



Singleton Heights Public School

Newsletter

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School Calendar

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Events</i>
<i>9</i>	4/12/23	Volunteer Morning Tea 11am
	5/12/23	Presentation Day Assemblies
	6/12/23	PBL Rewards Day and Mari Pizza Lunch
	7/12/23	Year 6 Farewell
<i>10</i>	11/12/23	Carols on the Green 6pm
	15/12/23	Students' last day for 2023

COMING UP:

- Students in years 1-6 return to school on Thursday 1st February 2024.
- 2024 Kindergarten students will start on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

Important Reminders

- **Have you let the office know if you're leaving or you have changed details?**

Principal's Report

What a fantastic year we have had at Singleton Heights Public School! Thank you to everyone who has supported our students and school to ensure that we have been able to offer exciting learning opportunities and experiences. We value the partnerships we have with our school and wider community and hope to continue to work alongside you all again in 2024.

To our parents and carers, thank you! For getting your students up and to school on time each and every day. For your support with learning. For attending school events and sharing in the fun and learning with your children. For volunteering to help out. For being there when we need you. For being a very important part of our school community. You are appreciated.

To our teachers and staff, thank you! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Thank you for teaching our students. Thank you for listening. Thank you for providing engaging and fun learning experiences. Thank you for the extra activities you provide for students. Thank you for serving our community. Thank you for answering questions. Thank you for staying late and arriving early. Thank you for taking phone calls. Thank you for supporting students and families. Thank you for keeping the grounds looking fabulous. Thank you for helping students when they are hurt or sick. Thank you for all that you do.

To our students, thank you! Thank you for being with us every day. Thank you for striving to do your best in all that you do. Thank you for your smiles, kind words and friendships. Thank you for your leadership. Thank you for your talents. Thank you for your sportsmanship. Thank you for being unique. Thank you for learning. Thank you for having fun. Thank you for making our day. Thank you for your stories. Thank you for just being you. Thank you for being respectful. Thank you for being responsible. Thank you for displaying excellence in all that you do. You are the reason we are all here and we love sharing in your learning journey.

To you all, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with the most important people in your life. Stay safe and enjoy making memories over the holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.



So longs. Farewells. And see you again soon.

A number of staff members have either retired or will be retiring at the end of this year or in the near future. Congratulations to the following staff members for their years of service to the Department of Education, but most importantly, congratulations for the years of teaching, learning, care and support they have given to our students and students elsewhere during their careers. Enjoy your retirement!

Mrs Austin
Mrs Winsor
Mrs Cox
Mrs Faustini

Mrs Kempster
Mrs Morrow
Mr Ingrahm

Farewell to the following staff members who will be leaving us at the end of this year - Mrs Vern, Miss Tolmie, Miss Reardon, Miss Nelson and Miss Edwards. See you again soon to Mrs Rees and Mrs Bayliss, who will be taking leave for the 2024 school year.



Carols on the Green

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Carols on the Green on Monday 11th December 2023. Bring along your picnic blankets, chairs and picnic baskets for an evening of singing, mingling and family fun.

Please note: This is a family friendly event on school grounds. **No alcohol, bikes or scooters** will be permitted on site during this event. Additionally, we ask all families and visitors to be respectful of others when on site and at this event. Please do not be offended if we ask you to leave the grounds if these rules are not adhered to.

Kim Cummings
Relieving Principal



Wishing you warm, safe and

Happy Holidays

Mari has spotted...



Xavier M (3/4S)
Respect - being a kind and respectful student on the Blue Gum Hills Excursion.



Mari has spotted...



Riley M (1N) Respect - being a on the Newcastle Museum Excursion, who always shows kindness to his peers.



Curriculum Support – New 3 - 6 English

At SHPS, Semester 2 reports are being finalised. They will be sent out on Friday, 8th December.

This week, we are sharing work samples that may receive a 'sound' or a 'high' achievement for a maths assessment. These Stage 1 students were asked to work out how many eggs are hidden in a basket after being shown the number of eggs outside the basket. This is just one work sample but teachers will use many work samples and assessments to determine the achievement level

The students were assessed on their ability to:

- use objects, diagrams or numerals to record addition and subtraction of one- and two-digit numbers
- describe a given situation using mathematical language, materials and/or diagrams
- explain how an answer was obtained

Stage 1—Sound achievement

This student is representing the difference between two numbers and creating simple subtraction stories. There is evidence of adequate recall and application of knowledge. They are still working towards demonstrating multi-step or higher-order thinking and being flexible in using addition and subtraction strategies.

Stage 1—High Achievement

- 1] Because there was 10 beans and six were left. $10 - 4 = 6$
- 2] Because there was 10 beans and none were left. $10 - 0 = 10$
- 3] Because there were 15 beans and 9 were left. $6 + 9 = 15$
- 4] Because there were 15 beans and 2 were left. $13 + 2 = 15$

This sample shows a student demonstrating a thorough knowledge and understanding of algebra in relation to this task. There is a flexible use of addition and subtraction strategies. They are still working towards using diagrams and numerals to record the addition and subtraction of one-digit and two-digit numbers.

English

If your child receives a 'sound' in their report for writing. This is what a 'sound' piece of writing could look like. Please remember if your child receives a '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.

This is just one work sample, but teachers will use many work samples and assessments to determine the overall achievement level.

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3




MERRY CHRISTMAS
 Stan Thies Building Victoria Park Muswellbrook
 Saturday 16th December 5pm - 8:30pm
 Traditional Dance
 Kids Entertainment
 FREE BBQ, Pizza, Ice-Cream and Icy's
 KooriOke with Uncle Tj Simpson
 And much more..
BRING A RUG OR CHAIRS | FREE EVENT | ALL WELCOME

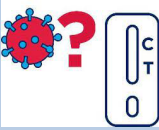



**Give life.
Give blood in
Singleton**
 6 December to 9 December



Singleton
 Mobile Blood Donor Centre
 Singleton Square
 1 Cowrie Street, Singleton NSW 2330
 Open Daily




RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RAT) ARE STILL AVAILABLE. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY PLEASE COLLECT SOME FROM THE OFFICE.

MOVIE DISCOUNT
 VALID UNTIL: 31/01/2024
Trolls MAJESTIC CINEMAS
Band Together
\$10.50 TIX
WONKA
 LUMINATION PRESENTS
AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM
MIGRATION
 www.majesticcinemas.com.au
*Tix Voucher not available with any other offer. Must be shown via phone or printed voucher at the box office to receive offer. Not valid for special events. Valid for up to 4 tickets per use.


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CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	SUPPORT FROM VISITING SERVICES
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IF YOUR SERVICE IS INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT US.
MON - THURS: 9.00AM - 12.30PM
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21 MARY STREET, SINGLETON
MON - THURS: 8.30AM - 4.30PM

 Singleton Neighbourhood Centre is a not for profit organisation providing community services in the Singleton LGA. We offer support, information and referral services that include emergency relief, financial assistance, advocacy and No Interest Loans.

SERVICES PROVIDED	REFERRALS TO OTHER AGENCIES	VISITING SERVICES:
INFORMATION & ADVICE	NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)	• Women's Health Clinic
SUPPORT & ADVOCACY	WDOS (WORK DEVELOPMENT ORDERS)	• Financial Counselling
EMERGENCY RELIEF	• Food Hampers	• Singletons AA
	• Hygiene Packs	• Upper Hunter
	• Electricity Vouchers	• Homeless Service
		• Compassionate Friends
		• Interrelate Mediation
		• Umbrella Legal
		• Other speciality services when needed

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