

# Singleton Heights Public School Newsletter

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School Calendar		
Week 11	Date	Events
	9/4/24	Gym-Matrix for Stage 2
	11/4/24	Cross Country
	12/4/24	PBL Celebrations
	12/4/24	Anzac Day Assembly 10:30am
	12/4/24	No Playgroup due to Assembly
Week	30/4/24	Students return for Term 2
1	3/5/24	Zone Touch Football
	3/5/24	Playgroup

### DATES COMING UP:

- Mother's Day Stall 9th May
- Mother's Day Breakfast 10th May
- Parent Reading Workshop 15th May
- P&C Colour Run 17<sup>th</sup> May

### 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.

## Principal's Report

Over the last two weeks, students and staff have been showered with 'clouds of appreciation' from students letting their peers and teachers know just what they are thankful for in our school and what makes them feel like they belong. It has been delightful for many of us to be recipients of these little 'clouds' and to have meaningful conversations about them. The 'clouds of

appreciation' are a part of our PBL initiative with a focus on kindness and our character strengths. We continue to work with our students to encourage and build a sense of belonging in our school so that each and every one of them can feel known, valued and cared for.

#### **Principal For The Day**

I had the pleasure of hosting our 'Principal for the Day', Harlow, this week. Harlow's name was drawn at the last Mari Pizza Party in 2023. Harlow was kept busy throughout the day, helping me deliver birthday cards, looking into exciting possible projects for the school, attending the Mari Pizza Lunch, drawing out the name of the next 'Principal for the Day' and congratulating the class Mari award winners. Harlow's take away for the day was that 'you have to walk fast to be Principal'! Harlow was a natural! I look forward to working with my next 'Principal for the Day', Olivia, next term.











# Wear It Wednesday – Engagement and Attendance

We held our very first 'Wear It Wednesday' this week. It was great seeing our students displaying their own style and personality by wearing their favourite t-shirts. Staff also got in on the act! We will continue to have more fun days like this throughout the year to engage students in their schooling and raise attendance levels. We will also have some 'surprise' fun days where something exciting will happen on a given school day and students will have to be at school (unless they are unwell) on the day to find out what the surprise is. No cost to parents will be involved. Stay tuned for more fun!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. What a lovely afternoon it was with you all. Such a great feel in the air with everyone enjoying the parade and seeing their children happy and showing off their hats. They were spectacular! Well done to our creative students, parents and carers! A few of you also walked away with Easter treats thanks to our P&C Easter raffle. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the afternoon. We hope you all had a fantastic Easter long weekend with your family and friends.







#### **Bandlink**

Last week, we hosted Bandlink, a 2 day workshop for band students from local NSW public schools. Bandlink provided students with the opportunity to play in a large ensemble under the guidance of professional conductors and musicians. Students learned specialised instrumental and ensemble skills which culminated in a concert at the end of the workshop for students, staff, parents and friends. Thank you to Mrs Tara Winsor, our Band Coordinator, for her organisation of the day with the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit. Another fantastic opportunity on offer at Singleton Heights PS for our students.



#### **Unexplained Absences**

We are committed to working with you to offer support in removing any barriers that may be preventing your child from regularly attending school. Please remember that the NSW Education Act requires that all student absences must be explained within 7 days of the first day of them being away from school. Please contact us promptly whenever your child is absent and let us know the reason for them being away. You can do this by answering the SMS message sent out, via the Sentral parent portal, in a written note to the class teacher or by phoning the school.

If your child is absent for more than two consecutive days with an illness, we do ask that you get a medical certificate for their absence wherever possible. This allows us to provide the right support and make sure your child's absences are recorded correctly.

In the event your child has repeated or ongoing unexplained absences, we will continue to try to contact you about each absence to provide appropriate support for you and your family. We know that for our students every day of school matters.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing.



If you have any questions or if you need support with your child's attendance, please contact our Deputy Principal, Sarah Rose.

#### **Anzac Day March**

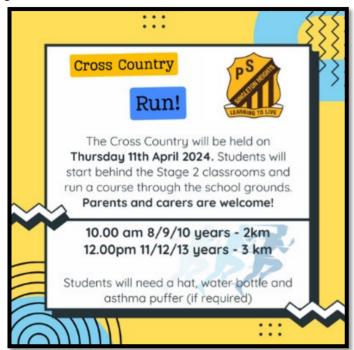
Students are invited to participate in the Singleton Anzac Day Service and March on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Students should wear full school uniform including their school hat – and meet school staff in the carpark area behind Cervos Café by 9.45am. Students should also bring a water bottle. The march will proceed to Burdekin Park where the main service will begin at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing many of our students there.





#### **Cross Country Run**

Our Cross Country Run will be held next week on school grounds. We look forward to all students participating no matter their running ability level. It's all about having a go and having fun. No permission note is necessary for this event as it is on school grounds.



The Cross Country Run is not a reason to stay away from school either as normal lessons will take place before and after the carnival. Remember, attendance matters!



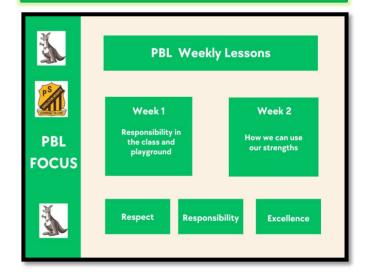
Please come along and cheer your children on if you would like to on the day. Gates will open to spectators 10 minutes before the run.

Kim Cummings Relieving Principal



Class	Name
KB	Lucy S
KC	Silvana S
KG	Logan W
KT	Elkie B
K/1M	Elkie B
1F	Emily T
1K	Winston P
1/2H	Raina M
2B	Emily T
2L	Arianna B
2S	Sophie H
K-6T	Alecia E

PBL Assembly Awards K- 2











# **Curriculum Support - Holiday Reading**

Reading is a fun activity to do with your child at home during the holidays. Plus, it will help your child to maintain their skills ready for Term 2.

So, what can you do: Read every day. Make it fun. Read for enjoyment. Here are some ideas:

- Let your child choose the books and re-read books that they are interested in.
- Discuss the pictures and how they add more information to the story.
- Take turns at reading favourite stories with brothers, sisters or friends.
- Choose a variety of reading materials, such as legends, newspapers, magazines, posters, street signs, recipes and shopping lists.
- Encourage your child to borrow from our school library or visit the town library
- If your child likes an author, find another book or a series of books by the same author.
- Introduce your child to read different genres, such as legends, fantasy, science-fiction, action and adventure.



Here are some other things to consider:

Before you read, provide a purpose for reading the text. Let us read this for fun. Let us read this book to find some interesting information about your favourite animal. Let us cook something yummy by looking for a recipe.

Plus talking about the text, you have read is important. This will help your child to think about the text and engage deeper with the text.

Ask questions so they can retell information on the events and the characters. Ask questions that begin with how, why and what if?

We hope you have a lovely holiday, and you find the time to read with your children.



## **Parent Reading Workshop**

We will be running a reading workshop at the beginning of Term 2, sharing information about how reading skills develop and what reading lessons look like K- 6. More information will be shared at the beginning of the next term. The date and time are:

• May 15th, Wednesday at 3.15pm

This will be a great way, we can share how our students are learning to read and answer any questions. It would be lovely to see you there, so please save the date.









# **Busy 2B**

... have been having fun in maths learning about patterns.





















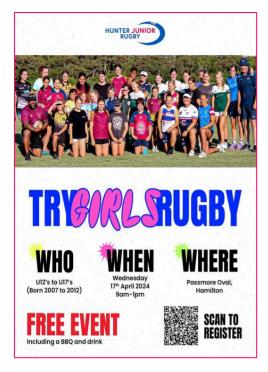
2B enjoyed celebrating Teddy Bear's Picnic Day. Their bears helped them with their writing activity and loved dancing.

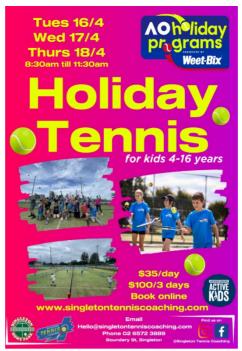






















# Colouring in competition pictures are available at the office.





## National Walk Safely to School Day is coming.... Friday the 10th of May

Join us walking to school from Hunterview. Meeting point is the southern corner of Wattle Ponds Road and Monterey St at the footpath. Walk will be supervised, parents are welcome to drop children off, or join us on the walk. **Meet us at 7.30am** on the day, so that we can reach school in time to enjoy the Mother's Day breakfast! Please register via the QR code or link below to join us on the walk. <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHPSwalk2024">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHPSwalk2024</a>

















































