

Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

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Principal's Report

This will be my last newsletter for the term, as Ms Rose will be relieving as Principal for me for the last four weeks of term, while I take some long service leave. Mrs Watson, our school administration manager, will also be taking leave from Monday, 7th June, until the end of the term. Mrs Tucker will be relieving in the role, as well as coordinating her business manager tasks in this time. I look forward to seeing all of the great things that will be going on during the last four weeks of term at this great school, on our communication platforms.

It was great to see the students using the artwork on the concrete this week. Our snakes and ladders game has proven to be very popular!



Congratulations to our Stage 2 and 3 public speakers, who participated in the Multicultural perspectives competition on Tuesday. Well done to Charlie H and Charlie-Rose H, from 4B and 3/4S, who placed equal first, and to Gabrielle S, in 3W, for coming in third. Charlie and Charlie-Rose will both be going to the next level of the competition. Well done to Cooper L in 5/6V, who will be the sole Stage 3 student to go to the next level of the competition.

Good luck to our Regional Cross Country runners, who are travelling to Tocal today. Ava W in 5/6V was called up to take part, and she is joining the four boys, Kye T, Joshua S, Noah D and Nicholas H, in representing the Zone and our school.

I wanted to just apologise to the students in K-2, who were supposed to receive their Mari certificates on the assembly yesterday. I had them organised and printed, but the certificates didn't make it over to the assembly, as I was at the Athletics Carnival. I will be presenting them to students today!

Athletics Carnival

We have an amazing cohort of students at our school and it was a pleasure to attend the Primary Athletics Carnival and be able to witness great behaviour, sportsmanship, competitiveness, teamwork and fun (love the tutus, Year 6) in what was an amazing day for our Primary students. I do believe, based on the athleticism of some of our students, that we will also enjoy success at the Zone Athletics Carnival, which is coming up in Week 2 Term 3. Certificates and trophies will be presented at our next Primary assembly, on Thursday, 10th June.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

PSSA Soccer

Our Girl's soccer team was defeated by Muswellbrook PS, 5-1, in the third round of the PSSA knockout on Wednesday. I would like to congratulate Mr Andrews and the team for their efforts in getting this far into the competition.



Excursions

Our Kindergarten Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo is coming up on Friday, 4th June. Our Year 1 and 2 excursion to the Reptile Park are coming up on Thursday, 10th (1/2W, 1C, 1D and 2H) and Friday, 11th June (1K, 2A and 2L).

Money and notes were due to be returned for these excursions by today.

Academic Reports

Our teachers are currently assessing student work and preparing to write academic reports for your child for Semester 1. Reports will go home with your child on Monday, 21st June, the last week of school.

Child Protection Education

Next term, our classes are going to be taught child protection education from the NSW PDHPE syllabus. It is a Department of Education responsibility to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act (1972), we encourage parents/caregivers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns. Balanced child protection education involves teaching and learning about three themes: Theme 1, Recognising abuse, Theme 2, Power in relationships and Theme 3, Protective strategies.

Canteen Meal Deal

There will be a canteen meal deal day coming up on Wednesday, 9th June. It will be a State of Origin themed meal deal. There will also be some yummy treats available at the canteen throughout the day. Notes and order forms are going home this week. See page 5 more details.



Mari Pizza Lunch

Congratulations to the 12 students who are joining me for Pizza lunch today. All other students who have recently received a Mari Badge, or will receive one before the end of term, will have a special lunch with me, early in Term 3.

External Validation

Our school recently submitted an External Validation report, identifying 14 elements of School Excellence that our staff have rated ourselves in, on a continuum of Delivering, to Sustaining and Growing, through to Excelling. Our school staff ranked our school as Sustaining and Growing in 12 elements and Delivering in 2 elements. Yesterday, an external panel of Principals validated our school at the same levels as our self-assessment, and gave excellent feedback about our school processes across Learning, Teaching and Leading. It was a proud moment for our school, as our students, staff and parents work really hard to make this school an amazing education hub in our community. I am proud of our community in achieving this success.

Science and Engineering Challenge

30 of our Year 6 students will be participating in the Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Discovery Day in Muswellbrook on Thursday, 10th June, 2021, to be held at the Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre and Show Ground. The Discovery Day is a wonderful opportunity for students to become involved in hands-on practical science and engineering activities. The day is coordinated by the Rotary Club of Muswellbrook in conjunction with the University of Newcastle and will engage students in a range of STEM based challenges. We wish our school teams all the best.



BAND WORKSHOP

Nineteen of our band students joined Singleton Public, King Street Public and Maitland Public schools for two days of 'Bandlink', overseen by Di Hall from the Education Department's Arts Unit, and several instrumental tutors. We all learned something: correct posture, keeping the pulse, subdividing the beat, listening to players next to us, new notes, Italian ('staccato', 'Da Capo al Fine') and a lot more. Even I learned something - the name of the imaginary point in the air where the beat lands, the 'ictus'.

I am very proud of our students, particularly the beginners, for whom this was a sometimes challenging experience. They showed perseverance and stamina throughout the two days. One even went home and practiced her instrument between the two days. What a great group of kids!

If anyone is interested in joining Intermediate Town Band, please contact me via the school office for more information.





2L are learning to write information reports!






In groups, we have been using key words about different Australian animals to write our own sentences and create an information report.



Dates to Remember Calendar

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| 31/5 | 1/6 Playgroup - Hall | 2/6 Kitchen Kart | 3/6 | 4/6 Kinder Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion |
| 7/6 | 8/6 Playgroup - Hall | 9/6 Kitchen Kart | 10/6 Primary Assembly Reptile Park - 1/2W, 1C, 1D, 2H | 11/6 Reptile Park Excursion 1K, 2A, 2L |
| 14/6 Public Holiday | 15/6 Playgroup - Hall | 16/6 Kitchen Kart | 17/6 Choir to Elizabeth Gates Home | 18/6 |
| 21/6 | 22/6 Playgroup - Hall | 23/6 | 24/6 Infants Assembly | 25/6 PBL Bingo PBL rewards Day |

STATE OF ORIGIN - Meal Deal

Wednesday 9th June, 2021

SHPS Canteen - MEAL DEAL ORDER

Student name: _____

Class: _____ **COST: \$7.00**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Deal 1 - \$7.00 * Hot dog Cookie ** Drink | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Deal 2 - \$7.00 Party pie Cookie ** Drink |
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*** Sauce Options (Choose one)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato | Please note... The standard canteen menu WILL NOT be available on this day. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO Sauce | |

**** Drink Options (Choose one)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chill J |

ORDER BY - WED 2nd JUNE

Meal deal ordering is also available on FLEXISCHOOLS.



On WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE, 2021, canteen will be offering two State of Origin Meal Deals. Please return all orders and money to the canteen by WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE.

PLEASE NOTE ...
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PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

