

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 6

18th November 2022



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## Relieving Principal's Report - Mrs Cummings

A big congratulations to our twelve Year 5 students, Reuben, Ruby, Ava, Deegan, Emily, Charlie-Rose, Harry, Zoe, Bethany, Lucas, Willow and Millie, who presented leadership speeches on Monday for 2023 positions. The students should be very proud of the way in which they delivered their speeches, displaying maturity and confidence in front of a large group of peers, staff and family members. There was certainly audience engagement, especially when humour was used through jokes, promises and catch cries. It certainly would have been a difficult choice for students and staff when voting. We look forward to introducing our new leaders for 2023 soon.



### COVID-19 cases

A reminder that students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection). We have had a number of notifications at school this week about members of the school community testing positive to COVID-19 and have notified parents on classes involved so that students can be monitored for symptoms.

### 2023 Enrolment

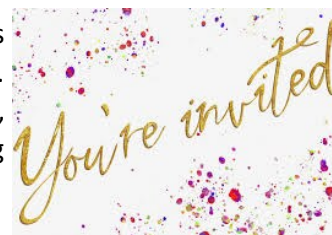
If you or someone you know has a child starting Kindergarten at Singleton Heights Public School in 2023 and they have not yet enrolled, this is a reminder to contact the school as soon as possible. Kindergarten Orientation has begun and will continue next week.

### 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.

### Creative Arts Showcase

This year, students in choir, dance, and music club will be performing in a Creative Arts Showcase. They are excited to show everyone what they have learned during the year. Join us on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at 12:30-1:20 or 2:15-3:10, in the school hall, to see their skills. You are welcome to attend either session. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating the achievements of these students.



**Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING**

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# Curriculum Support

## Reading

### Reading at SHPS 2023

If your family has been a part of SHPS for some time, and you have students in K-2, you will notice some changes in how we teach reading; if you're new to SHPS, jump on board, it's going to be a fantastic journey! It's an exciting time for education as we align our teaching with the new English Syllabus that is being implemented next year.

This year, staff have begun the journey by being involved in Professional Learning (PL) around the essential components of reading, working with their Stage Team and the Assistant Principal Instruction and Curriculum, as well as completing a 10 hour Phonics course online and other microlearning PL. Additional to this, K - 2 have implemented the SHPS's draft Phonics/ Spelling program.

#### What does reading instruction in our classes include?

Our structured reading approach will include explicit and guided teaching as well as independent practise of:

- phonological awareness and phonics
- irregular words/ high frequency words
- fluency
- vocabulary development.
- comprehension strategies

Next year, we would like to have parent workshops to help families understand what teaching reading looks like in the classrooms. Is there something in previous newsletters that you would like more information about?

**What would you like us to include in the parent workshops about Reading at SHPS?**

Let us know by filling in the slip and returning the slip to the office.

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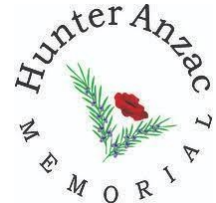
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# Fete

We would like to thank the following businesses and organisations for supporting our school Fete. We are excited to announce the P&C raised \$16,162. A massive thank you to all our volunteers as well as the school community for supporting this wonderful event!



## RAFFLE

1. TIGER D 6H
2. ELLA G 2A
3. KATHY O'BRIEN

## 100 Club

- \$5 Mallory Cooke  
\$2 Pam Watson



HUNTER REGION BOTANIC  
GARDENS



**Kirkwoods**  
THE FARM & PET FOOD PEOPLE



We really appreciate your help



# Netball with a twist in 6H



6H had so much fun  
playing netball on  
scooter boards!





# DATES TO REMEMBER



<b>21/11</b> Library Stocktake	<b>22/11</b> Library Stocktake	<b>23/11</b> Kindergarten Orientation  Library Stocktake	<b>24/11</b> Playgroup 9:15-11am  Children's University Graduation	<b>25/11</b> Band and Music lessons
<b>28/11</b>	<b>29/11</b> SRE Assembly  Yr 6 - High School Day	<b>30/11</b>	<b>1/12</b> Playgroup 9:15-11am  3-6 Assembly 12:50pm	<b>2/12</b> Band and Music lessons
<b>5/12</b>	<b>6/12</b> Presentation Day	<b>7/12</b> Mari Pizza Lunch	<b>8/12</b> Playgroup 9:15-11am  Year 6 Farewell	<b>9/12</b> Band and Music lessons
<b>12/12</b> Volunteers M/Tea  Creative Arts Showcase	<b>13/12</b>	<b>14/12</b> Carols	<b>15/12</b>	<b>16/12</b> Students last day

## PBL Assembly Awards K-2



Class	Student
KE	Kai G
KK	William T
KM	Audrey M
KS	Kim O
1C	William P
1D	Eli W
1M	Adalyn O
1W	Arlia M
2A	Harry P
2H	Karter P
2L	Emerson M

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## PLAYGROUP

Join us on Thursday mornings 9:15-11am

Play and grow together





## Playground Fun



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



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



Nick (6B) showing respect to his peers by always helping them in the playground as well as in class.



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



Roy (2L) ) being respectful by using fantastic manners and trying his best at skipping.

