



Singleton Heights Public School

Newsletter

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School Calendar

Week
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Date	Events
12/3/24	SRC Induction Assembly 9:30am
15/3/24	Playgroup 9:15am

Week
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19/3/24	Gym-Matrix Stage 2
21/3/24	Primary Assembly 12:50pm
21/3/24	Harmony Day
22/3/24	Playgroup 9:15am
22/3/24	Alex Nean Didgeridoo lessons Stage 3 Boys

DATES COMING UP:

- School Photo Day Monday 25th March
- Easter Hat Parade 28th March
- Mari Pizza Lunch 3rd April
- Anzac Day Assembly 12th April
- PBL Celebrations 12th April

Messages for students

We ask that you please limit messages through our front office for students where possible so as not to interrupt class learning time. Change of plans for afternoon pick up arrangements only please. No reminders.

Important Reminders

- Do you Have Sentral Parent Portal?
- Have you registered with your access key?

Principal's Report

How good does our front entrance look! The pictures installed this week tell a story about our students, our school, the local environment, our local community and the people within it. We just love it and have had many comments from students, parents and visitors about what a difference it has made to the front of our school and what a lovely welcome it is!



Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs) Sausage Sizzle

It was pleasing to see many of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families attend the Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs) Sausage Sizzle this week to develop learning goals for their children and learn about cultural connections at SHPS. As a network of schools, Upper Hunter Principals and their staff have been working on building a consistent approach to the development of PLPs and we will continue to refine our practices here to make connections with families, encourage student aspirations, support them to work towards targets and acknowledge and celebrate successes.





Upper Hunter Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) calendar

Below is the Upper Hunter PSSA, Hunter and NSW PSSA calendar for parents to reference regarding upcoming sporting trials organised by each association. Our school will inform parents of students attending specific trials as they arise throughout the year.

Kim Cummings
Relieving Principal

Students riding bikes to school

We have a number of students who ride to school and park their bikes on school grounds in the bike racks. It's fantastic to see so many of them wearing helmets, following the road rules and being respectful of other student's bikes in the bike rack area. We hope to have this area upgraded in the not-too-distant future and are awaiting final plans before this can take place. Stay tuned!

If your child rides their bike to school, we are asking you to provide a bike lock if you can to secure your child's bike in the rack. If you are unable to do this, we do secure those bikes without bike locks throughout the day to ensure their safety during the short periods that the gates are open before the first school bell of the day and just before the afternoon bell. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Boys Didgeridoo Group

Last week we held a ceremony for our very first boy's Didgeridoo group. Our boys were joined by their families to receive their Didgeridoos from the school during a Smoking Ceremony led by Alex Nean, an experienced Aboriginal Education Officer having worked with many schools across the Hunter, and Kobey MacDonald, our Aboriginal SLSO.

Families presented the Didgeridoos to their boys and enjoyed an information session about the school's plans for the group, forging partnerships with families and the wider community and on strengthening student understanding of and respect for Aboriginal history, tradition and culture. They were treated to the beginning sounds of what we hope will be a successful group.

We thank Alex for his fine craftsmanship, having made the Didgeridoos for our boys, and for working closely with us to provide opportunities for our students and families.

TERM 1 2024
UHPSSA, HUNTER & NSW PSSA CALENDAR

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 1	29	30 School Dev Day	31 School Dev Day	1	2
Feb 2	5	6	7	8	9 UHPSSA AFL Trials
Feb 3	12	13	14	15 UHPSSA Cricket	16 UHPSSA Diving Noms
Feb 4	19	20	21	22 UHPSSA Swimming Scone Hunter Prim Council Meeting	23 Hunter Prim Tennis Trials District Park
Feb 5	26	27 UHPSSA Swimming Scone (back up)	28	29 PSSA COUNCIL MEETING	1 UHPSSA Rugby League
March 6	4 UHPSSA Basketball Hunter Prim Diving Trials - Lambton	5	6	7 UHPSSA Rugby League (back up)	8 Rugby 7s Gala Day U10s & U12s Hunter Prim AFL Trials - Teralba
March 7	11	12 Hunter Prim SWIMMING Trials - Forum	13	14	15 UHPSSA Hockey noms
March 8	18	19	20	21 Prim Mountain Biking - Glenrock	22
March 9	25 Hunter Prim Boys Basketball Trials Maitland NAPLAN TESTING WINDOW	26	27 Hunter Prim 12/11 Rugby League Trials - Charlestown	28 Hunter Prim Girls Basketball - Maitland Hunter Prim Boys Cricket Trials - Maitland	29 Good Friday
April 10	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5 Hunter Prim Boys/Girls Hockey Trials Broadmeadow
April 11	8	9 Hunter Prim Boys Cricket Trials Maitland	10	11	12 UHPSSA Golf Noms PSSA SWIMMING/DIVING - SOPAC

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Curriculum Support – Reading at home

Reading with your children at home will help them in all learning areas at school. Often teachers will ask you to listen to your child read at home. This is a good way to support your child's reading. You can borrow books from your school library or the local library.

How you can help at home

- Ensure your children see you read and write; it teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills.
- Read aloud to your children. It helps them to learn about the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Make reading enjoyable and talk about books, computer stories and information texts that you have read together.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read.
- Make a special time for reading with your children, away from any interruptions.
- Try to listen to your children read as often as you can, every day, if possible, even if only for a short time.



Ideas for listening to your children read

- When reading together at home try to make the time relaxed, enjoyable and positive. Vary it. Read together, read to your child and take turns or have them read to you.
- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and any vocabulary that they may not know the meaning of.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point and predict what might happen next.
- After you've finished reading with your children, talk and ask questions about the story and the characters.

Useful reading tips

When your children are reading and encounter words that are difficult for them, use the Three Ps technique ('Pause, Prompt, Praise') to support them.

Pause

When your child comes to a word they don't know, try not to jump in straight away. Wait and give your child time to work out the word.

Prompt

If your children successfully work out the problem word, suggest they go back to the beginning of the sentence and re-read it (to recap meaning) before reading on.

If your child has not worked out the challenging word, prompt them with:

Early stage 1 and Stage classes –

- 'Try that again'
- 'Say the sounds by blending them together'
- 'Let's blend the sounds together'

Stage 2 and 3 – **older students** who might misread a word and continue, wait until they get to the end of the sentence before stopping them, prompt them with:

- 'Did that make sense?'
- 'Break the words into syllables and blend the syllables'

If prompts like these are not working, simply tell your children the correct word.



Praise

Praise your children's reading efforts and successes.

Please remember the goal of reading is always to make sense of what is read. Be supportive and enjoy the time together. Talk to your teacher for further advice if needed.


Mari has spotted...





Khloe F – 5/6E Displaying excellence in the community through leadership and kindness with younger students.




Mari has spotted...



Abbagale S – 1F Always showing our school PBL values of Respect Responsibility and Excellence and her love of learning in class.


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PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS HOME WITH COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS. STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS WILL BE SENT HOME. RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RAT) ARE STILL AVAILABLE, IF YOU REQUIRE ANY PLEASE COLLECT FROM THE OFFICE.

PBL Assembly Awards K - 2



Class	Name
KB	Ivy G
KC	Grace J
KG	Georgia J
KT	Evy E
K/1M	Wiri W
1F	Charlotte P
1K	Ava F
1/2H	Marlee R
2B	Emily R
2L	William T
2S	William K



SHPS will be celebrating **Harmony Day** on **Thursday 21st March 2024**.

The theme is 'Everybody Belongs'.

Students are invited to wear orange to celebrate this day. The canteen will be selling orange themed foods.



PBL
FOCUS



PBL Weekly Lessons

Week 7

Being Respectful
in the classroom
and playground

Week 8

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

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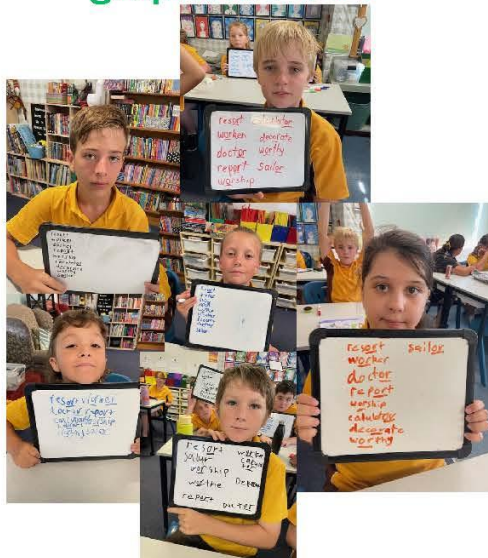


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Making Magic in 6M



In spelling, we have been learning about the grapheme 'or'.



Check out our monochromatic self-portraits in our Wow Work Gallery!



In PBL, we have been exploring the different character strengths and making posters to represent them.



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EXCELLENCE



Whole Day Attendance

Be at school and on time every day.

100%

OUTSTANDING
At school every day!
You can achieve
personal excellence



96%

EXCELLENT

1 day every 5 weeks
Equates to 8 days off each year or
40 hours of lost learning time



92%

FAIR

2 days every 5 weeks
Equates to 16 days off each year or
80 hours of lost learning time



88%

**CONCERNING - NEEDS TO
IMPROVE**

3 days every 5 weeks
Equates to 24 days off each year or
120 hours of lost learning time



84%

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

4 days every 5 weeks
Equates to 32 days off each year or
160 hours of lost learning time



80%

DAMAGING IMPACT

5 days every 5 weeks
Equates to 40 days off each year or
200 hours of lost learning time



70%

SEVERE IMPACT

Equates to 60 days off each year or
300 hours of lost learning time



60%

CRITICAL IMPACT

Equates to 80 days off each year or
400 hours of lost learning time



50%

EXTREME IMPACT

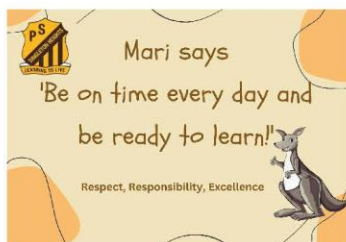
Equates to 100 days off each year or
500 hours of lost learning time



**Below
50%**

DESTRUCTIVE

Highly challenging to
access any learning



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School photos will be taken on Monday, 25th March 2024. Envelopes will be sent home soon. Sibling photo envelopes will be available from the office next week. Captains, House Captains and SRC photos will be taken before school, after the staff photo.

PRE-PAY ENVELOPE

2024 More products and options available - **Order Online!** www.msp.com.au

Deluxe Pack \$35

1x 10" x 8" + 2x 5" x 7" + 3x 5" x 3.5" + Portrait Download (print quality)

Value Pack \$30

2x 5" x 7" + 4x 5" x 3.5" + Portrait Download (not print quality)

Standard Pack \$25

1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + Portrait Download (not print quality)

Gift Pack* \$15

All 7 items

1x Photo Calendar 10" x 8" + 4x 2.5" x 1.8" + 2x Photo Gift Tags 2.5" x 5"

*Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

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Premium Pack \$54

Group Photograph + 2x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" Black and White Portrait + 1x 5" x 7" + 4x 5" x 3.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (print quality)

Classic Pack \$51

Group Photograph + 1x 10" x 8" + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 5" x 3.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (print quality)

Value Pack \$48

Group Photograph + 3x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (not print quality)

Essential Pack \$46

Group Photograph + 4x 5" x 7" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (not print quality)

Basic Pack \$44

Group Photograph + 1x 5" x 7" + 2x 5" x 3.5" + 3x 3.5" x 2.5" + 4x 1.7" x 1.2" + Portrait Download (not print quality)

Gift Pack* \$15

All 12 items

3x Photo Bookmarks 5" x 7" + 3x 2" x 1.4" + 1x Book Hanger 10" x 4" + 1x Photo Calendar 8" x 7" + 4x Photo Gift Tags 1.4" x 2.5"

Group Only \$27

Group Photograph

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LIVE MUSIC

16 MARCH 2024

8-1 pm

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EASTER HAT PARADE

We are excited to announce our Easter Hat Parade will take place at **12.15am on Thursday 28th March 2024**, on our school oval. Each year level will parade their hats. Year 6 will walk with their buddies. Parents and students can make or buy:

- a decorative Easter hat
- rabbit ears and/or tail
- an Easter basket etc.

When designing your Easter item, please consider that all creations are of an appropriate size and are practical for the parade. The students will need to be able to put on and remove their item independently. Please do not include real Easter Eggs or other food items in your creation as chocolate melts in the sun, and we have a number of children with severe allergies.

Parents / carers are welcome to attend this fantastic event and please feel free to bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on to enjoy this occasion.

Students can wear mufti clothes on the day but please remember that **sun-safe clothing** and closed in shoes need to be worn.

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