Welcome everyone to a new term. The next ten and a half weeks are guaranteed to be very busy at school with many interesting and exciting events occurring across all grades. This period of time will be especially interesting for our Year 6 students as they prepare for a significant change of moving from primary school to secondary education. A number of transition activities for our Year 6 students have been organised to help with this process.

The cast and crew of the pantomime will be hard at work during the first half of the term refining their skills ready for the performances in Week 5. Mrs Merrick and her band of assistant directors, choir masters, and choreographers have been working hard to put the finishing touches to another fantastic show.

Our junior students will also be hard at work preparing for the annual K-2 Christmas Concert. This is another fun packed show and is always a hit with family members. Ensure you jot the 12th & 13th December into your diaries for this entertaining event.

Year 5 students and staff are keenly anticipating their excursion to the great Aussie Bush Camp in mid-November. The physical challenges and camaraderie building activities conducted at the camp will help these students to bond as they prepare to enter Year 6 in 2014. It will also give students and staff the opportunity to assess who will be solid school leaders in the coming year.

We have approximately 57 children enrolled to commence Kindergarten in the new year. This is a very exciting time for both the children and their parents. Throughout term four a number of Kindergarten orientation activities will be conducted and a parent information evening held.

As stated previously, it will be a very busy term. Please ensure you keep up to date with the school events by thoroughly reading the newsletter each week. Have a great term everyone!

David Crowe

**School Hats**

A reminder that school hats must be worn at all times in the playground. Should children come to school without a hat, they will be required to play under the COLA or in the School Library as per the school’s Sun Safe Policy.
Canteen News

Attached is the new canteen menu for Term 4. Please read carefully as there is some things that are no longer on the menu.

NATIONAL GOLD for Maui

During the school holidays, the National Primary Schools 12 Years Rugby Championship was conducted in Canberra. One of our Year 6 boys, Maui was fortunate to be selected as a member of the NSW team. Playing against quality teams from Victoria, South Australia and the ACT, Maui played strongly in the second row, assisting the team to win the National title.

While not scoring any tries, Maui was very strong in his support and was formidable in defence. By the end of the championships, NSW had won each of their games allowing only one try to be scored by their opposition.

Congratulations Maui on a great effort!

Social Media Issues

Over the past few weeks a number of issues in relation to social media have been brought to my attention. Parents and carers are reminded that social media sites are restricted to persons at or over the age of 13 years. It is important that parents have a good appreciation of the messages that are being forwarded from their home computers as once a message is sent it is in the network for ever. Due to the nature of social media, serious inappropriate matters may be referred to the Police.

I would also like to provide a word of caution to parents who also access these types of sites to be conscious of comments made towards schools and individuals. In our local region at least one school has been dealing with defamatory and slanderous comments made by parents (and others). If you have a particular issue please come into the school to discuss the matter openly so that we can work collaboratively to achieve a reasonable solution.

2M’s Visit to the SES

On Thursday 19th September 2M walked to the SES headquarters in Singleton. We had been reading about the SES and how they help people in floods and storms.

Mr Merrick met us there and took us up to the communications room. Shane sat in the operation manager’s chair and was the boss. We were split up into three groups.

We were shown the flood boats. Everyone had to put a life jacket on even Miss Moon.

Then we hopped into the boats and pretended we were rescuers.

Mr Merrick made us help fill some sandbags and we were very good at that. Perhaps Mr Merrick can get us to help in a real emergency!

They have lots of different equipment. We saw chainsaws, axes, lights, generators, ladders, ropes and leaf blowers. Lili was put onto a stretcher and her classmates had to help lift her to safety.

The SES has some vehicles that we were shown. We got to sit in these and Yasmine turned the siren on. It was loud!! Nozipho spoke through the radio and warned us to get back from the vehicle.

As the storm season approaches, we should clean out our gutters so our downpipes don’t overflow and cause damage.

Thank you to Mr Merrick, Lance and Judy for showing us around. If you would like to join the SES they have training on Wednesday nights at the SES headquarters.

By 2M

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 will be selling ice creams this Friday 11th for $2.00. They are raising money for the Year 6 farewell present to the school.

Statement of Account

Each term we send home a financial statement to each family. The enclosed statement of account may include “Voluntary Family School Contribution” and “P&C Voluntary Levy”.

The “Family School Contribution” refers to the voluntary contribution scheme that all public schools operate. This is a very low $60.00 per family per year. This money goes to providing the everyday resources needed in classrooms - pencils, paper, books, teaching aids, counters, craft supplies, reading books, etc, available to every child.
### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2, Term 4 2013

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Please contact Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Cindy Dippel on 02 6577 3191 if you need to swap your duty.

### Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 4 2013

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Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

### Credit Card Payment Slip

The school can accept credit card payments (Visa and Mastercard only) over the phone or by mail. Please note, this is not an EFTPOS facility. EFTPOS (Savings or Cheque a/c) can only be paid over the counter.

This facility can be used to pay school contributions, excursions, uniforms or P&C levy etc. The minimum payment is $20.00. Building Fund and Library Fund cannot be paid by credit card.

**Student’s Name:** ................................................................. **Class:** .................................

**What are you paying for?** ..........................................................................................................................

**Credit Card Type (please tick one)**

- [ ] VISA
- [ ] Mastercard

**Amount paying** $...........................................

**Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals**

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**Signature of Cardholder** ..........................................................................................................................

### Information from the DEC

**Getting organised**

Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you’re super-organised why not download October’s?


**Kids’ holiday camps**

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.

Lost and Found
Currently in the office we have four pairs of reading glasses and a set of car keys. If you think that these belong to you please contact the office.

Special Thank You
A special thank you to Trish Bailey and Michelle Marinan for looking after the gardens during the holidays. Your hard work was noticed by everyone when we returned to school.

School Disco Wednesday 18th September
Carers Unite for Carers Week!!

Do you provide support to a child or adult who has a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who is frail aged?

Then join us at the Movie:

"Diana"
Starring Naomi Watts

When: Thursday 17th October 2013
Time: 9.45am in the Foyer for Morning Tea
Movie commences at 10.30am
Where: Event Cinemas
Stockland Drive, Stockland Super Centre
Glenvale
Cost: $5.00 to be paid on the Day
(Includes Movie, Morning Tea & Information)

PLUS:
- Meet other Carers & Enjoy Morning Tea
- Take Time Out just for you and have some Fun!!
- FREE Carer Information
- Respite available by contacting
  Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre 1000 052 222

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
LIMITED PLACES BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!!

For more Information or to Register
Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hsee.health.nsw.gov.au

Hunter Carer Support Service Invites:
CARERS, FAMILIES, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS

FREE - 2013 Expo for Carers

The Expo will provide a variety of Resources & Information to:
- Aid & Support Carers in their caring role
- Provide Professionals with a range of Information to assist them In their role Supporting Carers
- Provide an Opportunity to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers Include:
10.00am – 11.00am: Janine Stimson – Home & Carer Support Services, Wesley Mission
“Caregiver Reforms, Changes in the MACC Program & Changes for Carers”

11.30am – 12.30pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
“Autism Spectrum Disorders - Current Research Trends, Practical Strategies & the Changes to PBS”

1.00pm – 2.00pm: Jodie Calvert – Director Engagement - disabilityaustralia
“Overview of Disability Australia”

Over 90 Exhibitors including Carers NSW, Disability Australia, Ability Links, Health Services, Legal Services, Children’s Services and Aged Care Services

PLUS - Children’s Entertainment:
“Hilarious Herman The Pirate”
Face Painting, Airbrush Balloons, Magic, Musical Comedy
Crafter Workshops and the Hunter Platters “Lunch Lassie”

Properly supported by Lake Macquarie City Council

EXPO DETAILS:
Date: Thursday 10th October 2013
Time: 9.30am – 5.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free - Includes Lucky Door Prizes

This is a Collaborative Project between Hunter Carer Support Service and our Carer Reference Group

For more Information or to Register
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WHO WILL YOU REMEMBER ON 11 NOVEMBER 2013?

Singleton RSL Sub-Branch invite you to the
2013 Remembrance Day Service and Luncheon

SERVICE
Brigadier Hamnett Memorial
Civic Centre Grounds
at 10.30 am

LUNCHEON
Lentunens
Singleton Diggers, Army Complex
12 noon for a 12.30 pm servving

Tickets $30
Make cheques payable to
Singleton RSL Sub-Branch
(11 November 2013)

Come CELEBRATE with US
as
Energize 4 Autism 2013
draws to a close

Sunday 29th September 2013 from 2:30pm
The Gladston Hotel
36 Mitchell St, Stockton
Jumping castle, neck and shoulder massage, games and monster raffle.
# SPS Canteen Menu - Term 4 2013

## Lunch order only:
**Sandwiches, (toasted avail) Wraps, Rolls & Tubs**

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**Salad Tubs (750ml)**

- Basic: $2.70
- Basic 250ml: $1.50
- Chicken, Ham or Roast beef: $3.50
- Cheese & Egg: $3.50

**Extras**
- BBQ, Tomato, Sweet & Sour: 30c
- Lunch bag: 20c
- 20 Lunch bags: $1

## Canteen Made Specials

- Chicken & Veg Noodle Stir-fry (Wed Only): $4.00
- Burgers—Chicken or Beef: $3.50
- Pizza—Bbq or Tomato sauce: $2.70
- Hawaiian, Chicken, Meat lovers, Margarita: $2.00
- Chicken Lasagne: $3.00
- Macaroni Cheese: $3.00
- Roast Beef Salad w. Crunchy Noodles (Asian style): $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese: $3.00
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap: $3.00
- Hash brown: 60c
- Garlic Bread: 70c
- Corn Cobs (also suitable for Crunch & Sip): $1.00

## From Singleton Heights Bakery

- Beef Pie, plain—large: $4
- Beef Pie, plain—small: $2
- Sausage Roll—large: $3.50
- Sausage Roll—small: $1.80

## Chicken Nuggets

- 3 Nugget Bag / 6 Nugget Bag: $1.50 / $3.00

## Snacks — available during breaks if time permits

- Various savoury & sweet Snacks (muffins, pikelets, popcorn, garlic bread etc.): 10c-70c
- Mousse—Chocolate, Strawberry: 80c
- Hello Panda: 80c
- Cheese & Biscuits: $1

## Drinks

- Aroona—Blue, Red, Green: $1.80
- Aroona's can only be bought with Lunch orders - Limit is 1.
- Oak Milk 300ml: $1.50
  - Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla Malt
- Orchy Juice Pop Top: $1.80
  - Apple, Orange, ABC
- Water—350ml / 600ml: $90c / $1.50

## Chips

- Red Rock Deli Chips
  - Plain (AF) & Honey Soy Chicken: $1.20
  - Jumpsys—Chicken & Salt’n Vinegar: $1
  - Grain Waves—Sour Cream & Chives: $1.20
  - JJ’s—Chicken: $1.10

## Ice Blocks—recess only

- Paddle pop—Rainbow / Choc /Vanilla: $1.90
- Callips—Rasberry: $1.10
- Icy Twist—Lemonade: $1.50
- Bulla Ice Cream Cup—Vanilla: $1.30
- Juice Cups—Orange & ABC: 70c
- Juicies—Wildberry & Tropical: 60c
- Quelch—Fruit Juice Stick: 50c
- Zoo Pops: 20c

## Canteen Volunteers Wanted

If you are interested in being involved in your children's school or know someone who would like to, please contact Nicole on 65712250 or on canteen.singletonops@det.nsw.edu.au.

No orders will be accepted by e-mail.

Orders that are received after 9.30am will be provided with a Vegemite Sandwich.
Dear Principal

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised Test Administration Authorities that it has identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports in Language Conventions. ACARA is devising a strategy to address the issue quickly, however, distribution of Student Reports to schools will be delayed.

On advice from ACARA, it is anticipated that 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8–11 October, with distribution of reports to parents to occur in the week Monday 14 to Friday 18 October. The release of the NAPLAN Summary Report and SMART are unaffected. They will be available to schools from Friday 13 September 2013.

Schools also have access to the Participation and Registration (PAR) website during the reporting period to enable a review of student test participation information. Access is read-only and no changes can be made to data.

The Board of Studies NSW, as the Test Administration Authority, will continue to work with ACARA and other national bodies to ensure coordinated distribution of 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports.

2013 NAPLAN SMART data can be accessed through the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) portal from Friday 13 September. Any issues with SMART data should be referred to the DEC at smarttrain@det.nsw.edu.au.

Principals communicating with parents on this issue may wish to use the attached text provided by ACARA. For further details, please contact ACARA on 1300 895 563 or 02 8098 3100.

I will advise schools of any further details regarding the reporting timeline as they come to hand.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Carol Taylor
Chief Executive
11/9/2013
Dear Parents and Carers,

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO START ETHICS CLASSES**

Philosophical ethics classes are now available in NSW public schools as an option for students who do not attend Special Religious Education / Scripture. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry-based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions. Information about Primary Ethics is found at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

We are hoping to get classes started at Singleton Public School in 2014 and to do this we need to understand how many children would be interested in attending Ethics classes. To help Primary Ethics plan for classes at Singleton Public School, **please return the slip below by Friday 18th October.**

**We also need volunteers to be Ethics teachers.** Teachers are given full training and ongoing support. Teaching would require approximately 2 hours per week. **Applications for volunteer teacher roles are welcome** from both members of the school and wider community. More information about these roles is at [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or you can get in contact with our School’s Volunteer Ethics Coordinator via the school office.

Also, Mr Graham Wrightson, the Ethics Education Volunteer Manager for the Upper Hunter, will visit the school early Term 4 to explain to interested people how the Special Education in Ethics program works, its curriculum and the time commitment etc for volunteer teachers. **If you or someone you know would like to come to this information session, please complete the slip below, or contact the office to register your interest.**

Principal

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**Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2014.**

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: __________________________

I am interested in Primary Ethics for my child(ren): (please give name and 2013 year of each child) __________________________

My email (or postal) address: __________________________

I would like to attend the Primary Ethics information session in Term 4 (date not yet set). Yes/No

Your details will not be shared with any other parties and will be used only to contact you about ethics classes at your school.

Completing this slip does not automatically mean that your child will attend Ethics Classes in 2014 – it is merely to gauge the interest of providing classes at our school.

School administration, please hold these slips for the Primary Ethics Coordinator. Thank you!
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 10, 2013

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The Awesome Aquarium
Today I will be giving you information about the Aquarium. At the start of the walk you go through a hall that looked like the ocean with fish in glass which was spectacular. It had all kinds of fish, most of the fish I have not seen before. After that there are a few underwater tunnels. Two tunnels were full of sharks and there was one Dugong. I couldn’t believe how big it was, it was giant. In the other tunnels there were fish which was not as good as the sharks. Next there was a touch and feel zone, it was pretty good and a shop at the end. If you liked reading this you might go there one day. By Jayden Rodgers

The Rockin’ Roll Rocks
Today I will be writing about my favourite place in Sydney, The Rocks. The Rocks was where the first fleet landed. There were two used for animals, two used for Scientists and Marine Biologists, six for convicts and one for food and water. The convicts built houses out of bits of sandstone, but how did they get the sandstone into perfect blocks? Well they would sit on the ground for hours carving the sandstone with a sharp rock. A man came up with the idea to have soldiers on all four sides of where Sydney is now and trap the convicts and make them feel like they are in a natural prison. If the convicts tried to escape they would get lashed 30 times. If the convicts were good then they would get fresh water and sometimes a cow or a pig. Once there was a 13 year old boy in prison for stealing a loaf of bread. The Rocks is great! Next time you go to Sydney why don’t you visit The Rocks. By Erin Hannan