

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2

Week 8

17th June 2022



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I hope your families enjoyed a nice long weekend last weekend, it was nice to wake up on Monday morning and not have to pack lunches and get children ready for school. That one extra day can really give you back some energy through the middle of a busy term.

We had a very successful day out with the senior rugby league team on Tuesday. The team won two games and reached the semi-finals of the gala day. Thank you, Mr Orr, for coaching and managing the team. Great work!



Well done to our Touch Footy teams for your achievements, also, on Thursday this week.

Our school band members had a lovely practice of the national anthem and the school song during our Primary Assembly yesterday. A lovely performance! Well done!

Athletics Carnival Results

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age champions from our recent Primary Athletics Carnival:

Junior Girl Champion: Arya S, Runner Up: Ella P and Harmony B

Junior Boy Champion: Lucas R, Runner Up: Tyson H

11 year Girl Champion: Deanda S, Runner Up: Molly P

11 year Boy Champion: Kye T, Runner Up: Caleb K

Senior Girl Champion: Alexis S, Runner Up: Mia T, Ava C and Lilliarna M

Senior Boy Champion: Joshua S, Runner Up – Ryan P



The winning Sport House for the Athletics Carnival was Minimbah, followed by Baroona, Dangar and Greenwood.

Parent Portal/App Access

We are excited to announce that our school will be opening a Parent Portal/App on our Sentral communication system next week. The first component of this portal is to give you access to the 3-Way conference interview process for you and your children to meet with the classroom teachers. Families will be receiving a letter next Friday, with the website link and access codes to register for the parent portal/App. Once you register, you will receive a notification email for you to log in to the Sentral Parent Portal/App. From there, you will be able to access your child's classroom teacher interview day and select a time for your interview. It is that simple. Look out for the letter with more information next Friday.

Attendance and Explained Absences

As part of the NSW Department of Education's Attendance Policy, it is mandatory for schools to clarify unexplained absences with parents of children, within 7 days of the absence. It is vital that you call the school office to report your child's absence from school. If your child is not at school, and you have not notified the school, you will receive a text message from the school indicating your child has an unexplained absence for that day. Replying to this text message is one way of communicating the absence to the school. Shortly, with the new Parent Portal/App that we are launching, you will be able to see your child's attendance status and report any unexplained absences from there. Look out next week for the log in letters going home.

Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten classes will be travelling to the Hunter Valley Wildlife Park (formerly Hunter Valley Zoo) next Thursday, 23rd June. All notes and payment were due back to school last Wednesday. I hope the children are really looking forward to this fun-packed day!

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Excursion

Year 3 and 4 students are going to be travelling around Singleton for their local history excursion on Wednesday, 22nd June. We wish them an exciting day out, visiting our town's historic sites.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 21st June, from 6pm, in the school staffroom. Items for discussion will include the school fete coming up in Term 4.

Children's University excursion

The Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Children's University passport holders and their parent/carers have the opportunity to experience a day at the Callaghan campus at Newcastle University with Ms Rose and Mrs Caelli to explore together the education and career possibilities relating to various faculty experiences. The excursion will be on Wednesday 22nd June, with the bus departing at 8:10am. **Forms for this excursion were due back on Tuesday!**



Academic Reports

Student Academic Reports for Semester 1 will be going home on Monday, 27th June (Week 10). We will be using an online Parent Portal/App to schedule 3-way conferences with parents, students, and teachers early in week 2 Term 3, to discuss Semester 2 learning goals for students.

PBL Rewards Day and Mari Badge Pizza Lunch

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

Staff Planning Days

Your child's classroom teacher will be participating in a collaborative planning day in the last week of school this term. This provides valuable preparation time for teachers to plan consistent lessons and units of work across their grades and stages.

Last day of Term 2

The last day of Term 2 is Friday, 1st July. The Term 3 school term begins on Monday, 18th July with a Staff Development Day. **Students return to school on Tuesday, 19th July.**

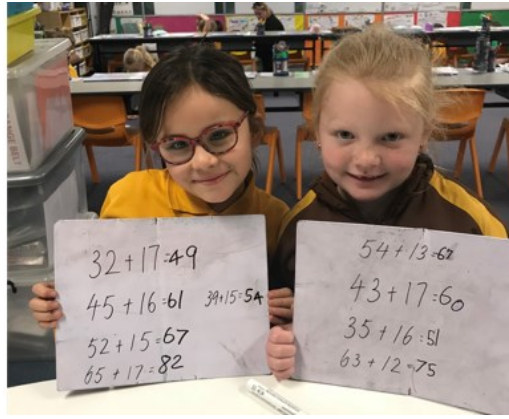
ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT SHPS

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

Sense of belonging

School Matters!





Showing off our maths work!



Can you spot the photo bomber?

Look at the hard work taking place in 2H!



Maths Groups



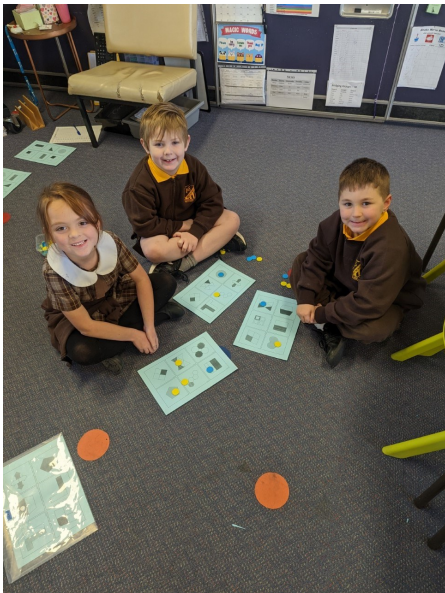
Mindfulness time



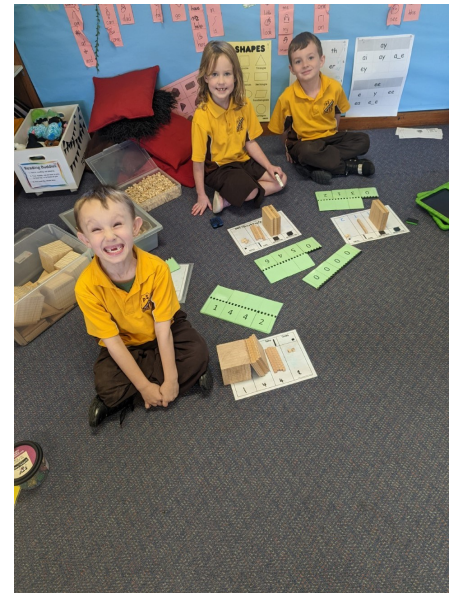
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1D have been having fun in math groups.



We have been learning about place value.



Music Program

Our school music program currently has two flutes, a trumpet and a trombone available for hire with lessons. We would also welcome any students who are having private piano lessons, who can also read music. Enquire at the office.



Curriculum Support

Stage 3 Mathematics

Children in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6), are working towards selecting and applying appropriate strategies for addition and subtraction with counting numbers of any size. The students are revisiting, using and applying the mental strategies learnt in previous years, such as the jump strategy, with larger numbers.

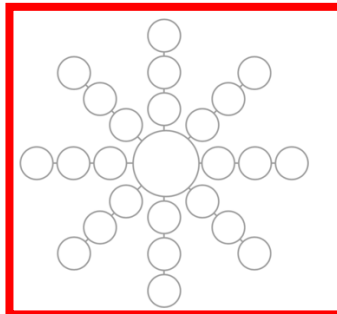
When solving problems, the students are learning to check their answers. One method, that is used by the students, is applying the inverse operation. For example:

$8010 = 4503 + 3507$	$4505 + 3808 = 8313$
$\begin{array}{r} \overset{1}{4} \overset{1}{5} 0 3 \\ + 3 5 0 7 \\ \hline 8 0 1 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \overset{7}{8} \overset{3}{3} \overset{0}{1} \overset{3}{3} \\ - 3 8 0 8 \\ \hline 4 5 0 5 \end{array}$

The students are expected to solve word problems that include more than one step. An example of this is where the students are expected to use both addition and subtraction within the same problem:

Mr Green drives a truck. Last week he drove 597km, 272km and 446 km on his 3 trips. This week he drove 209 km and 265 km on his 2 trips.
What was the difference in km between this week and last week's trips?

Have fun, use the addition wheel and have your child write a number in the middle. It could be a two-, three-, four-, five-digit number. Then they record number combinations between the spokes of the addition wheel, radiating out from the centre. The numbers in the spokes add up to make the total shown in the middle. See if they can check their answers by subtracting.



If you want to know more or ways we can support the learning of your child/children, please let the school know.

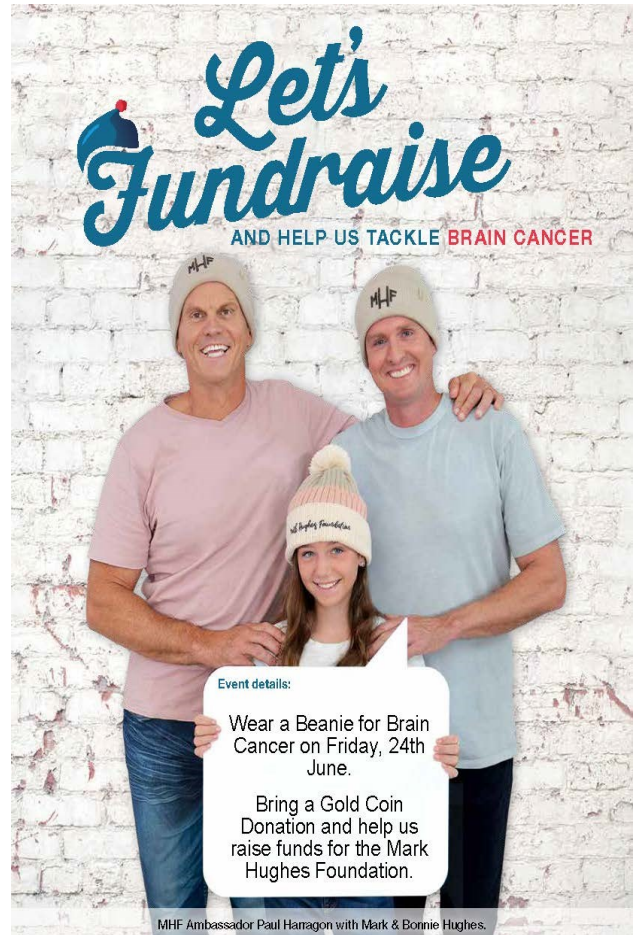


PBL Assembly Awards

3-6



Class	Student
3R	Xavier M
3W	Georgia A
3/4M	Lucas T
3/4S	Addisyn G
4B	Tilly B
4L	Blake W
5G	Sienna C
5O	Millie W
5S	Bethany P
6B	Jayden S
6H	Monique A
6T	Summer S



MHF Ambassador Paul Haragon with Mark & Bonnie Hughes.



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DATES TO REMEMBER



20/6	21/6 P&C Meeting 6pm	22/6 Yr 3 - 4 Local History Excursion Yr 5-6 Children's University Excursion	23/6 Playgroup Kindy Wildlife Park Excursion	24/6 Band and lessons Beanie for Brain Cancer - Gold Coin Donation
27/6	28/6	29/6 Mari Pizza lunch	30/6 Playgroup PBL Bingo and Rewards Day	1/7 Band and lessons Last day of Term
4/7 School Holidays	5/7 School Holidays	6/7 School Holidays	7/7 School Holidays	8/7 School Holidays
11/7 School Holidays	12/7 School Holidays	13/7 School Holidays	14/7 School Holidays	15/7 School Holidays