Tonight our P&C will be conducting their regular monthly meeting, I hope that some new parents will be able to find the time to come along and contribute to this great forum. The meeting commences at 7 pm in our Library. Students are welcome to come along and use the computers in the lab if required.

High on the agenda list for the P&C will be the organisation of the school fete. This is our school’s main fund raiser for the year and as the saying goes; “Many hands make light work”. We need the assistance of many parents and carers to ensure that this day is a success. You do not need to have experience in organising or running events to help with the fete. The more help we have the more activities we have available for our students, staff and community.

The crossing at Elizabeth Street continues to be a risky situation primarily due to the actions of adults in our community. In the past two weeks I have witnessed people crossing the street diagonally about 5 metres from the crossing whilst carrying a toddler and holding the hand of one of our younger students; students being called over to the opposite side of the street to waiting cars therefore encouraging the children to not use the crossing; and drivers stopping either close to or on the crossing to drop off children at the gate in the morning.

In each and every case above the ‘Children Crossing’ flags were prominently displayed yet the adults choose to ignore these signs. The highest percentages of our children are capable of walking more than 20 metres to enter school. They can be dropped off further away from the gate and can walk safely to waiting vehicles or into our grounds. For the safety of your own children I implore all parents to think and act safely every morning and afternoon.

David Crowe
Principal

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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 traveling. The Office can be contacted on 6571 2250.

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**Calendar of Events**

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This week’s assembly is hosted by 3P at the starting time of 12.45 pm.
Student Health - PLEASE READ

There is a child from a family in our school community that is currently undergoing chemotherapy. The school would like to remind parents and carers that we ask that families report any contagious illnesses to the office - especially any instances of Chicken Pox.

Could the families in 3/4S be particularly vigilant with keeping any sick children at home and advising the school of any contagious illnesses suffered by students (including vomiting or diarrhea).

It is Singleton Public School’s usual policy that parents/carers advise the school if their child suffers with infectious diseases including but not limited to: chicken pox and shingles, mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), meningococcal and whooping cough (pertussis).

Wombat Stew Excursion

K-2 students have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle to watch a performance of ‘Wombat Stew’ on Thursday, 31 July. Details are on the permission note sent home with last week’s newsletter. The permission note is also available on the school’s website. As there are limited spaces available, it is on a ‘first in, best served’ basis. Envelopes and money are to be handed in to class teachers ($30.00). Credit card slips are featured on Page 3 of this newsletter should you wish to use this payment method.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held on Tuesday, 17th June at Alroy Oval. Both track and field events will take place on the day. Students need to assemble under the COLA at 9.00 am with their class teacher (Students on late arriving buses will join their classes on arrival). We will leave school at 9.10 am, ready to start at 9.40 am sharp.

This Athletics Carnival is for all children in Years 2-6.

All children will travel to and from Alroy Oval by bus and the cost will be $2.50. All children must come to school, have their name marked off the roll and then travel on the bus to Alroy Oval at the allotted time. At the end of the day children may go home with parents after the carnival however the children’s names MUST be marked off the roll by their class teacher. Children should wear suitable sport clothes in their house colours (Gordon - yellow, Kendall - red, Lawson - blue or Paterson - green), school hat and sunscreen.

The support and help of parents and family on the day is essential to running a quality carnival. Once again we are in need of helpers to help make the day enjoyable for all. If you are able to help at the Carnival could you please fill in the parent help section of the permission note and return it to school. Please have the permission note and money returned to school Friday, 13th June. If the bus money is not paid by this date, the students will remain at school and be supervised by available staff. Notes were sent home last week and are also available on the school’s website.

As this carnival is for children in Years 2 to 6, all K-1 children will stay at school and have normal classes. All Year 2 to 6 teachers will be supervising at the carnival.

The High Jump events will take place at school during sport times

Parents and spectators are most welcome. Come along and support our students!

Canteen

(Please advise Nicole in the canteen if you are able to provide assistance on the day of the carnival)

This year students and spectators will be able to pre-order their lunch for the carnival. Note that lunches will only be available by pre-order and will not be sold on the day. An order form will be handed out to students. Orders will need to be handed into the canteen by Thursday, 12th June. Any orders after this date will not be accepted. Students will need to write their name, house and age group on the order. On the day there will be hot and cold drinks available for purchase and some foods (no hot foods/meals will be available on the day-hot food must be pre-ordered).

Year 1 Excursion

On Wednesday, 18th June Year 1 students will have the opportunity to participate in a History excursion to Wollombi as a conclusion to their unit of work on “Past and Present Family Life”. Students will travel by bus. They will visit the museum, Wollombi General Store, St Michael’s Church and walk around the old buildings in the centre of town. Year 1 will also visit the historic Wollombi Public School for lunch, afterwards visiting Wollombi Cemetery with the students from the school. The cost of the excursion is $14.00. The bus will depart at 9 am (children must be at school at 8.40 to ensure they don’t miss the bus) and will arrive at the school before the 3.10 pm bell at the end of the day. Students will need to be in full school uniform including a hat and jumper as well as bring recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack or school bag. Staff members with emergency care training will be attending the excursion. Accompanying staff will be Mrs Alaban, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Dibley, Mrs Leighton and Mrs Taylor.

Permission notes have been sent home with students or can be found on the school website.
Information from the DEC

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

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 $....................... 

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Knights Knockout

The school rugby league team travelled to Windale on the 20th May to compete against schools from all over the Hunter in the annual Knights Knockout.

During the day we played six games. The team performed really well, winning two of these games and drawing one. Unfortunately we missed making the finals after losing our last game.

I’d like to thank the players for their cooperation, effort and sportsmanship on the day. They were well behaved and represented their school admirably.

A big thank you must go to Dylan Grant who assisted in the coaching and training of the boys throughout the term. His assistance and guidance was invaluable.

Thanks as well to the parents and grandparents who helped with transportation, supervision and fruit etc as well as the washing of jumpers under tight time restrictions!

Cathy Black
League Co-ordinator

Year 5 Aussie Bush

Our major excursion for Year 5 is to “The Great Aussie Bush Camp” at Tea Gardens for 4 days from Tuesday, 18 November to Friday, 21 November, 2014 (Week 7, Term 4).

The aim of this excursion is to provide a successful and rewarding camping experience in a bush setting. We also hope to encourage independence and mutual co-operation. The camping activities are led and conducted by qualified instructors. A list of requirements for camp and the permission note has been sent home.

The cost of the excursion is $300 for students and $320 for accompanying parents. This includes bus fare, accommodation and all meals.

A $50 deposit must be paid to the school office by Thursday, 26 June for all students. If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending. Balance of all money must be paid by Friday, 31 October 2014 for students and parents. You can start paying by instalments now.

Refunds will only be given in extenuating circumstances.

We have a limited number of places available for parents who are interested in accompanying us. If you are interested, please complete the return slip on the note and return by Thursday 26 June. This will allow time for us to perform a ballot and advise the parents selected.

Attendance on excursions will be based on students’ demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school’s Welfare and Discipline Policies.

Please contact Mrs Kerrie Burns in the school office if you would like to apply for any financial assistance. All enquiries are confidential.

PSSA Tennis Knockout

Our school tennis team played an outstanding match against a strong Forster PS team last Thursday. The match was extremely even right through the tie. It came down to the mixed doubles where again we split the two sets. The final score was 4 sets all 30 games to 28 games to Forster PS. The team comprised of Ethan, Braedon, Tess, Sophie and Darcie. Thanks to our two ball boys Campbell and Jack . Thanks to all of the parents who have provided transport to our matches and training sessions. It has been much appreciated!

PSSA Touch Knockout

Good luck to our girls touch team who take on Muswellbrook PS in the first round of the knockout competition next Tuesday in Muswellbrook. Training is on this Friday at lunch.

Life Education Van Supporters - Thank You

Thank you to Coal and Allied and Singleton Bowling Club for supporting our upcoming visit with Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education team. Life Education supports us in teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that last a lifetime.

Head Lice

There have been a few reported cases of head lice in the school. We ask that all parents check their children’s hair regularly and if you suspect anything please see your local pharmacist for advice on the correct treatment.
Visitors to School

The safety of our students is of paramount importance. Therefore all members of staff wear an identifying badge and all visitors to the school must sign in and wear a visitor’s label. This must be done at either the school office, canteen or the classroom if working as a classroom volunteer and also includes parents dropping off children late to school who are going into the school to drop them off to class, collecting children early for appointments, etc. A Working with Children Check Declaration must also be completed and submitted to the school office. The declarations are available at the school office.

P & C News

The next meeting of the Singleton Public P&C will be held on:

Wednesday 4th June 2014
at 7pm
in the School Library

All parents and carers are welcome to attend and participate in the P&C meetings. Please consider coming along to find out more about our wonderful school and how we can all help to make our children’s education even better. Ideas on how we can make further improvements to our school are always most welcome.

Topics to be discussed include Fete Committee and 2014 projects and allocation of funds.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Following teacher directions in both the classroom and the playground at all times

This is a behaviour that is often easier said than done! We would hope that our children are listening and following all reasonable directions from all adults that they should obey. As adults we also need to teach our children how to politely refuse directions that they believe are not appropriate.

An example of this may be refusing to open the front door of your house to accept a letter or package from a stranger!

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015 Open

Is it time for your child to commence their school education? Our books are now open to take names of all siblings and family members for Kindergarten 2015. If you would like to start your child at school next year please do not hesitate to contact the school to record your interest.

Lost Property

A silver bracelet with charms has been found in the playground.

Two Nintendo DS games were found in the pocket of a second hand jacket in Uniform Shop. If you are missing them, please contact the office with the name of the games.

A pair of glasses have been found in the current 3P classroom that may have been left there from last year (3DE). They are black with quite thick lenses and are currently in the office.

There has also been a dental plate handed in which is available in the school office.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 4 of the Scholastic Bookclub was sent home last week. Orders are due back at school on Tuesday, 10 June 2014. Should you wish to make an order, please complete all of the details on the order form on the last page of the brochure and return to school with payment in an envelope or zip-lock bag. You can send cash, a cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia or alternatively pay by credit card direct to Scholastic using the instruction below.

Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??

If you would like to pay for your Scholastic Book club orders by credit card please note the following steps to take:

- To make credit card payments faster and more secure you must either pay Scholastic direct by phoning Freecall 1800 557 908 or;
- A receipt number will then be provided, which needs to be recorded on the bottom of the order coupon and returned to the school office as normal;
- The school then sends that receipt/coupon to Scholastic so they can marry up your order with the payment.
Chooks for School - New Additions

On May 3, three new additions arrived for the Bailey Henhouse at Mrs Scoles' home. Thanks to the grandmother of Zoe (KS) and Chelsea (1A) Mrs Scoles was able to hatch three chicks for our school. When they were two weeks old, they came to school for a visit. The chicks were loved by all who saw them. Until they are old enough to live at school with the other hens, they are holidaying at Mrs Scoles' mum and dad. They are growing big and strong and cannot wait to return to stay.

KS Craft Stall

With winter now here and less time spent outdoors, it’s that time of year to busy those fingers and tap into those creative juices. Yes! Mrs Scoles is asking for craft items for her stall at this year’s fete. All donations are gratefully accepted from now on. Please leave them at her class.

Owl Visit

2B are pictured observing an owl that has taken up residence in the Bottle Brush tree outside the Parsonage entrance to the school. It made a very interesting topic for many classes last week.

PSSA Rugby League

On Friday, 23 May a group of Year 5 and 6 boys - Wairua, Brandon, Braedon, Jeremy, Kye, Lachlan, Riley, Mackenzie, Campbell, Bailey, Isaac, Cody, Thomas, Will, Patrick, Ben and myself, Mick - went down to Cook Park to play Singleton Heights in a Rugby League game.

Unfortunately we lost but the team played brilliantly with Patrick Duncan scoring once and Ben Couling scoring twice. We would like to thank Mr Russell for taking us down to the park, the parents for supporting us and especially we would like to thank our coaches Mrs Black and Dylan Grant for all their hard efforts.

Mick Taylor

2014 Fete Committee Members Required

The 2014 annual school fete will be held on Friday 5th September 2014. Fete committee members are required to assist in organising various areas of the fete. The Fete Committee with assistance from staff organise the stalls, rides, wrist bands, food, demonstration visits e.g. army, fire service, emergency services etc. Members are required to assist with this organisation and to provide ideas so the fete is successful. Fete Committee meetings are held at the school usually during school hours but any assistance from individuals who cannot attend during school hours would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist please leave your contact details at the school office. Elaine Bunneweyer as the organising teacher will provide further details closer to the date.
Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

**Why must I send my child to school?**

Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:

1. in school or registered for home schooling, or
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

If Principals don't consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

**Must I send my child every day?**

**YES.** It is a condition of enrolment that you send your child to school every day.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Translated information about head lice and how to treat them can be found at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/headlice/infosheet.htm

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

**Why is regular attendance at school important?**

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.
Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

What should I do if our family is going on holiday in school time?

Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Families should try to arrange holidays during school vacations.

If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school.

Depending on the circumstances and how long the leave will be, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?

YES. Sport and other physical activities help to keep your children healthy. Children are expected to attend all regular school activities, including sport.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:
- birthdays
- shopping
- minding other children
- routine check ups or care such as hair cuts
- minor family events
- sleeping in.

Medical and other health appointments for your child should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:
- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absentee notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department’s website under the heading School Attendance (School Attendance) at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/index_s.htm

The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school.

The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?

Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child’s attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website address:


Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?
- won’t get out of bed
- won’t go to bed
- can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
- school lunches not ready
- slow to eat breakfast
- homework not done
- watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- test or presentation at school
- birthdays
- screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting / ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided where possible for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents and carers who use sign language. For more information on interpreter services contact your school or phone the Telephone Interpreter Service and have them contact the school. The telephone number to ring is 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in the required language and the interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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Registrations are now open for any boy aged 10-12yrs old to come along to be assessed and possibly be selected to join the QBE Sydney Swans Academy in 2015.

**QBE Sydney Swans Academy**

*Open Athlete Assessment Day*

**Where:** Lakeside Oval, Driver Ave, Moore Park

**Time:** The session will run from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on each date.

**Under 10 (born in 2004)**
*Wednesday, July 16, 2014*

**Under 11 (born in 2003)**
*Thursday, July 17, 2014*

**Under 12 (born in 2002)**
*Friday, July 18, 2014*

**Registrations:** Close Monday 7th July at 5pm
**Class work from 6D- Canberra**

We had an amazing excursion in Canberra and 6D would like to share some thoughts, memories and experiences.....

**DAY 4 IN CANBERRA**

Thursday 15th May 2014 at 7.00am, it was breakfast and I had cornflakes which was great. After breakfast we went up to the motel room to get our day pack. Then we got onto the bus to go to the Royal Australian Mint. The mint is a place where they make money. I had $3 so I made a commemorative coin. Next we went up to the 2nd floor and saw a robot that could lift up to one tonne. At 10.45am we went to the National Gallery of Australia. We looked at Ned Kelly paintings, they were great. At 12.00pm we had lunch. For lunch we had hot dogs, they were good. After we had our hot dogs we went to the zoo. At the zoo I got to feed the giraffe and Chelsea got to feed Jake the lloon. At 3.00pm we had our recess. After we went to Questacon Taleaha, Chelsea, Gracie, dad and I went down the 7 meter drop, it was so cool. Then at 7.30pm we got back on the bus and had dinner. For dinner we had chicken and chips. Then we went back to the motel to go to bed.

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**My Souvenirs**

- 2 coins from the Australian War Memorial
- 1 coin from the Australian Mint
- 1 slinky from the Museum of Australia
- 1 pen from the AIS
- 1 bracelet from the Museum of Australia
- 1 bookmark from the Australian War Memorial
- 1 lollypop from the Australian War Memorial
- 1 chocolate from the Museum of Australia
- 2 teddies from the Zoo and Aquarium
- 2 tubes of slime from Questacon

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Jessica