

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 1

14th October 2022



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Relieving Principal's Report - Mrs Cummings

What a fantastic first week I have had at Singleton Heights PS. Thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome. I'm sure that you are already aware of what a beautiful school you have, and I feel very lucky to be your Relieving Principal here. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and see the wonderful teaching and learning happening there, and have also had the opportunity to meet parents, carers and community members in and around the school. I look forward to the many opportunities I will have, during my time at Singleton Heights PS, to work closely with students, their families and the wider school community because together we can ensure that your children access the best education possible.

Term 4 is always a very busy term with important events happening like the Fete, Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Day. Please remember to keep an eye on the calendar so you know when things will be happening.

End of term for students – Date change

The Department of Education has made changes to end of year arrangements for students and staff. School will now finish for students on **Friday 16th December**. The reason for this change is that the Department have provided staff with an additional Staff Development Day which will now occur on Monday 19th December. Please note this change on your calendar.



Statement of Accounts – General School Contribution and excursion fees for this term

Your child will be receiving a statement with payments that are due for this term. A Voluntary Contribution of \$50 will be on this statement if you haven't already contributed, along with any excursions/activities planned for your child this term. Payments can be made online, or at the counter, via Eftpos or cash and we would appreciate it if you could do this as soon as possible.

Fete

Our school fete will be held on Friday 28th October between 11am and 2pm. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, family members and the wider community on the day. As we are welcoming many people into the school, it is very important that we manage the supervision of our students to ensure their safety. A note regarding family attendance and student supervision during the Fete was sent home on Thursday of this week. Please complete the slip attached to that note and return it to school as soon as possible. At the commencement of the Fete, parents/carers attending can collect their children from the designated areas outlined below. If you intend to take your child home early on this day, there will be a sign out table set up for you to do so before you leave. Volunteers are in short supply so if you can spare some time to help on a stall, please complete the slip attached to this newsletter. We would really appreciate your support.

Designated student collection points

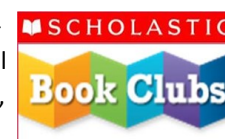
Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten Cola Stage 1 – Synthetic grass behind the hall

Stage 2 – Year 3 and 4 area Stage 3 – Year 5 and 6 area



Book Club

Book Club catalogues will not be sent home with students this month. We are conscious of financial constraints for parents at this time of year, especially with our Fete coming up. Book Club catalogues will still be available for collection from the front office if you would still like to order for your child. Alternatively, you can access all issues for ordering on the Book Club website at www.scholastic.com.au



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

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P&C

The P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom next Tuesday 18th October at 6pm. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.



Positive Parenting Program - Triple P Online

Positive parenting is simply an approach to parenting that gives parents and carers tools and strategies to raise their child in an environment that is safe, loving and predictable. Triple P's positive parenting program allows each person doing the program to decide what is important to them. So it's not telling you *how* to raise children, but giving you the confidence and skills to build good relationships, set boundaries and rules calmly and in ways that kids understand, and follow up with consequences that are not harmful. To sum it up, Triple P helps you:

- Raise happy, confident, capable kids
- Build and maintain a close, loving relationship with your child
- Understand more about child development to make parenting more enjoyable and easier
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Prevent and manage misbehaviour effectively, in a way that supports children's emotional wellbeing
- Have rules and routines everyone respects and follows
- Feel less stressed and calmer



Feel more able to handle various parenting situations, knowing you're doing the best for your kids.

Triple P Online is a free course for parents and is funded by the Australian. You can access this free course via the following link www.triplep-parenting.net.au

Inclusive Engaging Respectful School

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- ✓ Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- ✓ Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- ✓ Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify *existing* legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy became operational on day one of this term and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and will share any changes we believe need to be made with you throughout the term.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](http://www.nsw.gov.au/education).

Presentation Day – Change of date

There has had to be a change of date for our Presentation Day assembly. Presentation Day will now be held on **Tuesday 6th December**. Please note this change on your calendar. More details regarding Presentation Day will follow in the coming weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by this change of date.

Staff Twilight Professional Learning sessions

Our staff will be participating in two twilight professional learning sessions this term. The sessions will occur after school between 3:30-6:30pm on Tuesday 25th October and Tuesday 22nd November. The sessions will be in lieu of staff attending school on Tuesday 20th December. Professional Learning will include new curriculum documents to be implemented in 2023.

Volunteers needed



Our school Fete is back this year on Friday, 28th October from 11am - 2pm.

The P&C are calling out for volunteers that would like to kindly donate some of their time to help make our fete a success!

If you are able to help us out, please fill out the form below & return to the School Office.

Thank you

Laura Lomax – P&C President

Name: Contact Number:.....

WWCC:.....

Can assist on fete day from 9am – 3pm

Can assist during these times (Please specify times)

Can assist before Fete day.....

Mari has spotted...



Dexter (6T)
showing
responsibility by
working hard in
the sports shed
at lunch.



Mari has spotted...



Clover (2A) being
respectful by using
fantastic manners
and helping others.



Check out 2H's shelter designs we made in our Science unit.



We could only use recycled materials to build our shelter. The shelter had to protect a teddy bear that we hid inside the house. The shelter had to protect the bear from the sun, wind and rain. All of our shelters were able to successfully protect our teddy bears.





DATES TO REMEMBER



17/10	18/10 P&C Meeting 6pm	19/10	20/10 Playgroup 9:15-11am K-2 Assembly 12:50pm	21/10
24/10	25/10	26/10	27/10 Playgroup 9:15-11am	28/10 SCHOOL FETE 11AM - 2PM
31/10	1/11	2/11	3/11 Playgroup 9:15-11am 3-6 Assembly 12:50pm	4/11
7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11 Playgroup 9:15-11am Remembrance Day Ceremony	12/11

FETE DONATIONS NEEDED



- Kindy - Plants or Preloved Teddy
- Years 1 & 2 - Non-Perishable or household items for hampers
- Years 3 & 4 - Jar filled with items - hairbands, stationary, wrapped lollies etc
- Years 5 & 6 - Chocolate blocks, wrapped chocolates/lollies and lollipops



All grades and staff can donate items for the Cake Stall -
Ingredients Label is needed

Singleton Heights Public School

PLAYGROUP

Join us on Thursday mornings 9:15-11am

Play and grow together



YOUTH VENUE DROP IN | 3 - 6PM

TERM 4 PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS

Kitchen cook ups
Cook something different each week.

WEDNESDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons
An exciting new term of D&D.

THURSDAYS

Gaming
Playstation, Xbox, Nintendo or computer.
Play your way!

FRIDAYS

Dungeons & Dragons
So much fun we're rolling the dice two days a week.

A PLACE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

We are open Tuesday to Friday at 3-6pm for drop in during school term.

Don't feel like doing one of our activities?

- ✓ Have a game of pool
- ✓ Hang out with friends
- ✓ Use the computer
- ✓ Watch a movie
- ✓ Play a game
- ✓ Just drop in + say hello

The Youth Venue is open to young people aged 11-17



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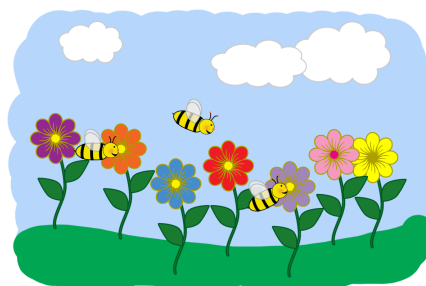


Elizabeth Gate Village Home Made Market

When: Saturday 22nd October 2022

Where: Alroy Carpark

Why: to bring our community together after lock downs and lock outs with the opportunity to purchase home grown and home made treats, goodies and crafts.



What: donations towards a craft, plant or food stall would be greatly appreciated. Please leave with Colleen and Cindy or bring them on the day.

If you can't make it on the day buy a raffle ticket or 100 club now!

Waraya Young Mob

Waraya Young Mob will resume for term 4 next week and meet on a Monday afternoons from 3:20 to 4:20 in K- 6T classroom. We would love to see everyone that was coming last term return for more fun and learning.



Are your contact details up to date?

Please contact the school office on 65731363 if any changes need to be made.



A safe and friendly community for children with a disability

Rainbow Club welcomes children with a disability for individualised swimming lessons to learn to swim, be safe in the water, interact, feel included, play and have fun.

COMING
SOON
To a pool
near you!

Swim the Rainbow

- Our unique Swim the Rainbow program has been specially designed to teach children with a disability
- The swimming goals are aligned to the seven colours of the Rainbow to help build confidence
- Individualised swim lessons are delivered by qualified and dedicated swim teachers

Register your interest

- Vacancies arise at short notice, so we recommend you register and be ready to start swimming with a Club that understands and supports children with a disability (regardless of the type of disability)
- There is an expectation that a parent or guardian will remain close by during lessons to assist if required

About Rainbow Club

- We provide a membership for the duration of a school term (9 weekly half hour lessons)
- Our social calendar has something for everyone
- Club Committees are run by volunteers

We can't wait to see you at Rainbow Club soon!

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs for children with a disability

Join us! Sign-up online at
myrainbowclub.org.au/register/

myrainbowclub.org.au

- Facebook: [rainbowclubaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowclubaustralia)
- Instagram: [rainbowclubaustralia](https://www.instagram.com/rainbowclubaustralia)
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