

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 4

20th May 2022



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It certainly has been busy this week, with the completion of our Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN. Thank you to the students and staff for working so well through these assessments over the past two weeks.

We have had lots of positive COVID-19 cases in our school community of late, and the COVID Response team through the Department of Education have asked us to strongly recommend that students are wearing masks, particularly in the classes who have received notification via a letter from the school. Classroom teachers will also increase the use of hand sanitiser in their rooms. Child-sized masks are available in classrooms, as well as the larger masks. We hope to be able to combat the spread throughout the school, to avoid the possibility of cohorts having to learn from home.

## Tour de Cure visit

Next Monday, the Tour de Cure fundraising ride will visit our school and talk to the students in Years K to 6 about their 25 minute 'Be Fit - Be Healthy - Be Happy' presentation. The aim of the Schools' Program is to encourage these active lifestyle patterns of behaviour. Designed for primary aged students, it is in keeping with the following Years K-6 PDHPE Syllabus Rationales:

- To promote physical activity
- To emphasise informed decision making leading to effective and responsible action
- To inform about physical, social, cognitive and emotional growth and development patterns
- To promote the factors influencing personal health choices
- To encourage the adoption of an active lifestyle

All students in the school will also receive a gift bag from the Tour de Cure riders, which they will bring home on Monday.

In keeping with our focus on KINDNESS in Week 5, all classes will learn about the purpose of the Tour de Cure initiative.

## Year 6 Try High School Day

Our Year 6 students were able to visit the High School on Thursday, after the postponement of this event the week before. It is a great opportunity for the students to have a positive experience in the High School setting before undertaking the formal transition process. I hear that the behaviour of the students was of a very high standard.



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

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### **Voluntary School Contributions and Excursion Invoices**

Statement of accounts will be sent home in the next couple of weeks, with any unpaid voluntary school contribution (VSC). The VSC is \$50 per child, or \$75 for a family of two or more children. There will also be excursion costs for your child for this term. Preferred payment is online, on the school website, through the MAKE A PAYMENT link at the top of the page.

### **BIG Childcare Out of School Hours (OOSH) Service Provision**

I would like to let the community know that our school has recently engaged the services of BIG Childcare, who are now coordinating an Out of School Hours (OOSH) service every weekday morning and afternoon in our school hall. Hours of operation are 7am-8:40am in the morning, and 3:10pm-6pm of an afternoon. Register online at the following website: [www.bigchildcare.com](http://www.bigchildcare.com) Parent Information Packs have been published on Skoolbag and Facebook, with pricing and contact details as well. Packs are also available in the foyer of our administration area.



### **Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Our Year 5 students are heading off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. The camp will run for three days and include many fun outdoor activities for the students, as well as exciting night games and a great overall camp experience. Please ensure you have thoroughly checked the gear list to ensure your child is well-equipped for the excursion. ***With the cold nights creeping in, it is vital that your child takes warm clothing.***

### **PBL Ticket Reward**

Every time our whole school PBL ticket tub is full, all students receive a prize, as voted for by our student body. As you can see, our ticket tub is almost above the line, and we are anticipating that when it is full at the end of this week, we will activate the whole school prize next week. All classes will be building paper planes and having a competition to see whose plane flies the furthest. Winners of each class will fly off against each other for cool prizes. Great job everyone in getting to the top of the tub!



### **Multicultural Public Speaking**

Students in Years 3 to 6 have been given the opportunity to prepare and present a speech on a selection of multicultural topics, to be able to participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Classes will choose finalists from these presentations, and stage finalists will participate in the school finals on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May (Week 6). Finals will be held in the hall and parents will be invited to attend as audience members.

### **Years 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival**

On Wednesday 1st June, we will be holding our primary Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval. Students will be escorted to the oval by their classroom teachers, once rolls are marked at school. All students will then have an opportunity to participate in a host of track events, including 800m, 200m and 100m events. At the conclusion of the track events, house groups will participate in the Tug of War.



Athletics Carnival

### **Protecting your family from the flu and COVID-19 this winter**

Flu and COVID-19 can be serious illnesses, even in children and teenagers. Both viruses can spread quickly when large numbers of people are in close contact, such as at school.

More people of all ages will be at risk this winter with international borders reopening, increased social mixing and lower exposure to flu over the past two years. Both the flu and COVID-19 are already circulating in the community, so it's important that you don't put off vaccination.

Everyone aged 5 years and over are recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine, and everyone aged 6 months and older are recommended to get vaccination against the flu. Vaccinations are available through GPs and pharmacies, and you can get both vaccines at the same time.

### **Academic Reports**

Student Academic Reports for Semester 1 will be going home on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June (Week 10). We are anticipating the use of an online Parent Portal to schedule 3-way conferences with parents, students, and teachers early in Term 3, to discuss Semester 2 learning goals for students. More information about this new portal will go home in Week 9 this term.





## WEEK 6 ACTIVITIES

Just a quick overview of what is happening in the week beginning 30th May:

Monday, 30th May - PSSA Girls and Boys Soccer Gala Day in Scone (students and staff will be travelling by bus).

Tuesday 31st May – Year 3 to Year 6 Multicultural Public Speaking Finals

Wednesday, 1st June – Primary Athletics Carnival – Alroy Oval

Thursday, 2nd June – K-2 Assembly

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Principal for the Day – Mia T in Year 6



# Year 2 Swim School



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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

=

4 weeks



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Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

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8 weeks



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Over 2.5 years missed

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ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS AT  
SHPS

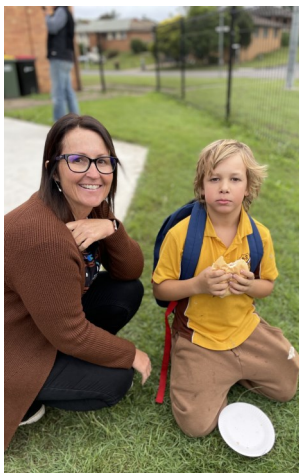


Today, we hosted our first morning breakfast BBQ and enjoyed the company of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and their children. It was so lovely to see smiling faces, even on a chilly morning. We had delicious egg and bacon burgers, cooked by Mr Graham and Mr Gizzi.

Thank you to Jade Perry, Yvonne Dunn and SHPS staff for your support and help and to our families who enjoyed breakfast with us. We hope to do more functions to get to know our community members, and for you to know us at SHPS.

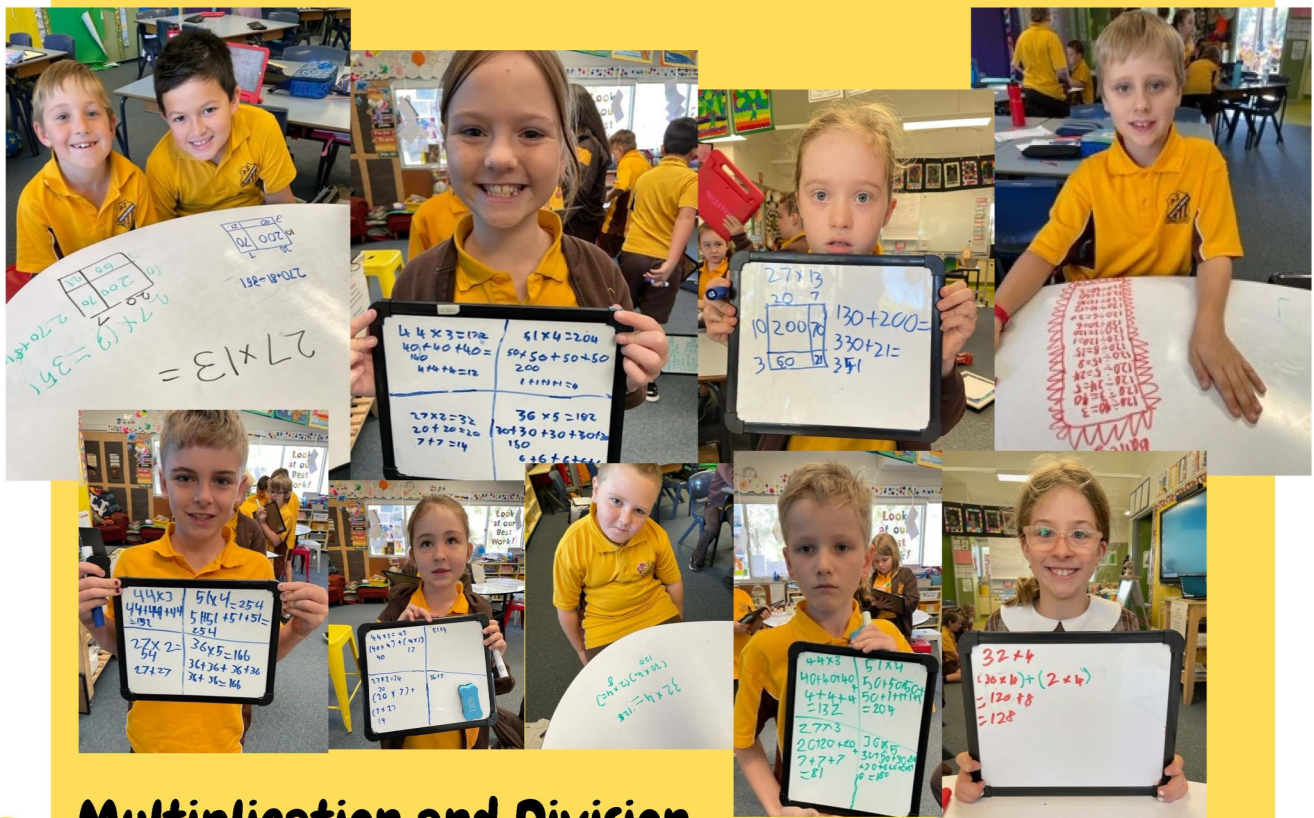
We hope you get to enjoy some of the Cultural celebrations that are happening in our Singleton community this week.

Sue Winsor and Sally Rees





## Marvellous Minds in 3/4M!



## Multiplication and Division

Amazing  
descriptive  
writing!

## GRANDMA KRANKY

My grandmother is a snappy, grouchy old woman, who loves to insult me. With long wispy hair and a crazy personality, she is sly and psychotic, and loves to rant and rave. In her tall chair, she slouches and stares at me with that ugly face of hers. With her long pointy nose, she is only happy when insulting people.

by Riley O



**Mindfulness every Monday!**



**D.E.A.R.  
happens  
every day!**





The students in KK have been impressive in their commitment to learning. Each day starts with a quick, fun, and energetic PE activity, rotating through running, relays, games, ball skills, and a circuit of hand/eye/foot coordination skills.

The morning session focusses on learning sight words and sounds, then blending and segmenting those sounds into words for reading and writing. Whiteboard work and iPad activities are strong favourites.

Maths activities after morning tea are fun and focus on working with a partner or in a small group to practise numeracy skills.

The craft work the students complete to match the sound focus for each day has made our room a bright, colourful, and happy place to work. Well done, KK students.

KK





# Curriculum Support

## Early Stage 1

### Mathematics

Children in Kindergarten build their understanding about numbers before they begin to add and subtract. They learn to count, identify numbers, and understand quantity. The children need lots of experiences, so that they can build their understanding and fluency with numbers.

Here are some activities to build **number sense**.

- ◆ Look for numbers around the house or in the community and read the numbers.
- ◆ Count objects when playing, e.g. blocks, pencils, cars.
- ◆ Count out loud starting at one and building to higher and higher numbers.
- ◆ Count backwards, start at 5, then from 10. See if they can work their way to counting back from 30.
- ◆ Use some playing cards and match the number of objects to the number on the card.
- ◆ Play card games and board games. e.g. Snap, Go Fish, Snakes and Ladders
- ◆ Match 4 objects with another 4 objects, e.g. 4 pencils with 4 cars



**Addition and subtraction** develop in Early Stage 1 (kindergarten) through the use of stories, games and conversations, using concrete objects, such as toys, pebbles or blocks.

- ◆ Use stories about objects they have experienced, e.g. I have two oranges and Dad has 2 oranges. How many oranges do we have altogether? You can then get your child to count two oranges and then another two. Finally, they count all the oranges to find out how many.
- ◆ Count forwards by ones to add and backwards by ones to subtract.
- ◆ Have your children 'take away' from a group for a subtraction.
- ◆ Compare groups of objects by using one-to-one correspondence with finger pointing.
- ◆ Once they can compare, then you ask how many more or how many less there are in a group by lining the objects next to each other.



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

## Volunteers needed

Our Canteen needs your help. Can you spare an hour or two? Please call Royleen on 65731363 if you would like to volunteer.

## Waraya Young Mob

Waraya Young Mob has resumed this term and meet on a Monday from 3:20 to 4:20 in K-6T's classroom. We would love to see everyone that was coming last term return for more fun and learning.



## PBL Assembly Awards 3-6



Class	Student
3R	Naomi P
3W	Hunter F
3/4M	Mackenzie R
3/4S	Gemma P
4B	Olly S
4L	Alyssa L
K-6T	Brock E
5G	Talie L
5O	Willow T
5S	Saxon R
6B	Emeryld B
6H	Aiden I
6T	Sammi B



## DATES TO REMEMBER



23/5 YR 5-6 Gymnastics	24/5	25/5 YR 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp	26/5 YR 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp Playgroup	27/5 YR 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp Band and lessons
30/5 YR 5-6 Gymnastics Soccer Gala Day	31/5 Multicultural Public Speaking	1/6 YR 3- 6 Athletics Carnival	2/6 Playgroup Yr 5-6 Cyber Safety Talk	3/6 Band and lessons
6/6 YR 5-6 Gymnastics	7/6 School Photo 's Extra day	8/6 YR 3- 6 Athletics Carnival - back up date	9/6 Playgroup	10/6 Band and lessons
13/6 Public Holiday	14/6	15/6	16/6 Playgroup	17/6 Band and lessons