

### Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

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| School Calendar |          |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Week            | Date     | Events                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1               | 9/10/23  | Welcome back for Term 4             |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | 10/10/23 | Band students to Concert            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | 13/10/23 | Playgroup starts back               |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Week<br>2       | 19/10/23 | Kinder Information Sessions         |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2               | 19/10/23 | Infants Assembly 12:50pm            |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | 20/10/23 | School Fete from 11am  No Playgroup |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |          | CONTING TIP                         |  |  |  |  |  |

#### COMING UP:

- Students return for Term 4 Monday 10th October.
- Kindergarten Orientation 26th October,
   2nd November and 9th November.
- SRC Crazy Sock Day Friday 17th November.

#### Príncipal's Report

What a busy term it has been for everyone! A busy term of learning. A busy term of teaching. A busy term of events, excursions and celebrations. We think it is time for a well-earned rest! Stay tuned for another busy term after the break, with many of our end of year activities being planned as we speak. We will provide dates for Presentation Day, the Creative Arts Showcase, Year 6 Farewell, Carols on the Green and other end of year activities early next term. We look forward to our P&C School Fete when school returns. Have a restful break with your children. Let's hope this lovely weather continues and you are able to get out and about and create memories with your family.

#### **Little Joeys Graduation**

This week saw the graduation of our very first Little Joeys Preschool to Kindergarten students. The students have experienced ten weeks of school readiness activities, preparing them for their first year of big school in 2024. Parents, grandparents and friends gathered on Thursday to celebrate with the children, who received a certificate, cupcake and PBL Little Joeys badge, a new addition to our PBL badge range. The badge features Mari with a Little Joey in her pouch. Thank you to our families for their support of this program and to the staff who organised and ran the program each week. The feedback from parents has been positive and we look forward to offering this program again in 2024.

#### Important Reminders

- Volunteers needed for our School Fete - Friday 20th October.
- Representative sport jumpers are to be worn on Fridays only.
- We now use Sentral Parent Portal. Have you registered?

















#### **Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition**

Could we have a future Prime Minister amongst us? Congratulations to Lachlan 4A who was the Stage 2 winner of the Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition. Alfie 2W was runner up in the Stage 1 section, with Thomas 2W receiving a highly commended. In the Early Stage 1 section, Arlo KM received a highly commended. Our students competed against schools from across the Upper Hunter network. The quality of speeches across all schools was outstanding and we are very proud of the efforts of our students. Well done boys!

#### Be on the lookout for snakes!

With the warmer weather making its presence felt in the last few weeks, we have had reported sightings of snakes in areas outside of the school. Please talk to your children about snake awareness when they are walking on footpaths, through carparks and on grass areas near our school. Take care yourselves when waiting at pick up locations.

Kim Cummings Relieving Principal

#### Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Last week, the sun shone as Year 6 travelled to Canberra to explore our Nation's Capital. We started our tour with the best view of Canberra from the top of Mount Ainslie. Next, we made our way down to the War Memorial where we got to stand in silence in the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier and explore the displays. We finished off the day by testing our skills against each other in the 'Sportex' at the Australian Institute of Sport. Year 6 think that our school needs a room like this.

Day 2 was BUSY! Year 6 visited Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the Electoral Education Centre to learn all about the parliamentary process. We met the Member for Hunter Dan Repacholi and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Singleton. We sat in the House of Representatives as a Bill was read then rushed to the Senate to see if it would get passed. We surprised ourselves at the National Art Gallery by finding something that each of us could enjoy.

SNOW DAY! We found a patch of snow and spent the day building, sliding and throwing snow. Amazingly, it was warm enough to take off our coats while we were playing. Such a wonderful day.

Our last day was a highlight for many, moving through different galleries and exploring different aspects of science. We got to feel the room shake as we entered the earthquake experience and watched 300 million volts of lightning strike!

Memories from some of our students:

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 'It made me feel sad that so many people died, and their families never knew where they were.'

'The snow was my favourite part of the trip. However, I never expected snowballs to hurt so much!'

'Questacon was a fun science experience, discovering about how everything works.'

Parliament House, 'Every few minutes the clock alarms went off to let the politicians know it was time to vote; it would give me a headache!'

'It was amazing.'

Thank you to all the parents for supporting us to run this excursion to Canberra.

Ms Claire Huntley















#### **Infants Strengths Carnival**

On Thursday, 14th September, students in Years K-2 participated in our annual Infants Strengths Carnival. Each of the activities related to a Character Strengths, such as bravery, humour and love of learning. This term, we have been learning about the Character Strengths in our Positive Behaviour of Learning (PBL) lessons.

It was a wonderful day of teamwork, laughter and fun activities. Thank you to all the parents, carers and community members who attended and supported our students as they showed their character strengths at each activity.

Mrs Elizabeth Linsley

















### Curriculum Support - Holiday Ideas

#### School holiday activities

Even if your kids are planning their own school holiday fun, they'll probably still need some help when it comes to activity ideas. Or maybe you're looking for some ideas to spend quality time with them.

Here are seven things to consider:

#### 1. Spend time in nature

This is especially great for getting your kids off the screen.

Activities that involve being outside and visiting parks have been proven to improve our moods.

- Nature walks in the local bush and around the local streets.
- Bush walks, bike or scooter riding, picnics, explore new parks.
- Visit playgrounds. Singleton has a lot of parks.



2. Visit the town library. The library has many things happening, that you can book and be part of. See the Singleton Council web

page for times and events.



3. Visit friends and family. If you're lucky enough to have family nearby or a close friend organise a visit. This is a great time to meet people that you do not have time to, during the school day.

4. Stay at home.

Staying at home can be fun.

- Cooking together
- Play with toys
- Have a family movie ight
- · read lots of books



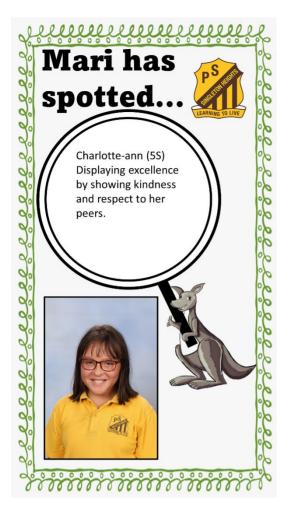
5. Play games - cards or board games

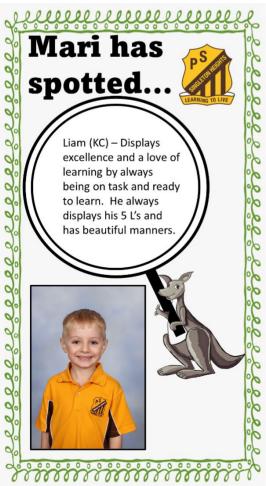


- 6. What if the weather lets you down? Here are just a few ideas:
  - Make a gift for someone, like a trinket box or greeting card. Search for ideas and instructions online
  - Bake some cakes or biscuits and take them to elderly relatives and neighbours
  - Make a scrapbook of memories, using photographs
  - Create a family tree.
  - Go and visit relatives to hear interesting stories and record them or write them up, with illustrations or photographs
  - Encourage them to design and build a den outside, or set up an exciting treasure hunt with their own clues and home-made treasures
  - If your children like performing, help them to put on a show for the family
  - Suggest that they make a 'School Holiday Diary' and note down all the different things that they have done.















### **Mathematics**



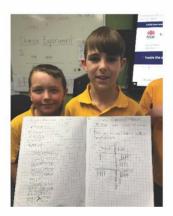
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3T enjoy lots of hands-on mathematics activities and games!





We worked with a partner on a coin toss chance experiment.





Salute is our favourite multiplication game.



We made lots of 3D objects using toothpicks and modelling clay.



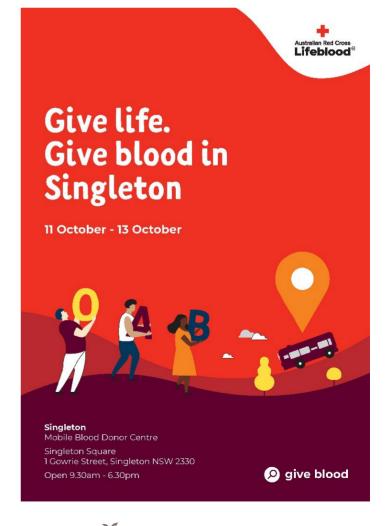






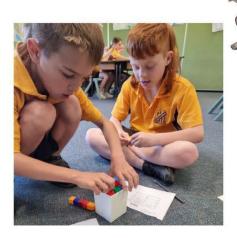








### Our journey so far...









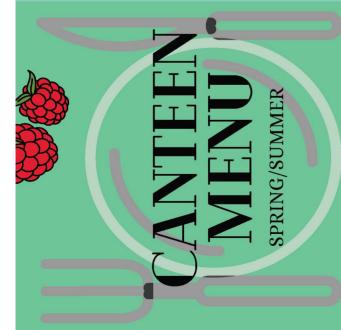












Order in advance to avoid system glitches& disappointment

Especially on a Friday when orders can exceed 1000 per minute server wide!

# GOING HOME EARLY

Please alert the canteen before 9am if you wish to cancel your order



No refunds will be given, if orders are placed and not collected





| Ham & Cheese | Chicken & Cheese |
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| \$4.5        | \$5.0            |        |
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| cheese • Pasta Salad                            |
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| Cucumber, tomato, cheese • Chicken Caesar Salad |
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\$7.50

\$6.50

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Chicken, Ham, Egg or Tuna • Add a dressing Add a protein

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## BREAK 2

| \$2.5 | Frozen Yogurt                                   |
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| \$1.5 | Choc Moosie                                     |
|       | Sour Red Raspberry/Ka-Bluey                     |
| \$1.5 | (Lemonade/Tropical/Wildberry/Orange • Ice Monys |
| \$1.5 | • Juicies                                       |
|       | (Orange/Apple Blackcurrant)                     |
| \$170 | Bevco Juice Cup                                 |
| \$1.0 | <ul> <li>Ka-Bluey Snap Stick</li> </ul>         |
| \$170 | Quelch Sticks                                   |
| 20    | <ul> <li>Frozen Fruit Slices</li> </ul>         |

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# HOT FOOD

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choc vanilla/strawberry vanilla

\$1.50

\$1.00

Sticks, Cheese & Crackers, Custard cup, Piece

• Jaffle, Mini Pizza, Quesadillas, Dip & Vegie

Anzac Biscuit, Fruit Pikelet

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• Popcorn, Fresh Fruit Cup, Pikelet, Bliss Ball,

A selection of fresh homemade items, these will

differ daily.

\$2.00

 Yogurt Parfait with Homemade Muesli, Milkshakes (choc/strawberry), Chicken

• Fruit smoothie (banana or strawberry),

of Fresh Fruit

Grainwaves, Red Rock Deli Chips

Fingers, Mini Spring Rolls, Yogurt Cup, Fruit

SANDWICHES

Bowl, Sushi

• Cheese & tomato

• Ham & cheese

Egg & lettuce

| UD | d <b>\$2.00</b> | age Roll \$4.00    | 1ggets <b>\$5.50</b>                | Chicken Nuggets \$5.50      | ken & Rice (GF) // \$5.50    | 35.50 \$5.50   | \$5.50     |         | set & Sour                |          |
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|    | Garlic Bread    | Large Sausage Roll | <ul> <li>Chicken Nuggets</li> </ul> | Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets | • Butter Chicken & Rice (GF) | • Beef Lasagne | Fried Rice | • Sauce | Tomato, BBQ, Sweet & Sour | PITPCEDS |

# DURGERS

\$4.00 \$4.50

\$5.50

Chicken, lettuce & mayo

· Chicken & salad

• Ham & salad

| •    | Cheeseburger                   | -6/9 |
|------|--------------------------------|------|
|      | Vegie Burger                   | 69   |
| •    | Chicken Burger                 | -60  |
| 9    | Gluten Free Chicken Burger     | •••  |
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\$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00

### DRINKS

BBQ, Tomato or Mayo

| \$1         | \$2         | \$2            |                      | \$2          |                             | \$2    |                    | \$2       |
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| 350ml Water | 600ml Water | Flavoured Milk | Chocolate/Strawberry | • Juice Bomb | Watermelon/Grape/Apple Cola | e      | Tropical/Raspberry | • Up & Go |
| • 350       | 009 •       | • Flav         | Chocolat             | • Juic       | Waterme                     | • Glee | Tropical/          | dn •      |
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Chocolate/Strawberry • Juice Popper Punch/Apple/Orange





\$2.50