

# SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 5

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At last week's primary awards assembly, our Mari mascot finally got to head out of my office and into a classroom again to visit one of our primary classes. Congratulations to 3/4S, for winning the right to host Mari for the next week. Mari will then visit an infant's class from the next infants' assembly, which will be held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Can I also give a big thank you to the four Year 5 student leaders who conducted the primary assembly last week. Well done to Harry L, Ella D, Ellie S and Lucas R who ran a very smooth assembly!

I would also like to express my thanks to Jess Leyshon, our school chaplain, for the work that she puts in every day she is at our school. Jess is taking maternity leave from this week and on behalf of the school community we wish you all the best for the birth of the newest addition to your family. The students and staff will really miss the support you provide at this school.

Unfortunately, the whole school PBL Ticket reward was postponed on Tuesday, due to wet weather. We are hoping to have the Paper Plane competition take-off this afternoon! Good luck, boys and girls.

Year 5 students and teachers are currently enjoying the Great Aussie Bush Camp experience. There will be plenty of photos in next week's newsletter and possibly many more on our Facebook page!



Next week is a busy week for creative minds and sporting talents alike. Read on for further information.

## **Soccer Gala Day**

Our boys and girls' senior soccer teams will be travelling to Scone on Monday to participate in the PSSA Gala Day. Mr Andrews and Mr Heien will be travelling with the students by bus. We wish our students the best of luck and hope they enjoy this exciting day.

## **Public Speaking**

The finals of our Year 3 to 6 Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition will be held in the school hall on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. The top two students from Year 3 and 4 and the top two students from Years 5 and 6 will enter the Zone finals at a date to be decided.



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

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### **Athletics Carnival**

Our Primary Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday, 1st June, 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 to decide a junior and senior house winner! Parents are invited to attend on the day. The P&C will be hosting at canteen at the oval.



K-2 students may still order their lunch at school, however, no lunch orders will be available for students in Years 3 to 6.

### **Cyber Safety talk**

Our Year 5 and 6 students are going to be listening to a Cybersafety information session, hosted by the Singleton PCYC, next Thursday in the school library. We really do hope the students learn valuable lessons about online profiles and the safety concerns that need to be addressed with children and young people when it comes to social media presence.

### **Principal for the day**

Next Friday, Mia T in Year 6 will be in the role of Principal for the Day. I look forward to working with Mia, as she performs (most of) my duties for the day.

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

I would like to remind you that our school has recently engaged the services of BIG Childcare, who will be coordinating an Out of School Hours (OOSH) service every weekday morning and afternoon in our school hall. Hours of operation will be 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.

### **School Photos**

The alternative School Photo Day will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Students in special extra-curricular groups will have a chance to be in these photos and purchase photos of this group at a later date. We will also be capturing individual photos of students who were absent on the original day. The Year 6 photo will also be taken on this day, so students will need to wear their full school uniform, NOT the Year 6 shirt.



### **Alpha Show**

Our school is funding the visiting ALPHA Show performance, Sleeping Beauty, for all students in Kindergarten to Year 4. On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, the visiting performance will have two performances, for K-2 in the morning session, and for Year 3 and 4 in the afternoon session. No payment is required, but if you have concerns about your child viewing this show, please refer to the note that was sent home this week, to allow you to have an opt out for your child.

### **Year 1 and Year 2 Excursion**

As a part of the Year 1 and Year 2 History unit this term, 'Past and Present Family Life', students will have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Tocal House. Year 1 students will be attending on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June and Year 2 students will be attending on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is \$34. Students have received permission notes for this excursion, so if you require another copy, please contact the office.

### **Kinder Excursion**

Kindergarten classes will shortly receive information about an excursion this term to Hunter Valley Zoo. Keep an eye out for a note for this exciting day out!

### **PBL Rewards Day and Mari Badge Pizza Lunch**

The PBL Rewards Day for Term 3 will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and the Pizza Lunch for Mari badge recipients for Term 3 will be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

## Voluntary School Contributions and Excursion Invoices

Statement of accounts have been sent home, with any unpaid voluntary school contribution (VSC). The VSC is \$50 per child, or \$75 for a family of two or more children. There are also 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.

## Academic Reports

Student Academic Reports for Semester 1 will be going home on Monday, 27th 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.



# Playgroup!

Playgroup is on every  
Thursday from  
9:15 - 11am in our  
school hall.

We would love you to join  
us for a cuppa and a chat.  
Everyone is welcome.



## 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.



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS



**Our Uniform shop is currently closed.**

Orders can be placed via the Flexischools app and the order will be delivered to your child's class.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT SHPS

OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 90% OF THE TIME



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### When Your Child Is Unwell

We know there are times children are unwell and can not be at school.

Please let the school know as soon as possible as we can record the absences as justified sick leave.

You can either:

- Phoning the school on 65731363
- Answering the SMS
- Sending an email to the school website: <https://singletonh-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>
- Writing a note to the teacher



This week 5S have been learning in Maths how to select and use appropriate units and devices to measure lengths and distances, calculate perimeters, and convert units of length. On Tuesday we were estimating various distances in the back playground, such as the distance between football posts and how far it was between basketball hoops, as well as the perimeter around the play equipment and the entire back playground. We had lots of fun using trundle wheels to check our estimations.





# Curriculum Support

## Stage 1 Mathematics



Children in Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) build their understanding about number bonds (pairs of numbers that can be added together to make another number e.g.  $4 + 6 = 10$  and the relationship between addition and subtraction to solve problems, involving partitioning. Partitioning is being able to break a number up, e.g. 5 can be partitioned into 3 and 2, or 4 and 1

Here are some activities to build **Addition and subtraction** for Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) children.

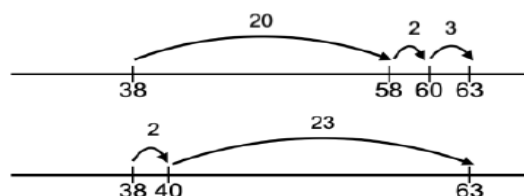
- Look for numbers around the house or in the community and read the numbers.
- When they see a number, ask what two numbers can be combined to make that number.
- Count out loud starting at any number, beginning from any number up to 10, then a number up to 30 and then any number up to 100.
- Count backwards, start from 10, then 30 and finally any number up to 100.
- Use some playing cards, make two-digit numbers, e.g. 23. Then ask students to tell you the number, then what is the value of the 2 (2 tens or 20) and the value of the 3 (3 ones)
- Play card games and board games, e.g. Snakes and Ladders, and your child tells you the number they have landed on.
- Use stories about objects they have experienced, e.g. I have eight oranges and Dad has 2 oranges. How many oranges do we have altogether?

Children will need objects from around the house to help them add numbers together initially. They will start counting from 1. The next step is to solve  $4 + 3$  and students will not need objects to help them but they will still start to count from 1. Once they can do this, they use counting on and counting back. Children will start with a number and count up, e.g. if the question is  $4 + 3$ , they will put 4 in their head, and then count 5, 6, 7 to find the answer.

When they have developed strategies to add and subtract numbers to 10, the children in Stage 1 learn to use non-count-by-one strategies. They could use doubles or near doubles, e.g. to find  $5 + 7$ , double 5 and add 2, and combining numbers that add to ten, e.g. to find  $4 + 7 + 8 + 6 + 3$ , first combine 4 and 6, and 7 and 3, then add 8.

The next concepts for adding and subtracting in Stage 1 require children to select and apply mental strategies, such as partitioning numbers and bridging to 10. For example  $17 + 5 = ?$ , the student would split the 5 into 3 and 2, then add the 3 to 17 to make 20 then add 2.

When they are successfully applying these strategies to 20, they are introduced to adding two-digit numbers by building to multiples of ten, e.g.  $38 + 25 =$



In Stage 1, addition and subtraction has many steps, so please remember to make learning engaging and fun.





## Sista Speak



On Tuesday, our students attended the Sista Speak Program with Jade Perry and Jenny Campbell where they looked at the importance of oral health, did some painting and made earrings and necklaces.



## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***



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 Infants Assembly	3/6 Band and lessons
6/6 Yr 5-6 Gymnastics	7/6 School Photos Extra day	8/6 Athletics Carnival - back up date	9/6 Playgroup	10/6 Band and lessons
13/6 Public Holiday	14/6	15/6 Alpha Show	16/6 Playgroup Yr 1 Tocal Excursion Primary Assembly	17/6 Band and lessons Yr 2 Tocal Excursion
20/6	21/6 P&C Meeting	22/6	23/6 Playgroup	24/6 Band and lessons