Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are back ready and raring to go for a huge Term 4.

The school on the last Friday of Term 3 was a sea of green and purple in dressing up for “A Day for Jacob”. Congratulations to all who donated. A total of $481.40 was raised for this inspiring young man.

Congratulations to our wonderful spellers who competed at the Regional finals in the School’s Spelling Bee competition at the end of last term at King Street Public School. Zaynab and Callum from Year 6, Zoe of Year 4 and Lucy of Year 3 all performed well at the competition spelling some extremely difficult words.

Every three years the school devises a plan to set out a clear strategic pathway for our students, teachers and community to achieve success. As part of this plan, the school believes it is important for parents and the community to be a significant contributor to the plan and we need your thoughts in regard to making Singleton PS an even better place for our students to learn. Attached to this week’s newsletter is the “Parent Survey”. We ask if you could fill it out and send it back to the school by Friday, 17th October. All surveys that are handed in by this date go into a draw to win a dinner for two at the Imperial Hotel up to the value of $60. Just fill in the details at the bottom of the survey (which will be detached from the form so that your name will not be with the survey). I am looking forward to your thoughts to help improve our school.

Our P&C meeting will be held at our school library on Wednesday, 15th October starting at 7pm. It would be great to see some new faces to come and contribute to our school.

A special good luck to our Girls Touch Footy team who take on Caves Beach PS in the final of the Hunter A draw on Thursday.

We have five new students that have arrived at our school this week. A warm welcome to sisters Liliana and Sophie, Sophie S, Jack and Arky. I am sure you will have a fabulous time here at Singleton Public and make lots of new friends.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

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### Calendar of Events

**Thursday 9 October**
- Selected Year 6 to attend Jump Start at Singleton High School
- Girls Touch to play Caves Beach

**Monday 13 October**
- Active After Schools Sports Commences

**Wednesday 15 October**
- NSW PSSA Athletics
- Meeting of the minds 2014
- P&C Meeting 7pm in school library

**Thursday 16 October**
- NSW PSSA Athletics
- Selected Year 6 to attend Jump Start at Singleton High

**Friday 17 October**
- Year 1 and 2 Transport Excursion payments due

**Wednesday 22 October**
- Year 1 Transport Excursion

**Thursday 23 October**
- Year 2 Transport Excursion
- Selected Year 6 to attend Jump Start

**Monday 27 October**
- Song Room Festival

**Thursday 6 November**
- Pantomime

**Friday 7 November**
- Pantomime

This week’s assembly is hosted by the Infants Singing Group at the starting time of 12.45pm.

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### School Crossing Near Miss Register

All parents and community members are encouraged to register with the school all cases of near misses on the School Crossings on Elizabeth and Hunter streets. The school is working with Singleton Shire Council to develop a proposal to upgrade the safety of these crossings and we need to produce relevant data. When you contact the Office please list the street you were on; the approximate time; and the direction the vehicle was travelling. The Office can be contacted on 6571 2250.

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### Fete Feedback

If you have any feedback from Fete Day to make next year even better please drop the P&C a line on the P&C email: singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au
Year 2 Burdekin Park Historical Museum
On Tuesday, 16 September, Year 2 went to the Burdekin Park Historical Museum. They are pictured below enjoying their excursion.

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School Disco
The Student Council hosted the School Disco last term.
Congratulations to the winners of the Denim Theme for the disco:-
K-2 Jacob, Lily, Harrison, Chelsea, Jack & Lara.
3-6 Hannah, Callum, Angus, Ella

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Maitland Grossmann High School Sports Day
On Thursday, 18 September students in classes from Year 3-6 participated in a sports day organised by students from Maitland Grossmann High School. Students played sports such as netball, cricket and soccer. A fun day was had by all.

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Year 1 & 2 HSIE Excursion Transport
Students in Years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to participate on a HSIE excursion to Newcastle experiencing different types of transport. The excursions will take place on Wednesday 22nd October (Year 1) and Thursday, 23rd October (Year 2). Students will travel by bus to Rutherford Airport and then Maitland Railway Station, where they will catch a train to Newcastle. In Newcastle they will observe the harbour, eat lunch and play on the Foreshore playground equipment. They will then catch a ferry to Stockton. They will travel home from Stockton by bus. The cost is $18 per child. The departing time is 8.30am (children must be at school by 8.30 am to ensure they don’t miss the bus). The bus will arrive home before the 3.10 pm bell at the end of the day. Full school uniform including a hat will need to be worn. Students need to bring recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack or school bag.

Notes and payments are due back at school by Friday, 17 October 2014.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2, Term 4 2014
Mon 13/10/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee MacDonald
Fri 17/10/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Kathy Lamph, Leane Knox
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 4 2014
Mon 13/10/14 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy
Tues 14/10/14 Rebecca Hobbs, 1 more helper please
Wed 15/10/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald
Thurs 16/10/14 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss
Fri 17/10/14 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC
Tricks for encouraging kids to read
Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they’ve enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at http://bit.ly/HLPmB9

How much water does your child really need?
Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don’t feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child’s school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child’s age at http://bit.ly/ZjwUJo

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.

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A Day for Jacob

On Friday, 19th September the school held an out of uniform day to raise money for Jacob Moore. The school raised a total of $481.40.

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting will be held Wednesday, 15 October in the school library at 7 pm.

Update to School App

On some Android phones, the School App has not displayed the entire message when selecting “Messages” within the App. This has now been updated and Android users will need to update their Singleton Public School App.

Updates can be done by:

- In the Google Play app, search for Singleton Public School.
- Select the app and then press on update.
- Once the update has downloaded open the app and the messages will be able to be read in full.

Active After School Sports

Active After School Sports for Term 4 commences on Monday 13th October and will conclude on Thursday 27th November.

Intensive Swimming Program

All children in Year 2 and selected children in Year 3-6 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 6 and 7 of this term (Monday 10th November until 21st November 2014). This will occur every school day during these two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 children. We believe that every child should be able to swim at least 25 metres with correct breathing. An intensive swimming program is of vital importance for all children because of our Australian lifestyle and it allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be $75.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes back to school before Friday, 24 October 2014. Permission notes have been sent home. Please note: Sessions times are at 1.15 - 2.00 pm and 2.00 - 2.45 pm.

There are still spaces for students in Years 3-6 but names are taken on a “first in” basis.

Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion

Final payments for the Year 5 Aussie Bush excursion are due by Friday, 31 October 2014. The excursion will take place from Tuesday, 18 November to Friday, 21 November.

Statement of Accounts

Coming home in the next week are the family invoices for outstanding payments such as voluntary School Contributions, voluntary P&C Levy, excursions, intensive swimming, etc. When you receive your account, please note the date that it is printed and disregard the account if you have made a payment on or after this date.
Maitland Grossmann High School Sports Day

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Singleton Netball Association
are hosting a

Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

At
Singleton Diggers Club
York St, Singleton

Tuesday November 4th 2014 11.30am

Come and enjoy a glass of champagne on arrival,
Canapés, lunch & Sweet treats
Blind Wine Tasting competition, raffles, sweeps,
Fashions in the field
And of course all the Cup action on the big screen!

Tables of 8 - $350 (early bird before Oct 15th)
or $30 per ticket - available at Singleton Diggers
ARE YOU A BAND, SOLOIST OR OTHER MUSIC ACT WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD?

Mount Kemery School's AMPLIFIED is back again this year on Saturday 1 November 2014. This year there will be a separate primary & secondary category.

INTERESTED? HOW DO I ENTER?

- For primary you must be aged 6-12, secondary is from year 7 to year 12, but no older than 19 years.
- Submit your online audition (1 item) by email to: mountkemery乐队@gmail.com or send CD to 793 Hinton Road Gosford (it can be your own work or a cover of someone else). Auditions close Friday 10 October 2014.
- 4 finalists from each category will be chosen to perform live on 1st November between 6-8pm at Mount Kemery School’s Ampitheatre being held on the school grounds. You will be notified by Monday 20th October if you are successful as a finalist.
- The winning act for each category will receive $500 (1st prize - $150, 2nd prize - $75)

If you would like more details, please contact Juliet on 0424 648215

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Tuesday 21st October 2014
6.30pm - 7.30pm @ Singleton McDonald’s

10% of Sales from Front Counter, McCafe & Drive Thru will be donated to Team Singleton for the Lake Macquarie International Children’s Games.

Fun for the whole family!
Face Painting, Colouring in, Play Land

**AN INVITATION TO CARERS**

Do you provide care and support to another person? You are invited to Carer Connections Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: Kim Boettcher, The Aged care Rights Service


Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Dark Street, East Maitland

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Cost: Free - includes Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 29 October 2014

RSVP: Friday 24 October 2014

**2nd Muswellbrook Scout Group and Bricks at the Bay present**

**UPPER HUNTER BRICK SHOW**

A LEGO FAN EVENT

**SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2014 9AM TO 2PM**

MUSWELLBROOK SCOUT HALL
80 FORD STREET, MUSWELLBROOK

LEGOS DISPLAYS
LEGO FOR SALE
FREE BUILD AREA
DISPLAYS BY BRICKS AT THE BAY AND MEMBERS OF RAINBOW LUG AND SYDNEY LUG

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

ENTRY $4 EACH OR $10 PER FAMILY

Free Parking available in Ford Street and Aberdeen Street
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3 Week 10 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

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#### Singleton Stars

- **Early Stage 1** - Sophie
- **Stage 1** - Ella
- **Stage 2** - Clayton
- **Stage 3** - Bridget

#### Super Citizens

- KM Jack 3P Coen
- 1DL Daniel 5E Louis
- 2P Shelby 6M Anika
Our School Fete

I loved the fairy floss stall and the treasure stall and the lucky dip.

At the fete I won a lucky dip and drank apple juice.

At the school fete I liked the jumping castle and the fruit and veges stall.
**Parent Surveys - 2014**

1. The school’s current aim is to improve the quality of learning and teaching?

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3. The school is always looking for ways to improve what it does?

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4. The school provides a stimulating and engaging environment for my child?

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5. I feel as though I can talk to my child’s teacher about his/her progress?

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6. The school provides helpful information about my child’s progress?

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(Fill in this section for your name to go in the draw to win a dinner for two at the Imperial Hotel to the value of $60.)

Name: ___________________________  Child’s Class: _______________
7. What do you believe the school’s strengths are:
   
   
   
   
   
8. What do you believe the school’s weaknesses are:
   
   
   
   
   
9. What ways can Singleton Public School improve for the future?
   
   
   
   
   
Please return the form to the school by **Friday 17th October** for your chance to be in the draw to win a dinner at the Imperial Hotel to the value of $60.

Thank you for contributing in our survey and toward a stronger partnership for the future at Singleton Public School!