroup is back

Our community playgroup will start up again next Tuesday. It has been relocated to the school hall and will run from 9:15am-11am every Tuesday, from next week.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

School Communication Procedures

Attached to this newsletter is a note relating to the types of communication our school uses to push out messaging to our community and the students. Please read over this note to familiarise yourself with the procedures, and I would strongly consider following our Facebook page, downloading the Skoolbag app, and reading the newsletter weekly, to stay in touch with what is going on at school.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Our school has scheduled Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet afternoons, in Week 5, on Tuesday, 2nd and Thursday, 4th of March. Notes will be sent home on Friday, with a preference list for you to complete and return with your child, if you wish to meet your child's teacher. Please ensure these notes are returned by next Friday, 26th February, so that we can organise a time for you to visit.



P&C Meeting

Thank you to the parents and community members who attended our P&C meeting on Tuesday night. We had a very productive meeting, in which it was decided that the P&C would donate funds towards the four remaining interactive whiteboards that we need to upgrade, as well as the refurbishment of our back playground equipment. The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 16th March, from 5:30pm, followed by the general meeting at 6pm.

Staff Professional Learning

Our Executive staff will be undertaking their first professional learning session next Wednesday, in the Agile Leadership program. This program provides a dynamic approach to leading change that will enable our school leaders to maximise their impact, harness evidence and create effective solutions to our school improvement measures. Our executive team will work to create a positive impact through adopting agile ways of working together across the school.



COVID UPDATES

Please read the following information in regards to parents being on the school site:

Visitors to school sites

Non-essential adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events.

Parents and carers are only allowed on school sites for the purposes that follow, with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place:

- * essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives, with a scheduled appointment.
- * entering a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- * fulfilling canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms.
- * volunteering in educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups,
- * attending school or community run playgroups
- * dropping off and picking up students for Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2
- * attending 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups.
- * attending P&C meetings held after school hours with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- * attending P&C or community outdoor social events and functions with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) CPR Training

Our Year 5 and 6 students will be undertaking CPR and Basic First Aid training on Monday, 1st March, with Royal Life Saving. This is a valuable experience for our students. The school will be covering the cost of this course for students.



Principal for the Day

I look forward to working with Khloe F next week, who will be Principal for the Day on Friday, 26th February. April R will then get the opportunity to work with me as the Principal for the Day on Friday, 5th March. It will be nice to catch up on some well-earned rest while these students work hard for me!!



Keep it cool in summer!

Keeping lunchboxes cold keeps our kids safe and the food fresh.

Include a small ice brick in the lunchbox, or try these ideas:

- Freeze milk poppers - this keeps things cool and makes a healthy treat once defrosted
- Add frozen berries in the lunchbox - they make a great combo with yoghurt.
- Freeze banana pikelets or zucchini slice overnight.



Find these recipes on the SWAP IT website:

goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/recipes



WARAYA HOMEWORK CENTRE

Waraya Homework Centre will recommence on MONDAY 22nd February, 2021 in K-6K classroom. Notes are being sent home to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students this week. The Homework Centre is primarily for students from Year 2 to Year 6.

The centre will be under the tutorship of Jo Tonon, Karen Thompson, Vicki Caelli and Jenny Hazelwood. We have a group of dedicated teachers who are volunteering their time as well.

Please return the permission note to the school office.

Mari had fun in 2A



Playgroup is back!

We are excited to resume Playgroup next Tuesday, 23rd February from 9:15 - 11am in our school hall. We would love you to join us, Everyone is Welcome.



How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au



Kinder Seahorses have settled nicely into school life at SHPS and are enjoying their kindergarten experience. They have been busy with various learning activities including name practice, tracing, scissor skills, forming letters with play dough and sound craft.

KS have been reading many story books about starting school. Recently they read 'The King of Kindergarten' and made their very own Kindergarten King and Queen crowns.



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COMMUNICATION ACROSS THE SCHOOL

The following information is to inform you of the purpose of our various communication channels that are used across our school.

FACEBOOK

- Celebrating success stories across the school
- Celebrating individual classes and their weekly activities
- Acknowledging individual and small group achievements
- Reminders and promotion of upcoming school events

This is a public site for good news posts and responses.

SKOOLBAG – Details on how to download attached

- Notification of special events and fundraisers
- Reminders and school news updates
- Surveys
- All parents and carers should have this app downloaded and set with notifications
- Notification of changes to normal school routines

SCHOOL WEBSITE

- Publishing the school newsletter
- Photo albums of school events
- Parent online Payment system
- School Annual Reports and School Improvement Plans published

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- Weekly reminders of upcoming events
- P&C news and dates of meetings
- Celebrating student success
- Celebrating school success
- Notification of school changes to routines

SENTRAL

- Notifications sent to parents about unexplained absences each day.

SEESAW

- Celebrating individual class events and activities
- Sharing student work
- Sharing photos
- Class reminders