“Akuna Matata – what a wonderful phrase!” And what a fantastic excursion last Wednesday when two coachloads of students, staff and parents travelled to the Capitol Theatre in Sydney to see the production of ‘The Lion King’. I was very proud of the behaviour and involvement of all students and I would like to extend my gratitude to the staff and parents that came along to support our students. This was an amazing opportunity for our students as I am sure many of them would not have previously seen a show of this magnitude and professionalism. Special thanks to Mrs Merrick for her organisation, having set the wheels in motion mid-way through last year.

Next week, teachers will be meeting with parents to discuss the progress of students and develop plans for the remainder of 2014. Our school values the input of all parents as teaching children is a joint venture between school and home – only by working together can we maximise the learning opportunities for our students. If you have forgotten to return your interview request sheet please get it in ASAP as some classes will be commencing on Monday 31st.

Congratulations to the many students in Kindergarten that have achieved 25 home readers already this year. It is vitally important that all parents make the time to read with their children, especially the young ones, to ensure good habits and the joy of reading can be fostered. Our school has many fantastic reading resources through our participation in the “Dad’s Home Reading” scheme in past years.

I believe that our P&C association is still searching for a suitable volunteer (or volunteers) to act in the capacity of Uniform Shop Coordinator(s). Please contact the school if you are interested in assisting or simply would like a bit of extra information regarding the role. Alternatively you may like to come along to the general P&C meeting that will be held in the school library on Wednesday 2nd April.

Hoping the rain lingers a bit longer in the area!

David Crowe
Principal

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This week’s assembly will be hosted by 5E at the starting of 12.45pm.
Zone Soccer Report

On Friday 14th March seven students from our school went to the Zone Soccer Trials at Muswellbrook. Students from all around the Upper Hunter were present on the day and competing for limited spots in the Upper Hunter Team.

From our school the following students attended the trials:
Kye, Cameron, Braedon, Mick, Cambell, Keelie and Sophie.

A big congratulations to all students for your great behaviour on the day.

From these trials our school had three students make it through to the next stage. Congratulations to Mick, Braedon and Keelie who all made it through.

Joel Andrews
Sports Co-ordinator

Boys Education Program

A special invitation was given to fourteen boys from Year 5 and 6 who have kicked off our Boys Education program. The boys first project is to build a "Billy Cart" for the Gresford Billy Cart Derby on the Easter Long Weekend. Our dads have made a special effort to help out the gentlemen with the project. The boys and dads meet every Thursday afternoon to work on their Billy Carts.

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Tennis

Congratulations to Ethan who competed at the Hunter Region Tennis Trials in Newcastle. Ethan played extremely well finishing fourth on his card out of seven boys. Ethan qualified through to the quarter finals but came up against some stiff opposition. Ethan is an exciting prospect and has huge ability considering he is only in Year 4. The school is very proud of your efforts.

The Lion King

On Wednesday, 19th March, students from Singleton Public School went down to Sydney to go to the fabulous ‘Lion King’ at the Capitol Theatre. Children from Year 3 all the way up to Year 6, 20 parents and some lucky teachers went to see this fabulous performance.

On the bus trip down to Sydney everybody couldn’t wait to get there. I didn’t know what to expect, all I knew was it was going to be a spectacular performance. I was sitting next to Claire Lamph on the bus trip down she was just as excited as I was. We could not wait to get to the theatre. We stopped at a rest area went to the toilet and had a drink of water. Then we got back on to the road. Once we reached Sydney we stopped at the Botanical Gardens to have lunch. To get to the Botanical Gardens we went over the Sydney Harbour Bridge which was great. After we had eaten our lunch, we headed for the theatre. Yippee!!!

We reached the theatre and entered the door to our seats. Everyone got a fright when you heard a voice but it wasn’t the show starting, it was someone saying to turn your mobile phones off. All of a sudden the curtains lifted up. My eyes turned straight to the stage and never ever left it. The colours of the stage settings, the costumes and everything else.

It was such an amazing experience! If you are one of those people who don’t like theatre that much I promise you, after you watch it you will. So if you didn’t get to go, try and get some tickets, you won’t forget it. Well I know I won’t forget it ever!

Tess
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10 Term 1 2014
Mon 31/3/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Carmen-Lee Williams
Fri 4/4/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Robyn Skinner
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 10, Term 1 2014
Mon 31/3/14 Lynda Damstra, Kellie Della-Ca
Tues 1/4/14 Angela Johnston, Janine Justen
Wed 2/4/14 Pam Dicks, Di Cooke
Thurs 3/4/14 Deb Boston, 1 more helper please
Fri 4/4/14 Natalie Moore, Heidi Moore, 1 more helper please
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC

Homework for little kids
Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.

Helping your child to become a good speller
What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

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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**After School Sports**

A reminder that this Thursday, 27th March is the **last day for After School Sports for Term 1, 2014.**

**ANZAC Day March**

Marchers from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March to be conducted on Friday, 25th April down the main street of Singleton. This is a great tradition in which we can demonstrate our pride and respect to an important sector of our community. Students will need to be in full school uniform. Staff will be on-site to organise and march with our students.

All students are to meet at the Bailey’s Union Park, John Street at 10.15 am and be ready to march at 10.30 am. The march will conclude at the Civic Centre where the official Anzac Service will be held on “The Civic Green” at 11.00 am. Students can be collected after they have marched and before the Service commences. It will be up to parents if they wish their child to participate in the service.

When: Friday 25th April.
Where: All students (K-6) meet at Bailey’s Union Park, John Street.
Wearing: Full school uniform
Time: Arrive at by 10.15 am ready to march at 10.30 am

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/teacher interview notes have been sent home with students. Below is a copy of the timetable. Please return your note to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 26th March. If you do not have a copy of the note you can find one on the school’s website. All interviews will be conducted in the school library. Please note 2P interviews will be held on Mrs Price’s return from leave.

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Please note Mrs Price (2P) is on leave and will conduct interviews on her return.

**Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion**

The major excursion for Year 3 in 2014 is a 2-day (over-night) trip to Active Education in Morisset. The excursion is proposed for Monday, 11th August to Tuesday, 12th August. The excursion supports and enhances our study of PD/PE/Health, as well as significantly contributing to the children’s social development and self confidence.

To secure a place, students are required to pay a deposit of $50.00, which must be paid by **12:30pm on Wednesday 26th March.** If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending.

**Lost Property**

The school has a lost property box located in the area outside of the Uniform Shop. If your child has lost any belongings such as jumpers, jackets, etc please check this box as there is a large amount of items in there.

**Harmony Day Celebration 2014**

On Wednesday, 2nd April the school will be celebrating Harmony Day. For a gold coin donation that will go to the Red Cross, students may wear either traditional dress from another country or an orange or red top. Children will participate in activities throughout the day. For more information see the advert later in this newsletter.
Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that Uniform Shop now has a shortage of most sizes in the polo shirts. The P&C apologises for the inconvenience and will inform you via the newsletter when the uniform shop have received more. It should be at the end of Term 1 or start of Term 2.

Canteen News

All Aroona drinks have been discontinued. As a replacement the canteen have a lemon flavoured “Quench” which is available for $1.80. At this point we are having trouble finding gluten free pies as Patties have discontinued there gluten free range. The gluten free nuggets are still available. We will advise when more gluten free products come available.

Military Museum

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 7 April, Tuesday, 8 April and Wednesday, 9 April. This is the last week of Term 1.

The cost of the excursion is $6.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and money by 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 2nd April in readiness for this excursion.

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Support Unit students will be travelling with their appropriate grade.

Each grade looks at, and learns about, different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.

If you have paid Supercover there is no need to return the permission note or to make payment. This excursion is covered by Supercover.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Speaking in a friendly, polite manner and respectful interaction with visitors!

Many adults are aware that first impressions are very important and quite often what we say when we meet new people can often influence their views of us. For many children the subtleties of communication can be difficult to understand especially such things as facial expressions, body language and tone.

As parents and adults we need to model appropriate behaviours for our children. It is amazing listening to our youngest students play schools …so many times common phrases used by teachers are readily replicated during play sessions. Our youngsters are sponges, absorbing the phrases and manners which we model each and every day.

Encourage your children to speak clearly when interacting with people and to look at them so that people can see their lips. It is amazing how many cues people pick up by watching the lips of people speaking.

Canberra Excursion

The Year 6 Canberra excursion if fast approaching. Full payment is required at the office by Friday 11 April (last day of Term 1). Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding payments. Instalments can still be made up until the 11 April.

Zone Cross Country

Good luck to the participants competing in the Zone Cross Country on Friday.

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

On Thursday, 10 April the school will be having an Easter Hat Parade under the COLA. Parents and students are welcome to create their own hats or some classes may even make their own. More information will be included in newsletters in the coming weeks.
The Enrichment Class program at Singleton High School is a Stage 4 program. This class is designed to provide a unique opportunity for Gifted and Talented Students to achieve their potential in an environment where acceleration and working at an individual pace is encouraged and nurtured.

A timeline for the selection process in 2014 is outlined below:

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If you have any further questions or need clarification on any issue please do not hesitate to contact Leanne Mullen at Singleton High School on 65 711199 or by email at leanne.mullen@det.nsw.edu.au.

**Age Champions Cross Country**

Congratulations to the Cross Country age champions who received their medallions at the assembly on Friday:

**8/9 Year**
Lucy Brock

**10 Year**
Lexie Ryan

**11 Year**
Jules Campbell

**12/13 Year**
Tess Will

The champion house was Lawson. The House Captains Tess and Will received the champion house shield.

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Lion King Excursion

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Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

Active kids are healthy kids

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Friday 23 May 2014

singleton Roosters
Australian Football Club
(AFL)
Rose Point Park, Singleton
2014 Season

Registrations are still being taken for the 2014 season in ALL grades - Rose Point Park, Thursdays from 4:30
Training for ALL teams, except AUSKICK, take place on Thursdays from 4:30
NAB Auskick - Commencing Thursday 3rd April
An introductory program aimed at 5 to 8 year old helping them to develop the skills and game play. Auskick operates on a Thursday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm
Youth Grade Teams – Under 9, Under 11, Under13, Under15, Under 17 – Teams train on a Thursday night from 4:30. Games are played on Sundays with most grades playing at the same venue.
Youth Girls – this season sees the launch of a Girls only competition, open to girls aged 12 to 15 Years. Girls will play a reduced season of 10 weeks, with modified rules and a girls only playing strip. Girls will play on Sundays.

For further information please contact – Jason 0448740531

FREE MOVIE & FREE FOOD!!!

ARE YOU AGED 13 – 15 YEARS?
Do you help look after a Family Member or Friend who has a disability, mental illness or chronic condition?
Then... Chill Out at the Movies
“Captain America: The Winter Soldier”
Meet New Friends
Enjoy Hot Finger Food
Feel Supported
Gather Information

WHERE: Event Cinemas, Stockland Drive,
Stockland Gyper Centre, Glendale
WHEN: Saturday 5th April 2014
TIME: 12.00pm In foyer For Lunch
COST: FREE – Includes Movie & Hot Finger Food
RSVP: ESSENTIAL – Monday 3rd March 2014
Email: Educare-Admin@nnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 9921 9890 or Text: 0407 938 572

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Help us to celebrate
Harmony Day
by dressing in a traditional dress from another country, the colour orange or red.
A gold coin donation will be collected to raise money for the Red Cross who help people and communities worldwide!

Wednesday 2nd of April
2014
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 8, 2014

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

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