

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4

Week 7

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## Relieving Principal's Report - Mrs Cummings

Twenty six of our students donned graduation gowns and hats yesterday to be presented with their Children's University awards at Newcastle University's Great Hall. What a fabulous experience for them, their families and staff! The students were extremely excited and proud to be at the university, receiving awards for their hard work and effort throughout the year. I extend my congratulations to all students and am so pleased that I was able to celebrate their achievements and be a part of the ceremony. The Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre at the university have worked closely with our school to provide this opportunity and we thank them for their organisation, support and care of our students, particularly during yesterday's event. I would also like to thank Ms Rose, Mrs Caelli and Mrs Mungoven for their organisation of the Children's University program at SHPS. To the parents and family members who also made the trip to support their children, thank you. It was lovely to see everyone there, celebrating and enjoying the achievements of our children.



## Camp Quality Education Program

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.05am our Year 3-6 students will be attending a Camp Quality Education Puppet Show in our school hall with their teachers. Camp Quality's cancer education program has been teaching kids about cancer with a fun and interactive puppet performance, for over 33 years. The program focuses on telling the broader cancer story, including how to support someone who is facing their own cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one. The free Cancer Education Program visits primary schools and education and care services around Australia, and is shown to reduce bullying, absenteeism and the need for mental health support services for kids impacted by cancer. Any parents/carers who would like to attend this show are very welcome. Please notify the school office if you would prefer your child not to attend.

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

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## Canteen

Our school canteen will have a limited menu for the remainder of the school year as canteen staff and the P&C begin to run stock down before closing for 2022. Please be mindful of this when ordering food for your children as normal menu items may not be available.

## School Uniform 2023

When planning for the 2023 school year, please make note of requirements for school uniform. We would like every student wearing the school bucket hat and plain socks, and leaving other 'after school' items of clothing at home. Thank you for your support.

### Singleton Heights Public School Uniform Price List 2023

#### Summer Uniforms

- Polo - Yellow and Brown \$30
- Polo - Yellow
  - size 2 - 16 \$20
  - size Small - XL \$25
- Tunic - \$50
- Skorts - \$20
- Microfibre Shorts - \$15
- Gaberdine Shorts - \$20

#### Winter Uniforms

- Polo - Yellow Long Sleeve \$25
- Rugby Jumper \$75
- Fleece Jacket \$32
- Microfibre Jacket
  - Size 4 - 16 \$45
  - Size Small - 2 XL \$50
- Fleece Pants \$25
- Microfibre Pants \$30

#### Hats

- Microfibre \$15
- Bucket Hat \$15



**The Uniform shop is open  
Wednesdays - 8:45 - 9:30am**  
**Items can also be purchased online  
at [Flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au)**



The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

## Clothes we wear after school hours.



Colourful socks



Coloured bucket hats



Coloured jumpers



Coloured school shoes

**If you are wearing your school uniform you are:**

- ✓ **Showing respect**
- ✓ **Displaying school pride**
- ✓ **Ready to learn**



Brand name jumpers



Black bike pants



Brand name caps



Coloured socks



Black tights

## Please leave these clothes at home in 2023.

There may be opportunities throughout the school year to wear these items e.g., Out of Uniform days.

In NSW public schools, students are expected to follow the school uniform policy and dress appropriately every day - NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students and School Uniform policy.

### 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.

### 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.





# Curriculum Support



## End of Year Reports - Writing

At SHPS, the teachers are finalising writing reports to provide parents/carers with information about their child's learning.

This week in the newsletter, we are sharing information about what a 'sound' piece of writing could look like. Please remember if your child receives 'sound' for achievement, this means they are displaying 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 for writing. Here are some samples of writing that could achieve a sound for writing. This is just one work sample but teachers will use many work samples and assessments to determine the overall achievement level.

### End of Stage 1

Grandpa Bear

Grandpa Bear has black glasses that feel hard. He has orange fur and it is very soft. He has three buttons on each foot. It makes noises that are nursery-rhythms. His tummy is white and he has a brown nose and under-north his nose he has a white moustache. It is as white as snow. He has light grey eyes. He has a blue shirt, and a red ribbon with lots of white dots. He just sits still and does nothing. His eyes are long and thin. His glasses go nearly to the end of his nose. His ears are small and in the middle of his nose. His arms and legs are short.

### End of Stage 2

The eye of the animal

100 years ago in ancient Egypt there was a mystic treasure called "the eye of the animal", whenever it was found by a human the treasure blinds the person.

One day an archaeologist called Kenshi found an Egyptian temple that had a picture of an eye. He quietly went in, because something was alive. There were Egyptian inscriptions all over the walls. Then he tripped over a rock and in front of him was the eye of the animal. Kenshi picked it up and said "What's this?". A big light shone over his eyes and blinded him, he fell down a hole, he found a bandana and a sword, he put the bandana over his eyes and picked up the sword and strapped it to his belt. Then he heard rocks fall and he could because of the noise he saw the gold again and picked it up and put it in his pocket. He heard a giant footstep, it came closer and closer. Then he saw a monster he took out the sword and fought it. Then he had an idea he took the gold out of his pocket and destroyed it. Then the monster melted and Kenshi decided to live in the cave and he ate the giant monster for the amount of time he lived in it. The end.

### End of Stage 3

DESCRIPTION

Manly Beach is a place, where people laugh, scream, experience the coldness of the Australian waters. High tides - low tides. Waves with white tops. Swishing, swishing, fast, rapidly against the rocks. Seagulls cycling round and round. Peeping every now and then.

Seaweed, sand, rocks. What a typical thing. The smell. The freshness of the water. What a lovely smell.

Manly Beach, thick with pollution. Nearly like the poisonous London Smog. Meeting with the reputable smell of sand, rocks and seaweed.

Swish, swish all around you. Waves, as vulgar as a loudspeaker. People laughing, enjoying themselves, splashing in the water. The Parramatta River, flowing as fast as a waterfall, into Manly Beach.

These samples are taken from the NSW Education Standards Authority website, 'Sample work'.

**Please remember**, when a teacher looks at one piece of work, they are looking for what they have explicitly taught. In the above samples, the teacher was only looking for:

Stage 1- the use of adjectives (describing words) or similes.

Stage 2 - the structure of a narrative

Stage 3 - cohesion between sentences and paragraphs to improve the flow of writing.



**Playgroup Fun - Our Christmas Picnic is next Thursday, this will be the last playgroup for 2022. We look forward to welcoming you back again next year.**





# DATES TO REMEMBER



28/11	29/11 SRE Assembly Yr 6 - High School Day	30/11	1/12 Playgroup - End of year picnic 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 Year 6 Farewell	9/12 Band and Music lessons
12/12 Volunteers M/Tea Creative Arts Showcase	13/12	14/12 Carols	15/12	16/12 Students last day
19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 School Holidays	21/12 School Holidays	22/12 School Holidays	23/12 School Holidays

## Mari has spotted...



Aria (1C) being respectful by always helping other students in her class.



## Mari has spotted...



Talie (5G) showing excellence by being kind and always using lovely manners in computers.

