

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 1

22 April 2021



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Principal's Report



Welcome back from what I am sure was a lovely holiday for you and your children. It actually seems so long ago that we celebrated the Easter Hat Parade at the end of the term, and, indeed, the Easter Weekend. I had some great feedback that our Easter Hat Parade should take a permanent position on the back oval in future years!

We have a lot of activity very early on in the term, so please read on and write down important dates and events that your child will be, or might be, involved in.

PSSA Football (Soccer)



Congratulations to our Boys and Girls PSSA football (soccer) teams, for your participation in the first knockout game of this competition, yesterday at Alroy Oval. The girls' team won 3-1, thanks to goals from Rhiannon S, Hailee V-N and Grace A. The boys' team were unfortunately defeated 3-2, in a seesawing game that we were very unlucky to lose.



Swim Star



Congratulations to Deanda S, in Year 4, for her amazing achievement of representing the Hunter Region at the PSSA State Swimming Championships at the end of last term.

Cross Country

Our School Primary (Years 3 to 6) Cross Country will be held at Alroy oval next Monday. Our Year 3 and 4 students will be running the 2km course from 9:45am, and our Year 5 and 6 group will take part in the 3km run at approximately 12:15pm. If you returned your child's permission note at the start of the year, you have given permission for them to walk to and from Alroy Oval with their classroom teacher for this event. Parents are welcome to attend this event. Students will need to ensure they have a water bottle and hat to take with them to Alroy Oval. Students can still order their lunch from the canteen as the Cross Country events should be finished by 1pm.

Support Class Teacher vacancy

I would like to congratulate Mrs Jo-Ann Tonon, who is now a permanent member of staff at Singleton Heights Public School, after being successful, at merit selection, in gaining the position of our Support Class teacher for K-6K. Mrs Tonon has been relieving in this position for over 12 months, after Miss Kidziak relinquished her permanency in the role after receiving work in another school. Thank you to the merit selection panel for the work in fulfilling this role.



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.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

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 NAPLAN 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 Visits



On Friday, 30th April, 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.

On Tuesday, 4th May, the school will be receiving a visit from the Regional North and West Department of Education Executive Director, Mrs Lisa Muir. Mrs Muir will be coming in to see some of the great things happening in our school and discussing the plans we have started to implement as part of our

strategic directions in our 4 year school improvement approach.

School Assemblies

We are back to hosting assemblies in our school hall on a Thursday. Next Thursday our first K-2 Assembly is scheduled for 12:50pm. Parents wishing to attend will need to sign in as a school visitor, and scan the Services NSW QR Code. Hand sanitiser will be made available for visitors. This will all be made available outside the school hall. Please be mindful that you will have to socially distance when seated. Signs will be displayed on the chairs to help you with this.



The Term 2 schedule for assemblies will be as follows:

- K-2 Assembly – Thursday 29th April and Thursday, 27th May
- 3-6 Assembly – Thursday, 13th May and Thursday, 10th June

ANZAC March – Sunday, 25th April

Just a reminder that there are tight restrictions on participants to the ANZAC march through town, and the service at Burdekin Park on Sunday, 25th April. Only one of our students has been allowed to march, and this student has been chosen by ballot. Student and families who wish to attend the service, are asked to purchase a 'sticky ticket, through Eventbrite. If you go to the Singleton RSL Facebook page, there are links to purchase tickets for attendance at the service. If you have any questions about this, I would suggest you contact the RSL directly on 65734264.



Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Students in Year 5, who are going to the Great Aussie Bush Camp need to have finalised payment by Friday 7th May. The camp will run from Wednesday, 19th May until Friday, 21st May. I am sure the students are starting to get excited.

Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, 27th May. It will be held at Alroy Oval. Due to the size of our student population, only track events will be held on this day, as is traditional, while field events are conducted during school sport in Term 2. Looking forward to running this again, as we missed out on this great event, due to COVID restrictions last year.



Birthday Buckets

SHPS can cater for your child's birthday with a special bucket of Quelsh ice blocks.

For your child to receive one of these birthday buckets delivered to their classroom to share with their classmates, please see the canteen staff.

Your birthday child will also receive a small foil balloon to keep and a \$2 canteen voucher to spend.

Please give 24 hours' notice and you can also pre-purchase ahead of time.

Payments must be made at the time of purchase. Prices starting from \$15.

Thank you
Canteen Ladies



Swim school for Year 2 students starts on Monday for the next 2 weeks. No lunch orders during this time.

***Are your contact details up to date?
Please contact the school office on
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if any changes need to be made.***



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Dates to Remember Calendar

19/4	20/4 Playgroup - Hall	21/4	22/4 Anzac Ceremony 12.40	23/4
26/4 Cross Country 3-6	27/4 Girls Netball Playgroup - Hall	28/4 Kitchen Kart	29/4 K-2 Assembly	30/4
3/5 Zone Cross Country	4/5 Playgroup - Hall	5/5 Zone Rugby Union Kitchen Kart	6/5 Mothers Day Stall	7/5
10/5	11/5 Playgroup - Hall Naplan Online Y3 Writing	12/5 Naplan Online Y5 Writing Kitchen Kart	13/5 Naplan Online Y5 Reading Primary Assembly	14/5 Naplan Online Y5 Language



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

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

Orders can also be placed on
Flexischools, to be delivered to your
child's class on  these days.

Playgroup is back!

Playgroup is held on Tuesdays,
from 9:15 - 11am in our school
hall. Come join us for a cuppa
and a chat. We would love you
to join us, no cost involved.
Everyone is Welcome.

