

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 5

11th November 2022



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## Relieving Principal's Report - Mrs Cummings

I continue to be impressed by the way our students carry themselves and yesterday's Remembrance Day Ceremony was no different. We should all be very proud of the way our students paid their respects throughout the service. I would like to thank our Defence School Mentor, Claire Daubeney, for her work in making the day such a success. Her work with our students and organisation of local community members and Defence personnel made the service a highly moving and memorable occasion. The choir and orchestra sang and played beautifully, and our student speakers were polished and professional. It certainly was a fantastic event for students, staff, families, and community members to experience together. Next year we will look at holding the service during the morning session to avoid the heat.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

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### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Afternoon Tea**

This week we also held our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Afternoon Tea for students, staff, parents/carers, and community members. The afternoon was all about building strong partnerships and providing information about school programs and the availability of support services for students and families. Thank you to those who came along and participated. It really was a relaxed and informative afternoon, enjoyed by everyone.



### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2023**

If you or someone you know has a child starting Kindergarten at Singleton Heights Public School in 2023 and they have not yet enrolled, this is a reminder to contact the school as soon as possible. Kindergarten Orientation has begun and will continue for the next two weeks.

### **Second Hand Uniforms**

We are in need of second-hand uniforms, particularly smaller sizes and sizes 14-16. If your child has outgrown their uniforms or is heading off to high school at the end of this year, we would appreciate your donations. Second-hand shoes in very good condition are also welcome.

## **Mari has spotted...**



Jaya-Lee (5G) displaying excellence by showing pride in her culture.



## **Mari has spotted...**



Mikayla (1W) always being responsible and showing respect with great manners and a cheerful goodbye as she leaves school each afternoon.



# Curriculum Support

## End of Year Reports

SHPS teachers are in the middle of writing their reports for each of their students. This is a big process for all teachers who are using work samples, assessments and observations to determine how each of their students are progressing towards expected stage outcomes, that are determined by the different syllabus documents.

### Kindergarten reports

Reports will describe how a child's achievement compares with syllabus standards through teacher comments. There are no achievement grades.

### Year 1 to Year 6 Reports

From Year 1 to Year 6, their reports will use the following five-point achievement scale.

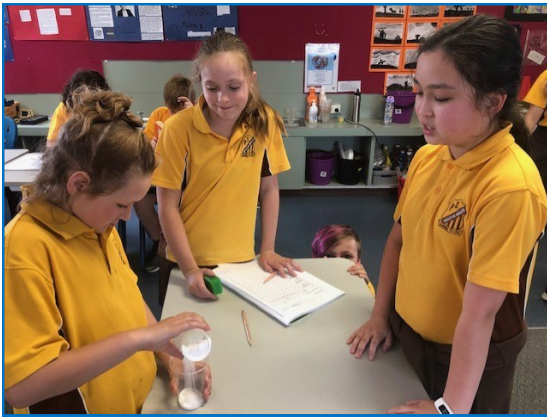
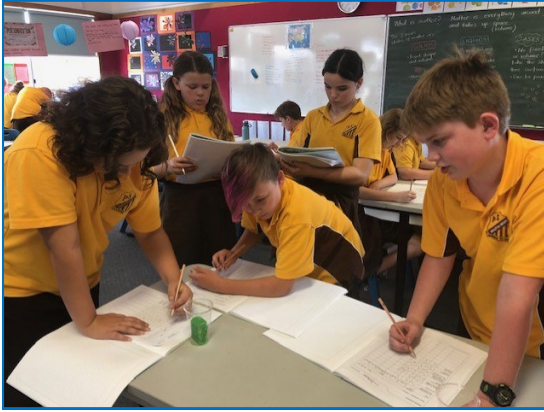
Achievement	Grade	Achievement Description
Outstanding	A	The student displays an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations. Typically, the child will be working at the level of the grade above.
High	B	The student displays above average knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
Sound	C	The student displays a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved within the average range of competence in the processes and skills.
Basic	D	The student displays a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
Limited	E	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved very limited competence in the processes and skills.
Effort	Grade	Effort Description
Excellent	4	The student is consistently applying a high level of effort.
Very Good	3	The student attempts all work consistently or at a high level.
Satisfactory	2	The student is applying a reasonable amount of effort.
Improvement Required	1	The level of effort is of concern.

You may notice differences between your child's reports from year to year. Students work towards different learning outcomes depending on the grade or stage they are in. i.e. K- ES1 outcomes, Year 1 and 2 - Stage 1 outcomes, Year 3 and 4 - Stage 2 outcomes and Year 5 and 6 - Stage 3 outcomes. So, from one year to the next, you may see changes in your child's achievement levels. For example, a student in Year 2 will be working towards achieving Stage 1 outcomes and may receive a 'high' for achievement that year. The following year, the student moves into Year 3 and is working towards Stage 2 outcomes over a period of two years. For Year 3, they may receive a 'sound' for achievement. A student receiving 'sound' achievement or a 'c' grade is achieving the expected grade for their year level.

We hope this helps you understand our school reports.

Please contact the school if you have any questions when the reports come out in Week 10.

# Science Fun in 5G



5G have been learning about changing states of matter. They investigated the properties of solids and changed cream into butter by shaking it. They then enjoyed making and eating fairy bread using their butter!





# DATES TO REMEMBER



14/11 Captain Speeches	15/11 P&C Meeting 6pm	16/11 Kindergarten Orientation	17/11 Playgroup 9:15-11am  K-2 Assembly 12:50pm	18/11 Band and Music lessons  Library Stocktake
21/11 Library Stocktake	22/11 Library Stocktake	23/11 Kindergarten Orientation  Library Stocktake	24/11 Playgroup 9:15-11am  Children's University Graduation leaving school at 2pm	25/11 Band and Music lessons
28/11	29/11 SRE Assembly  Yr 6 - High School Day	30/11	1/12 Playgroup 9:15-11am  3-6 Assembly 12:50pm	2/12 Band and Music lessons
5/12	6/12 Presentation Day	7/12 Mari Pizza Lunch	8/12 Playgroup 9:15-11am  Year 6 Farewell	9/12 Band and Music lessons

***If you are leaving at the end of the year  
or your contact details have changed,  
please contact the school office ASAP  
on 65731363.***



## Waraya Young Mob

Waraya Young Mob will be holding its last session for this year next Monday, 14th November.



Uniform shop is open on Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:30am

Orders can be also be placed via the Flexischools app.



The uniform shop is run by volunteers and orders will be filled and delivered to your child's class once a week.

Singleton Heights Public School

# PLAYGROUP

Join us on Thursday mornings 9:15-11am

Play and grow together









Summer  
SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our  
SHPS Colouring-In  
Competition Winner Mia

Congratulations Mia in 2H for winning the Fete colouring competition. Well done!



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## Defence School Mentor

### Singleton Heights Public School

A Defence School Mentor (DSM) provides assistance and support to the children of Australian Defence Force members as they move from school to school and during times of parental absence.

The DSM would develop and implement a range of resources and activities to assist these children and their families to integrate into the school community and to increase their ability to cope with the military lifestyle.

This is a contract position until 30 June 2023.

The continuation of the position beyond this date is dependent on funding from the Australian Department of Defence.

The DSM is an employee of Singleton Heights Public School and is responsible to the school Principal or nominee for everyday activities.

Interested applicants may obtain a copy of the DSM role description and selection criteria from the school office.

For information relating to this position please contact Jo Tucker on (02) 6573 1363 or joanne.tucker2@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications close 16th November 2022 4pm

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Singleton Town Band Presents...

# BANDS IN CONCERT

6:30PM SATURDAY  
12TH NOVEMBER  
SINGLETON CIVIC CENTRE

Tickets at the Door - Eftpos Available  
Adult (\$15) | Child (\$10) | Family of 4 (\$35)

SINGLETON TOWN BAND

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