

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 2

29 April 2021



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Principal's Report

Thank you for your support on Monday, in keeping your children safe at home, given the amount of damage that had been caused at our school on Sunday night. Thank you to the community members who offered to provide support if needed. The teaching and support staff worked very hard to ensure the school was clean and safe for students to return on Tuesday morning.



Cross Country

Well done to the students in Years 3 to 6 for their participation and enthusiasm in competing in the school Cross Country on Tuesday. The following students placed in the top 7 of their age group:

<u>8/9 Boys</u>	
1	Brock N
2	Flynn S
3	Olly S
4	Callyn D
5	Zac G
6	Owen L
7	Jake P

<u>8/9 Girls</u>	
1	Scarlett A
2	Bethany P
3	Hannah B
4	Addison B
5	Charlotte T
6	Jade B
7	Elizabeth L

<u>10 Boys</u>	
1	Kye T
2	Kody W
3	Xavier H
4	Jax L
5	Caleb K
6	Zander F
7	Tyson H

<u>10 Girls</u>	
1	Talie L
2	Deanda S
3	Ruby C
4	Issy S
5	Emily H
6	Willow T
7	Paige P

<u>11 Boys</u>	
1	Josh S
2	Nick H
3	Ryan P
4	Zane G
5	Ryder P
6	Tyrone F
7	Jaxton W

<u>11 Girls</u>	
1	Alexis S
2	Skarlett Mc
3	Summer S
4	Ava C
5	Amber B
6	Tamara H
7	Lisa W

<u>12 Boys</u>	
1	Noah D
2	Hayden S
3	Bradley B
4	Marshall F
5	Riley
6	Zedekai H
7	Tray C

<u>12 Girls</u>	
1	Ava W
2	Hailee V
3	Rubee McL
4	Hayleyrose H
5	Isabella K
6	Meya C
7	Brianna Mc



Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country will be held on Monday, 3rd May, at Karoola Park Muswellbrook. Students who finished in the top 3 of the age race will be offered the opportunity to attend this carnival. Notes were distributed earlier this week. Good luck to our competitors in their quest to make it to the next level. Mr Orr

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

KINDNESS WEEK – KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

This week we have been focusing on Kindness Week, a focus that our school has in Week 2 of every term. This week's focus has been on Kindness to Animals. Students have been learning, daily, about the importance of being kind to animals. Next week, we will be displaying artwork in the hall that the children have submitted, in relation to their favourite animal.

Next Friday, 7th May, the school will be holding a mufti day, so students can come in dressed as their favourite animal, or an animal theme. Students will be asked to donate a gold coin on this day, to donate to the Port Stephens Koala Foundation.



Multicultural Public Speaking

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition will go ahead again this year. Our school will be hosting our internal competition finals on Tuesday of Week 6 this term. Students in Years 3 to 6, who wish to participate in this public speaking competition will need to prepare a speech at home, and present it to their class, for an opportunity to participate in the school finals.

Year 3 and 4 students need to prepare a 3 minute (maximum) speech on any of the following topics:

Year 5 and 6 students need to prepare a 4 minute (maximum) speech on any of the following topics:

2021 Years 3&4 topics	2021 Years 5&6 topics
Stronger together	Stronger together
We are one and free	Racism: it's everyone's business
Racism - no way!	January 26
The Olympics - bringing people together	Sport - making a difference
Australia on TV	Media Matters
Language matters	Australia - where to next?
Sharing	It's complicated
Kids lead the way!	A safe place to call home
Reconciliation	Healing
Where do I belong?	Global voices

Students who make it through to the finals may also be required to present an impromptu speech (Year 3 & 4 - 1 minute, Year 5 & 6 - 2 minutes).

If you are interested in your child participating, please support them at home to draft and practice a speech, and contact your child's classroom teacher for further support or enquiries.



Swimming School Year 2

Our Swimming School for Year 2 students continues next week, and the make up day for our first lesson on Monday that was postponed, will be Monday, 10th May. From all accounts, the children are really enjoying the opportunity to learn and tune their skills.

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.

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.

NAPLAN timetable

NAPLAN Assessment	Year 3	Year 5
Writing	Tuesday, 11 th May - paper	Wednesday, 12 th May - online
Reading	Tuesday, 18 th May – online	Thursday, 13 th May – online
Language Conventions	Wednesday, 19 th May – online	Friday, 14 th May – online
Numeracy	Thursday, 20 th May - online	Monday, 17 th May - online

School Assemblies

We are back to hosting assemblies in our school hall every second Thursday at 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



assembly

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. We are looking forward to running this again, as we missed out on this great event, due to COVID restrictions, last year.

Mothers’ Day Stall

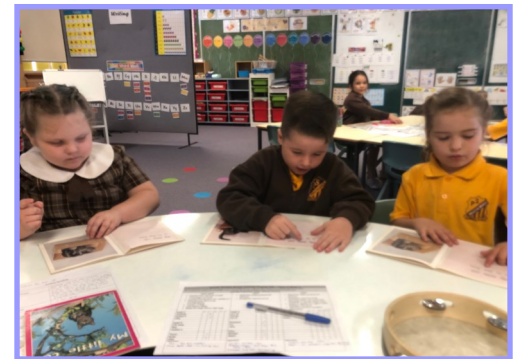
Next Thursday, 6th May our P&C will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall. A variety of gifts will be available to purchase on the day. See the advertisement on page 6.



***Are your contact details up to date?
Please contact the school office on 65731363
if any changes need to be made.***



Literacy Groups in KW



Dates to Remember Calendar

3/5 Zone Cross Country	4/5 Playgroup - Outside (Meet near the Hall)	5/5 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
17/5 Naplan Online Yr 5 Numeracy	18/5 Playgroup - Hall Naplan Online Reading Yr 3 P&C meeting 6pm	19/5 Kitchen Kart Naplan Online Yr 3 Language Yr 5 Aussie Bush	20/5 Naplan Online Yr 3 Numeracy Yr 5 Aussie Bush	21/5 Yr 5 Aussie Bush Camp
24/5	25/5 Multicultural Public Speaking	26/5 Kitchen Kart	27/5 Infants Assembly Primary Athletics Carnival	28/5 Hunter Cross Country

Canteen News

Yet again the school canteen has been dealt another blow. Due to the break in we lost all of our fridge and freezer stock. It absolutely breaks my heart receiving the early morning phone call with the news of yet another break in. Our school canteen is a vital part of wellbeing for our students and families. It is not easy having to close the canteen as many students rely on it each and every day whether they are using it for breakfast club, recess or for lunch.

We provide fresh meals that are all cooked and prepared in the canteen.

It was extremely hard having to dispose of each and every item in our fridge and freezers. A lot of hard work goes into stocking items ready for the mass amount of lunch orders we receive each day of the week.

This vandalism has had a ripple effect on so many others, firstly our students and staff. It also affects our suppliers, who have been absolutely brilliant in providing us with stock that normally takes a few days notice for the amount we require.



A huge Thank you to Singleton Heights Bakery, Robert's Meats and Woolworths. I would like to thank everyone that has offered help in some way and to everyone that has sent messages. It was very thoughtful and kind, so thank you.

Another BIG thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that come in each and every week to volunteer your valuable time. You are all so hard working, and the canteen would not run without all of your help.

Tomorrow we will be continuing with a limited menu and will only be accepting Flexi School orders. (No over the counter orders)

We will be back up and running a full menu from Monday Week 3.

A PLACE WHERE
Wonder IS
UNCOVERED



YOUR GIRL GUIDE CONTACT
Lisa Wigzell District Manager
0146 252 975
singletongirlguides@gmail.com

LEARN MORE HERE
aplacetogrow.org.au

GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

Singleton Girl Guides Unit

For girls 7–14 years old

Tuesdays 5.00–6.45pm

Singleton Guide Hall
54 York Street, Singleton



Mother's Day  **Stall**

Thursday 6th May

• Gifts will range in price from

\$2 to \$10

• Gift Bags and Cards

\$1 each

Students are welcome to purchase 2 gifts each during their class allocated time slot and then return at recess to purchase extra gifts.

Volunteers needed...

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Mother's Day stall from 9am - 12pm.

If you are available to help, please email the P&C singletonheightspandc@gmail.com

Any help will be greatly appreciated!

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. Come join us! On Tuesday we will be heading outside for a fun morning of activities. We would love you to join us, no cost involved. Everyone is Welcome.

