

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3

Week 1

15th July 2021



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## Principal's Report

I am honestly so happy to be back leading this wonderful school, after taking four weeks long service leave, backing on to the two week school holiday break. I would like to thank Ms Rose and our amazing leadership team, for leading the school so well at the back end of Term 2.

### COVID Restrictions

Unfortunately, upon my return, we have, of course, been asked to keep non-essential visitors out of the school grounds, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Delta variant outbreak in Greater Sydney. As of the 14<sup>th</sup> July, these Level 2 restrictions will continue for regional NSW, until at least Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July (end of Week 3). A guide to the restrictions is listed below. I do apologise for this inconvenience, and we are probably lucky in that our students are mostly used to having to find their own way out of the gates of an afternoon, after last year's restrictions. Our Kinder students and parents will be supported with an earlier finish time of 3pm each day that this continues, and we will have support staff at the school entrances in the morning, to help reluctant or worried children make their way in to the school safely.

### LEVEL 2 Restrictions

- Students and staff are not to attend school if they have symptoms; a negative COVID-19 test is required prior to returning to school
- Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (**including parents and carers**)
- Mask wearing recommendations
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only
- Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents/carers are allowed
- Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance
- QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors



### School Activities and Excursions

Many of our school activities have had to be adjusted because of the COVID restrictions, and we are unaware of how long restrictions will remain in place.



**Our Year 3 Sydney excursion**, scheduled for Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, will be cancelled. Families will receive a note requesting what you would like to do in regards to the payments that have been made. You may choose to accept it as a credit amount and be added as fees in advance for your child's future school excursions or costs. Alternatively, you may wish to request a refund.

### Year 6 Canberra Excursion

It is difficult to know what situation we will find ourselves in at the end of August, when our planned excursion to Canberra is scheduled to take place. At the moment, overnight and interstate excursions are not permitted, but we are hopeful that this situation could change during the next six weeks. As such, we will continue to prepare and plan the excursion in the hope that we will be able to go. Please be assured, that we will update you immediately if the decision is made that the excursion must be cancelled. If the excursion is cancelled, you will be refunded all money that you have paid. In the meantime, we ask that you work with us to continue in preparing for the excursion. Just a reminder that the medical form is due back before Friday 16th July.

### Year 4 overnight Sydney excursion

This will likely be cancelled. We will update families after the 30<sup>th</sup> July, when a decision will be made. No notes or money has been sent out as of yet.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

### Education Week awards night for our Singleton Learning Community

This awards night was scheduled for Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, however, award recipients for each school will receive their awards personally from each school, and a video/powerpoint will be uploaded to Facebook during the week of Education Week.



### Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival

The Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival has been postponed until further notice. The Maitland Zone PSSA has also postponed their Zone carnival, this Friday. As soon as we are aware of the new date we will send out a notification.

### PSSA Sport

Our Boys' Touch team will still play against Denman PS on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at Cook Park, and our Girls' team will still play against Vacy PS on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**Fortnightly assemblies** – these will continue, but with no visitors.



### K-2 Strengths Sports Carnival

This is scheduled for Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, to celebrate our Visible Wellbeing approach, and Education Week. This carnival will go ahead, but with no visitors on site.

**Aboriginal student Homework Club** will still continue on Monday afternoons.

**3-way conferences with teachers/parents/students** – these were scheduled to take place next week in our school hall, however, we will have to postpone these meetings. Instead, we are sending home a goal setting document for your children. The teacher has written two academic goals that they feel your child should be working on this semester, based on last Semester's report. On the document, your child will also have an opportunity to record a personal school goal, and parents will have space to provide an additional comment. These documents will then be returned to your child's classroom teacher as a focus for your child. The document will go home in an envelope at the end of Week 3.

**Our school Public Speaking competition will still proceed.** Speeches are being held this week and next week, with the finals being held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, in the school hall. The Zone final which was to be held at Muswellbrook South PS, on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, has been postponed to a later date.

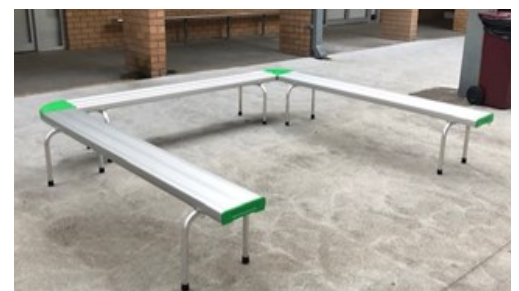
### P&C News

**Breakfast Club** - Our Breakfast club is currently not operating, due to our wonderful coordinator, and several of our regular volunteers, having to pull out of supporting this program. We are currently seeking volunteer support, to allow this initiative to continue, and we will notify students and the community once we are able to operate again.

**Pie Drive** – The P&C are conducting a Pie Drive for families, with collection dates of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August. Fundraiser Order Forms will be sent home on Thursday and are due back on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Orders can be made on Flexischools as well. Orders will be organised to be collected from our MAIN COLA, however, you will need to wear a mask, and check in with the QR Code on arrival. Look out for the order forms coming home today.

### New additions to the school grounds

Throughout the holiday period, we saw the arrival of new outdoor furniture, courtesy of our P&C, as well as new signage of Mari in the COLA, and new additions to our play equipment on the back field. We also have new security cameras installed at the school, to help with security issues that have happened in the last 12 months. Just be mindful that one of the security cameras in the office area is broadcast on a closed circuit tv in the foyer area as well, a requirement from the School Security Directorate.





### Band Scholarships

I would like to congratulate five of our students, who have received band scholarships, as part of our school's High Potential and Gifted initiatives. Bethany P, Millie W, Charlie H, Aina S and Harmony B will each have their tuition fees paid for through this initiative, as well as through a donation from Mr Ward, our highly talented band teacher.



### Principal for the Day

Congratulations to Rylee G in Year 4, who won the Principal for the Day draw at the last Mari Badge Pizza Lunch, held last term. Rylee will spend a day as Principal in the coming weeks. Looking forward to putting my feet up for the day!



## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

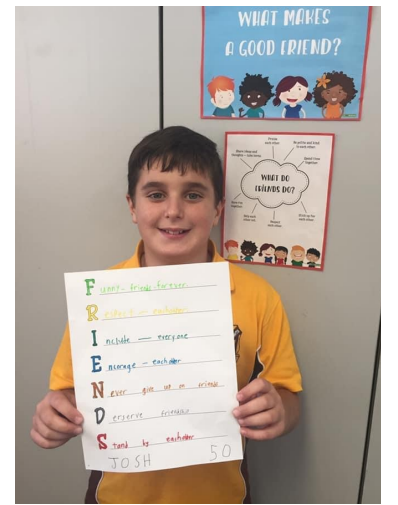
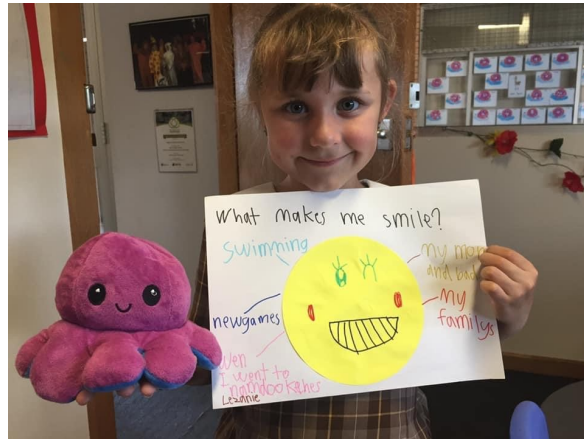
**Every day counts!**







# Some of our Defence Students enjoying lots of fun activities as part of our Defence School Mentor Program.



**Building students, confidence, friendships and resilience.**





# DATES TO REMEMBER



19/7	20/7 P&C Meeting	21/7	22/7 K-2 Assembly	23/7
26/7 Education Week	27/7 Education Week	28/7 Education Week Public Speaking Competition K-6	29/7 School Education Week Assembly	30/7 Education Week K-2 Strengths Based Carnival
2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8 Primary Assembly	6/8
9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8	13/8

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Our Uniform shop is open  
Monday: 8.45-9.30am  
Thursday: 8.45-9.30am

Alternatively, you can order via the Flexischool app and the order will be delivered to your child's class



**Tuesday 20th July at 6.00 pm**

**School Staffroom**

**Please RSVP to**

**dianaedennis@gmail.com**

All Welcome



## KINDERGARTEN 2022

Taking enrolments now.

Enrolment forms available online via our school website or at the school office.



# HEALTHY MADE DELICIOUS



Canteen Menu  
Term 3, 2021

## FLEXISCHOOLS

**ORDER IN ADVANCE TO  
AVOID SYSTEM GLITCHES &  
DISAPPOINTMENT.**

Especially on a Friday when  
an average of 1000 orders  
are placed every minute!

## GOING HOME EARLY

If you have ordered your lunch,  
notify the canteen before  
leaving.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN,**  
if orders are made & not  
collected.



## HOT FOOD

PASTA / RICE	
✓ Mac & cheese	\$5.00
✓ Spaghetti Bolognese	\$5.50
✓ Beef lasagne	\$5.50
✓ Chicken fettuccine	\$5.50
✓ Butter chicken & rice	\$5.50
BURGER / ROLL / BOAT	
✓ Chicken burger	\$5.50
✓ Cheeseburger	\$5.50
✓ Taco boat	\$5.50

### SOUPS

✓ Chicken noodle	\$4.00
• Potato, leek & bacon	\$4.00
✓ Dinner roll	\$1.00

### TOASTIES

✓ Cheese	\$3.50
✓ Ham & cheese	\$4.00
✓ Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.50

### OTHER

• Garlic bread	\$1.00
• Sausage roll	\$3.00
• Party pie	\$3.00
• Chicken nuggets (6)	\$5.00

### SAUCE

✓ Tomato, BBQ, Sweet chilli, Sweet & sour	\$0.50
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## SANDWICHES

✓ Cheese	\$3.00
✓ Cheese & tomato	\$3.50
✓ Salad	\$4.00
✓ Tuna	\$4.00
✓ Ham & cheese	\$4.00
✓ Egg & lettuce	\$4.50
✓ Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00
✓ Chicken & salad	\$5.50
✓ Ham & salad	\$5.50
Extras	
✓ Wrap or Roll	\$1.00

## SALADS

✓ <b>Salad Bowl</b>	\$5.00
✓ Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, pineapple, beetroot, cheese	
Extras	
✓ Chicken, Ham, Egg or Tuna	\$1.00
✓ Italian dressing	\$0.50

## SNACKS

✓ Pikelet	\$0.50
• Anzac biscuit	\$0.50
✓ Choc bliss ball	\$0.50
✓ Cheese & crackers	\$1.00
✓ Custard cup	\$1.00
• Grain waves	\$1.50
✓ Piece of fresh fruit	\$1.50
✓ Frozen yoghurt	\$2.00

✓ Everyday Food • Occasional Food

THE FOODS WE CHOOSE  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



## RECESS

A selection of fresh homemade items.  
These items will differ daily.  
Potato skins, Mini pizzas, Fried rice,  
Apple and cinnamon scrolls, Crepes,  
Spinach & ricotta triangles, Pasta cups,  
Hot chocolate, Banana smoothies.

## DRINKS

✓ Water (300ml)	\$1.00
✓ <b>Flavoured Milk</b>	\$2.50
✓ Chocolate / Strawberry	
✓ <b>Juice Bomb</b>	\$2.50
✓ Watermelon / Orange passion / Apple cola	
✓ <b>Glee</b>	\$2.50
✓ Tropical / Raspberry	
✓ <b>Up &amp; Go</b>	\$2.50
✓ Chocolate / Strawberry	
✓ <b>V8 Juice</b>	\$2.50
✓ Apple berry / Tropical	

## ICE BLOCKS

✓ <b>Quelch</b>	\$1.00
✓ 99% Fruit juice stick	
✓ <b>Juicies</b>	\$1.50
✓ Wild berry / Lemonade or Tropical	
✓ <b>Ice Monys</b>	\$1.50
✓ Blue raspberry / Red berry blast	
✓ <b>Mooseie</b>	\$1.50
✓ Chocolate	

EAT  
GOOD  
FEEL  
GOOD



**GOOD  
FOOD** US  
**GOOD  
MOOD**

