Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 10

31 March 2021





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Principal's Report

I hope your families have a lovely Easter, and Term 1 holiday break. Please stay safe, allow your children some downtime, so that they can relax and refresh, ready to start a busy Term 2 on Tuesday, 20th April. Thank you for your continued support throughout Term 1.

Pizza Lunch

I had the pleasure of hosting 24 students for the Mari Badge Pizza Lunch on Tuesday. It is a credit to see how proud these students are, in collecting their 15 (or 30) Mari awards. It is a highlight of the term to host this lunch.













Congratulations to Charlotte A, in 3/4M, who will be the Principal for the Day, after being drawn from the names of students at the pizza lunch.



Easter Hat Parade

DON'T FORGET: The Easter Hat Parade will take place on the last day of school for Term 1, Thursday, 1st April. The parade will be held on the back oval, from 12:15pm, and to avoid congestion in these social distancing times, parents will be allocated to certain areas of the back oval, with the students' classes being spread out across the field. When you enter, please sign in with the COVID app, from Services NSW, which will be distributed in many areas around the school.

After the parade, if you wish to take your child home with you, collect them from their classroom and then proceed to the sign out desks at the front of the school with your child. Please remember social distancing. We appreciate your patience while waiting to have your child signed out.

Students can wear mufti clothes on the day but please remember that sun-safe clothing and closed-in shoes need to be worn.

Students, K-6 and parents can make or buy:

- a decorative Easter hat
- rabbit ears and/or tail
- an Easter basket etc.

Please do not include real Easter Eggs or other food items in your creation as chocolate melts in the sun and we have a number of children with severe allergies.

We look forward to sharing our Easter celebration with you.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

PBL Bingo and Rewards Day

TODAY, we celebrate all students who have been displaying excellent behaviour throughout the term, as they participate in a rotation of fun activities during the middle session of this day. Our PBL BINGO will also be running on this day, in the morning, to see who the class winner will be for Term 1. Well done to the PBL team for organising these great events for our students.



NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

From the 11th May until the 21st May, our school will be participating in the National Assessment

Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) with Year 3 and Year 5 students. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of these tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement and will be able to compare their child's performance against the national minimum standard.

Withdrawal/Exemption/adjustments for NAPLAN

Students may be withdrawn from the tests at the request of their parent/carer. Parents will need to contact their child's classroom teacher to discuss withdrawal and complete a form, which is available in the office. Exemption from the test will require parents to consult with the principal, or their delegate, before exemption will be permitted. Consideration for exemption can be given to students: with a language background other than English who arrived in Australia less than a year before the tests, or for a student with a significant intellectual disability or condition that may severely impact their capacity to participate in the test.

Disability adjustments may be made to support individual students. Adjustments permitted in NAPLAN are intended to enable access to NPALN on an equivalent basis to students without disability. The adjustments will reflect the kind of support and assistance provided for assessment in the classroom. Disability adjustments need to be discussed with the classroom teacher and a consent form will need to be completed before 23rd April. Forms are available in the office. If you have any other questions about NAPLAN, please contact the school to discuss with the Principal.

.School Cross Country

The school will be again holding our Cross Country on Monday, 26th April (Week 2, Term 2). Year 3 and 4 will run in the morning session and Year 5 and 6 will run in the middle session of the day. Parents will be able to help out on the day. More information will go out in the newsletter early next term, as we endeavour to coordinate this event. The Zone Cross Country will be held on Monday, 3rd May (Week 3, Term 2).



Term 2 activities

Staff Development Day (student-free day): Monday, 19th April

Students return to school: Tuesday, 20th April

Boys and Girls PSSA Soccer – Wednesday, 21st April

ANZAC Day Ceremony: to be held on Thursday, 22nd April

On Friday of Week 1, the school will have a visit from the team who are delivering the Visible Wellbeing professional learning, to see how our school is implementing this approach.

School Cross Country – Monday, 26th April

On Friday of Week 2, the school will have a visit from seven other primary school principals and their executive staff, to participate in a Learning Walks trial to visit many of our classrooms and talk with our students about their learning.

Swim School lessons for Year 2 start in Week 2 and go through to Week 3 as well.



Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 1st April. It will start at 12:15pm in Area C and D, the back playground. You are invited to come along and watch each grade parade their hats or baskets around back playground at the allocated areas. See the map below. When you enter, please sign in with the COVID app.

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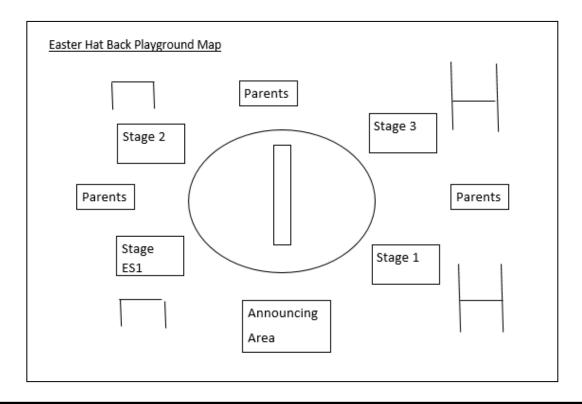
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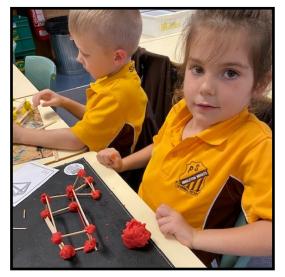
Students in 1C enjoyed investigating 3D objects. They used different mediums like playdoh, marshmallows, toothpicks and paddle pop sticks





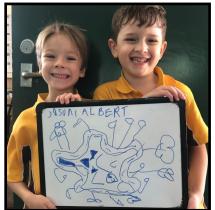








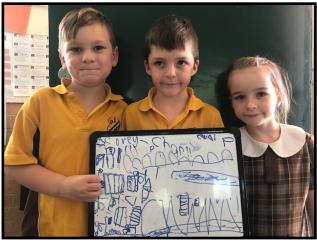






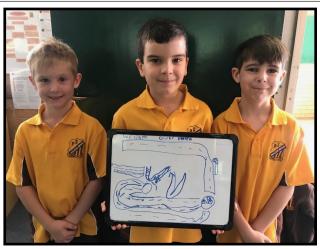
1D have been planning a bike track in Geography





Breakfast Club
Monday - Thursday
8:40am - 9am
Located in front of the Canteen
All Welcome









Dates to Remember Calendar

5/4 Easter Monday School Holidays	6/4 School Holidays	7/4 School Holidays	8/4 School Holidays	9/4 School Holidays
12/4 Easter Monday School Holidays	13/4 School Holidays	14/4 School Holidays	15/4 School Holidays	16/4 School Holidays
19/4 Staff Development Day	20/4 Students return Playgroup - Hall	21/4	22/4	23/4
26/4	27/4	28/4	29/4	30/4

Good for Kids good for life

KEEPING AN EYE ON SCREEN TIME

Computers, tv and small screens can be valuable for education and communication, but it is important place limits so that kids don't miss out on other physical activity and real world learning opportunities. It is recommended to limit screen time to less than 2 hours per day, not including homework time.

Some tips to manage screen time:

- Try to limit screens to 20 minutes in any one sitting.
- Setting simple restrictions, like 'no screen time before school'.
- $\bullet\,$ Remove TVs and computers from your child's bedroom.
- Only watch specific shows or movies on the tv, don't leave it on in the background.
- Encourage other types of fun that include both physical and social activities e.g. walking the dog, joining a sports team.



For more info, visit the eSafety Commissioner website: https://www.esafety.gov.au/



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