

SINGLETON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Week 5

19th August 2022



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Principal's Report

To the Community,

It is with very mixed emotions that I share with you that I will be leaving Singleton Heights Public School, after Week 8 this term.

I have been successful in gaining an Executive Principal position at Brewarrina Central School, implementing the Connected Communities Strategy. I will commence this new position on Monday 12th September 2022.

The Connected Communities Strategy is an approach that schools and communities can use to strengthen the educational outcomes for Aboriginal students and all students. It brings the community closer with the school, brings in Aboriginal culture, and allows the school to work with government and non-government groups to help support education of the school's students.

An Executive Principal position is unique to the Connected Communities strategy, due to the high-level educational leadership expected, especially with the work required to form productive and effective partnerships and agreements with local government and non-government service providers.

Advice regarding the incoming Principal will occur in due course and will be shared with the school community by the Director of Education Leadership Mr Tony Keevil. More information about the Strategy can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/connected-communities>

I have had the most amazing career and personal journey while I have been Principal at this wonderful school. I have developed lifelong memories and close, positive relationships with so many students, families, and staff during the past six years.

I admire the resilience, persistence and patience of the whole school community as we have had to endure a worldwide pandemic, major building works (canteen, new roofs and new concrete in our Main COLA), as well as unprecedented change to the NSW Department of Education during this time.

I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I hope this community continues to use our school vision of Positive Relationships, High Expectations, Authentic Learning, to provide the best holistic education for the children of this community.

Thank you for all of your support and I will stay in close contact with the school and will find it very easy to remember the great memories I have made in this community.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

The theme for Book Week this year is "Dreaming with Eyes Open". Our Annual Book Week Parade is set down for Friday, 26th August, from 12:30pm in the MAIN COLA. Parents are invited to this great family event! Children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite literary character on the day. Prizes for best dressed will be given on the day and it is a lovely family event to celebrate reading and literature.



Our Vision: POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS, AUTHENTIC LEARNING

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Upper Hunter Zone Public Speaking

The first two place getters in our school Public Speaking Competition will be travelling to Muswellbrook South PS on the 31st August to participate in the Upper Hunter Zone competition. Participants will have received a timeline of events for the day and will be required to be at the event at least 5 minutes prior to their child participating.



PSSA Hunter Region Athletics

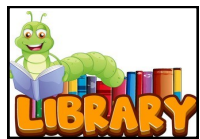
Several of our students, Kai T, Caleb K, Josh S, Lucas R and Ryan P, will be travelling to Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale on Friday, 26th August to participate in the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival. Note should have been sent home this week. All the best to our competitors.

Principal for the day

Audrey T in Year 2 is the lucky student who has enjoyed being the Principal for the day today! Thank you for allowing me to relax a little bit while you worked hard in making sure the school was functioning well throughout the day. Find out more about her day on Facebook! I am sure she has been busy!



Town Library excursion for K-2



During Book Week next week, starting Monday, 22nd August our K-2 classes will be travelling to the Town Library to celebrate Book Week. Kindergarten classes will be attending on Monday, 22nd August, from 11:30-12:30pm, Year 1 classes will be attending on Tuesday, 23rd August from 12-1pm and Year 2 will be visiting on Wednesday, 24th August, from 1pm-2pm.

Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Monday, 29th August, so that our Year 6 students have an opportunity to buy gifts prior to departing for Canberra.



Canberra Excursion

Year 6 students and teachers will be travelling to Canberra, and the snow, on Tuesday, 30th August for a three night excursion. I am sure that they are getting super-excited.

Enrolments for Kinder 2023

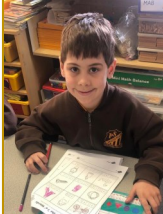
If you are anticipating that your child will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2023, or you know of a family who have a child wishing to enrol, please contact the school or come in to the administrative office to collect enrolment forms. Looking forward to a great Kinder transition early in Term 4.

Kinder 2023 Parent Session

We are endeavouring to host two parent information sessions later this term, to support children beginning Kindergarten in 2023. More information will follow, but we are looking at hosting a morning session on Tuesday, 6th September, and repeating the same session in the evening on Thursday, 8th September.

Vaping Information

I have some real concerns about the number of issues that seem to be arising across our community with Year 5 and 6 students having access to vape devices. Each Year 5 and 6 student will today receive an information flyer that talks about the dangers of vaping and the effects that it can have on young children both now and in the future. Please ensure that if you receive this flyer, you read it thoroughly with your child and put it in a visible part of the house to remind your children to be extremely wary of this issue. If you do not receive this information, the flyers are available in our school office.



Curriculum Support

Years 1 and 2—helping your child at home with English

These ideas are to help parents and careers support children in Year 1 and Year 2 at home with some tips based on some of the focus areas (Phonic Knowledge, Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension) from the new English Syllabus that will be implemented in 2023.

Phonic knowledge

Phonic knowledge focuses on continuing to use existing knowledge of letter-sound relationships as well as digraphs (2 letters which make 1 sound) and trigraphs (3 letters which make 1 sound).

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- finding and discussing words which have common digraphs during reading and writing. These digraphs include sh, th, ch, ck, ng, ph and wr
- discussing and grouping words using the vowel digraphs ee, ai, er, ir and ur found in term, bird and fur
- finding and grouping words which have the same trigraph, such as air found in hair, lair, stair and pair. Other trigraphs include ear as in tear and hear. Also igh as in high and sigh and tch as in catch and witch.

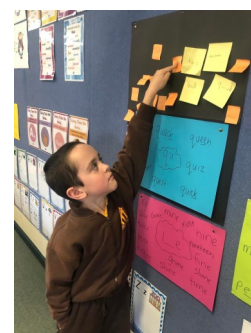


Reading fluency

Reading fluency focuses on developing a reading style that is smooth, which uses an expressive voice. Self-correction is used when meaning or reading flow is interrupted.

You can help your Year 1 or Year 2 child at home by:

- reading a range of literature for rich experiences and providing a wide exposure to words, language and text structures
- showing how to read in a steady manner
- continuing to listen to your child read familiar texts so they can practise an expressive voice with confidence
- practising and performing a short, scripted play with you, your child, and other family members as characters.



Reading comprehension

Reading comprehension focuses on understanding the meaning of words and sentences within longer and more complex texts, while using background knowledge and personal experiences to increase comprehension.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- giving them opportunities to read to themselves for enjoyment
- encouraging them to ask you questions about the book if they are unsure about word meanings or the storyline
- remembering and talking about your family's experiences about a topic in a book you are reading, such as moving house, welcoming a new baby, gardening or looking after a pet
- asking them if their opinions may have changed about a character's actions or personality as the book progresses. Was there a twist in the storyline that surprised them?
- enjoying discussing idioms found in books you read together. Idioms are sayings or expressions that are not to be taken as they are written but have a hidden meaning. Some examples include It was raining cats and dogs (it was raining heavily) and It was like finding a needle in a haystack (it was hard to find).



CAN YOU HELP?



One of our band members is currently waiting for her flute to be repaired. If there is anyone willing to loan her a working flute in the meantime, I'm sure it would be appreciated.

Thank you, Tara Winsor



NOW is the time
TO REGISTER FOR
Kindergarten



Please go to our website singletonh-p.schools.nsw.edu and click the **ENROLMENT** tab at the top of the page and follow the **Apply online** link **OR** drop in to the school office to collect an enrolment form.



All payments to the office need to be in by 12pm each day for banking.



WE ARE OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for Singleton Track & Field.

We would love to see as many returning & new members for our 2022/2023 season as possible, allowing us to continue the benefits of Athletics in our local community.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact us on 0422 694 863.

PLAYGROUP

We hold a playgroup from 9.15 to 11 am every Thursday in our school hall.

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

Everyone is welcome.



Uniform shop is open on Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:15am

Orders can be also be placed via the Flexischools app.


www.flexischools.com.au

The uniform shop is run by volunteers and orders will be filled and delivered to your child's class once a week.



DATES TO REMEMBER



22/8 Kinder Town Library Excursion	23/9 Year 1 Town Library Excursion PSSA Soccer	24/9 Year 2 Town Library Excursion Uniform Shop 8:45– 9:15am	25/9 Playgroup 9:15-11am K– 2 Assembly	26/9 Band & music lessons Regional Athletics Book Week Parade SRC/Yr 6 Photo Due
29/8 Father's Day Stall	30/8 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	31/8 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion Uniform shop 8:45—9:15am	01/09 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	02/09 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion Band & music lessons
05/9	06/09 Kinder 2023 Parent session 10am	07/09 Uniform Shop 8:45– 9:15am	8/9 Playgroup 9:15-11am Kinder 2023 Parent session 6pm Yr 3-6 Assembly	9/9 Band & music lessons K-2 Character Strengths Carnival
12/9	13/9	14/9 Uniform Shop 8:45– 9:15am	15/9 Playgroup 9:15-11am	16/9 Band & music lessons

Do you have a bit of time spare next month?

Time to give blood and change lives?

1 in 3 people in Singleton will need blood, and they need people like you to give it.

We're rolling in to town from the 7th to 8th of September.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood®

Give life. Give blood in Singleton.

Gowrie St Mall
7 to 8 September

Wednesday 7 September 1.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Thursday 8 September 1.00 pm – 6.30 pm

give blood