



# Singleton Heights Public School

## Newsletter

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### Principal's Report

#### Latest News

Our Starstruck students have been busily rehearsing this week and last, ready for the big performances on Friday, 13th and Saturday, 14th June at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. This is a huge experience for all the students involved in both the choir group and the dance group. A huge thank you must go out to Mrs Linsley, Mrs Mungoven, Mrs Caelli and Ms Huntley, as well as the parents for supporting with transport across the term. Friday and Saturday will be a culmination of the hard work from everyone involved and should be spectacular! All the best, boys and girls.



#### Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival last Wednesday started really well, with our 800m races and 200m races being able to be completed. I want to thank the staff and parents who helped set up and conduct the carnival, as well as the P&C and canteen for providing 'nourishment' on the day! Unfortunately, the rain set in hard, and we had to transport students back to school, and we were unable to complete our 100m races. These races are conducted in separate age groups and will endeavour to have these races at school on Friday, 20th June, from 12pm, on our school oval. Students will wear school uniform on the day, not house colours.



#### School Calendar

Week 8

Date	Events
16/6/25	PSSA Soccer Gala Day
18/6/25	Burn Bright Year 5
20/6/25	Playgroup – Activity Space
20/6/25	100m Athletic Races 12pm

Week 9

23/6/25	Premiers Spelling Bee
24/6/25	Stage 1 & K6T Incursion
25/6/25	Children's University Visit
27/6/25	Playgroup – Activity Space
27/6/25	Kindy Zoo Excursion

#### DATES COMING UP:

- NAIDOC Day 3/7/25
- Last day of Term 4/7/25
- Students return to school Tuesday 22/7/25

#### Important Reminders

- No teacher supervision before 8:40am



### **Stewart House visit**

Five of our Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) students have made their way to Stewart House this week for a two-week stay in their facilities. Stewart House offers a free-of-charge 12-day residential program for children from Year 2 to Year 8 who are enrolled in public schools in NSW and the ACT. Stewart House offers a busy activity and experience-based program, with a focus on building self-esteem, resilience, social skills and a personal sense of wellbeing. We hope they all have the best time at this great excursion.

### **Mari Awards and Badges**

I had the pleasure of handing out many Mari Badges at the Primary Assembly last Thursday. Two of those badges were Gold Mari Badges, attainable through the collection of 60 Mari awards throughout your time at Singleton Heights PS. Congratulation to Diezel M and Joe B for obtaining this award. They join the elite company of Arya S and Naomi P, who collected their gold badges earlier this year.



Just remember that students can accumulate Mari awards over the years they are at school, there is no limit each year. Please ensure that your child is responsible for these awards, and keep them safe. A plastic zip lock bag is a good idea, or a fridge magnet clip to hold them all together is also handy. See the back page for the accumulation of Mari Awards and the relevant award that comes with that total.

We will also make a change to the certificates that are awarded, in future, we will indicate the total amount of Mari awards collected, as opposed to returning to zero after each badge is awarded. This should help parents and students keep track of their awards.

### **Soccer Gala Day**

The PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Days will be held at Scone on Monday, 16th June.

### **Burn Bright Conference**

Year 5 students and staff will be involved in the Burn Bright Leadership conference at King St PS on Wednesday, 18th June. This will run from 9am to 3pm. Students will be transported by bus to and from the event. Please ensure students are in full school uniform for this day.

### **100m Athletics Races**

As previously mentioned, our 100m Athletics Carnival races will be held on Friday, 20th June, from 12pm, on our school oval. Parents are welcome to attend. Each Sports House will also participate in the Tug o' War event on this day.

### **Rainbow Rugby League Gala Day**

On Thursday, 29th June, our senior boys will be participating in the Rainbow Rugby League Gala Day at King St PS. This is a day of commemoration for the school and will feature specially designed jerseys for each of the schools and a round robin of games against other local schools. A great day to enjoy for our students.

### **P&C Meeting**

Just a reminder that the next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, from 6pm in the school staff room.



### **NSW PS Surveys**

Students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the new NSW Public Schools Survey next week. The NSW DoE runs the survey to provide schools with valuable feedback from students about their experiences at their school. The survey covers a range of topics, including student engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school, and is one way in which students can have a voice about their time at school. The data can support schools in their planning, reporting and excellence. This includes helping to identify strengths and areas for improvement, assess how current initiatives are going and inform future programs. An opt out note was sent through on the parent portal, if you do not wish for your child to participate in this survey. Several representatives from the Centre for Education Statistics Evaluation (CESE) will be onsite at school on Tuesday conducting research into how the surveys are conducted, as well as interviewing staff and students about their experiences with the survey.





## Literacy and Numeracy

Last Monday, the school had a visit from Mr Sean Andrews, Director, Educational Leadership for the Upper Hunter. Mr Andrews visited KC, 1F and 2H to check out the school's focus on the explicit teaching of phonics and phonemic awareness. Mr Andrews said that he was genuinely impressed by the presence of explicit teaching in relation to phonics in the classrooms. More importantly, it was wonderful to witness the strong bonds and working relationships the teachers have with their students. Thank you for your dedication to creating engaging lessons.



'Our Plan for Public Education' emphasises explicit teaching and High Potential and Gifted Education. The Upper Hunter network is engaging in professional learning with Dr. Lyn Sharratt. The Upper Hunter has developed its own Implementation Plan across all 21 schools, and it is exciting that Singleton Heights PS is part of that journey for our students.

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading. Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Letters will be distributed to relevant families in the near future, explaining the data collection process for you.

## School Uniform

Students are reminded that school uniform is to be worn. This does not include hoodies, bike pants/ tights and coloured socks. Uniforms are available from the P&C Uniform Shop.



Mr Graham  
Principal





# P&C UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

**Mondays 8:45am - 9:15am**

**Wednesdays 2:45pm - 3:15pm**

Flexischool orders can take up to 48hrs to come through to the P&C and can only be filled once per week.

Please remember uniform shop is run by volunteers.

## PBL Assembly Awards 3 - 6



Class	Name
3B	Audrey M
3H	Isla R
3P	Harloh K
4S	George L
4T	Lachlan M
4/5A	Abigail H
5S	Emerson M
5/6E	Sophie H
6L	Xavier M
6M	Bella G
K6T	Mitchell S



**PBL  
FOCUS**



### PBL Weekly Lessons

**Week 8**

Excellence in the  
classroom and  
playground

**Week 9**

Belonging

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

## Mari has spotted...



Chelsea P (1D)  
Respect – Displaying  
beautiful manners when  
visiting the school office.



## Mari has spotted...



Lachlan A (5/6E)  
Excellence– Being an  
upstanding citizen in the  
playground and showing  
kindness to other  
students..



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# OUR LEARNING IN 5s



## Creative Arts

In drama lessons 5S have been enjoying learning about, and making their own puppets.



Being able to make puppets in our drama lesson helped me to be creative. Corey



Its fun to see what people make! Tamalia



It was great to see that everyone had their own idea on what puppets to make. Roy



We've been learning about how drama is a way to learn about big issues, like bullying. Isla



Making the puppets was a great way to express our creativity. Audrey



Making puppets was lots of fun and I could be creative. Summer







# Waagan Galga

## JARJAM Afternoon

📍 Afternoon Workshops in Singleton

📅 Tuesdays

🕒 3:30-4:00pm

**Location: Singleton Heights Sports Centre  
(grass area)**

**Age: 5-10yrs**

**Learn Culture: Storytelling, language, Art,  
traditional Dance**

**Afternoon Tea Provided**

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**13 YARN**

"We're here to help, call us for a yarn"

**13 92 76**

13 Yarn is the first national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. We offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarnning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We are here to provide crisis support 24/7 to enable our community to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns.

**Culturally Safe Space**

**Available 24/7 across Australia from any phone**

**We listen, without judgement or shame**

Lifeline®

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health

Sydney Zhorel (Proud Spirit) Australia  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Learning in Social and Emotional Wellbeing: From Mob to Mob and Beyond

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gaepra Dhorel

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# PLAYGROUP

Play and grow together

Join us on Friday mornings 9:15-11am

New Location



# LITTLE JOEYS

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Transition and orientation program.  
Supporting children before they start school.

## COMMENCING TERM 3

For all enquiries and registration

**CONTACT US**  
65 731 363

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# Is this role for you? School Crossing Supervisor



## About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



## Casual Singleton Local Government Area – 98846

### In this role, you'll:

Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

### Salary:

\$32.84 per hour, + Super.

### Apply today

Applications close 11:59 pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference**

**Number: 98846** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary

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## Mari Awards

Each day a Mari Award is given out to one student in each class who has shown **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence**. This is taken home by the student to show their family members. Students collect these Mari Awards using their PBL magnetic clip and can see the Principal when they have 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 Mari Awards. Below is a table outlining

Number of Mari Awards	Reward
3	1 prize from the Principal
6	Small certificate on assembly + prize
9	Small certificate on assembly + prize
12	Large certificate on assembly + prize
15	Large certificate on assembly + Mari badge and a special pizza lunch with the Principal.

## Assembly Awards

As a part of our awards at assembly, students can receive a PBL 'Star Award'. This is given to one person from each class to acknowledge a student who has displayed the school values.



## ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY

- WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY
- KOORIOKE
- FREE ABORIGINAL FOOD TASTING
- FREE ACTIVITIES- FACE PAINTING, REPTILE SHOW, RIDES
- FREE SAUSAGE SANDWICH
- FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM FOOD VANS
- ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DANCERS
- MARKET STALLS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

## PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:



**WANARUAH  
NAIDOC FAMILY  
FUN DAY**  
  
**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 2025**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**  
**VICTORIA PARK  
MUSWELLBROOK**



## P&C MEETING

**TUESDAY 17TH JUNE  
AT 6:00PM**

**LOCATION : STAFFROOM  
(IN THE OFFICE AREA)**

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

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