Huge Education Week!

Last week was a great success as we all combined to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Education Week in NSW Public Schools. As a school, we celebrated our achievements in so many different ways as well as opened our gates to our wider school community. I would like to publicly thank our great staff for their dedication and commitment to our school; they certainly go above and beyond in many ways and I sincerely appreciate their support.

Thank you also to all of the grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members that joined in our Grandparents’ Afternoon last Wednesday. It was a huge afternoon with so many happy faces and excited children. From dancing the ‘hokey-pokey’, to making rockets in Science, our school was a hive of activity. From the smiles on faces and feedback provided to staff the afternoon was a huge success.

Following directly from Grandparents’ Day, our school hosted the PowerFM Breakfast Show. This was a great morning with lots of fun games and give-aways. A number of our students were provided the opportunity to speak on the radio sharing information about community events, giving a weather forecast and even marital advice to international celebrities. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

It was also fantastic to host a visit from one of our past students Brent McLennan (Yr 6 – 2003). Brent has recently been offered a place at the London Conservatorium of Music to study the clarinet. This is a highly sought after position with only three positions on offer for approximately 900 applicants. A great achievement for a young man that picked up his instrument in Year 4 to play in the Singleton Public School band.

Year 3 Off to Morisset

Next Monday, the majority of Year 3 students will be heading off for an overnight excursion to the Morisset Adventure Camp with Mrs Hackett, Miss Parker, Mrs Cupitt and Mrs Smith. Hopefully the weather will be kind so that our campers can have two full days of fun and activity. This is a great camp; and for some, their first time away from home overnight.

All campers are reminded to ensure that they are at school under the COLA by 7.40 am ready to depart at 8.00 am sharp. Due to the distance to be travelled and the full range of programs booked our buses will be leaving on schedule. Please do not be late.

Parents are reminded to check the school app for details regarding arrival back at school on Tuesday afternoon. If there are any problems or delays these details will be posted on the app for your information.

David Crowe, Principal

Calendar of Events

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This week’s assembly is hosted by KL at the starting time of 12.45pm.
Girls’ PSSA Soccer
On Tuesday 29th July our Girls’ Soccer Team played against Muswellbrook Public School in their 3rd Round PSSA match. Our team got off to a great start with Sophie scoring within the first 5 minutes. Our defence was strong again and Muswellbrook struggled to get past our amazing defenders. We scored twice more thanks to goals from Sophie and Tess giving our girls a great 3-0 win. We now play Bolwarra in our 4th Round match.
Well done on a great game.
Joel Andrews
Soccer Coach

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Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday. Our students showed great sportsmanship and could be heard singing and cheering all the way from the recorder’s desk. The students’ behaviour and manners were excellent to all staff and competitors. Mrs Merrick, Mr Russell and I were very proud to see our students demonstrating our schools values.
Well done to all students on a great day.
Joel Andrews
Sports Co-ordinator

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Administering Medication at School
If your child is required to have medication during school times, there is a form that needs to be completed by the parent and a copy of the script label on the bottle or box also needs to be photocopied by the office. This then allows staff at the school to administer the medicine on your behalf. Without this form school staff will not be able to give your child any medication. You can also find a copy of this form on our website.

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 6th August
The next meeting of the Singleton PS P&C will be held this Wednesday, 6th August at 7 pm in the school library.
Items to be discussed will include the fete organisation and working bee.
Please come along, all ideas are most welcome.

General Permission to Publish
Due to a change in the Department of Education and Communities enrolment form, the school is seeking permission from parents/carers to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish photographs of your child or to inform the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service. A permission to take photos at school was in your child’s original enrolment application but this is a broader permission.
This permission note was sent home last week. Please sign and return to school as soon as possible so we can update your child’s enrolment details.

Education Week Awards
Congratulations to Ms Keulemans, Mrs Burns, Mrs Fallding, Mrs Clancy, Zaynab, Callum and Miss Moon who all received an award at the Education Week assembly last Tuesday night.

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Information from the DEC

Here are some simple tips to encourage your child to become a strong reader and a book lover for the rest of their lives.

Share a book at home

Children love to hear a story read aloud. Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice and vary its loudness or softness. Have fun and enjoy it.

It's a good idea to practise reading before sharing a book. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures. Try asking your child which parts of the books they found exciting, funny or different.

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: ....................

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**Education Week Assembly**

Thank you Brent McLennan for helping to celebrate Education Week by performing at last week’s assembly. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it.

*Photos removed for internet publishing.*

**Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion**

The Year 3 Outdoor Experience Excursion bus will leave at 8 am sharp from Elizabeth Street gates on Monday, 11 August (please arrive at 7.40 am). The bus will be returning the following day Tuesday, 12 August at between approximately 3.30 - 4.00 pm. Please check the school’s new App on the day which will be updated with approximate return times.

**Illness at School**

We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school ‘under the weather’. Common symptoms include high temperatures, lethargy, and headaches. In addition, a number of children have developed quite bad ear-aches. If your child is ill please keep them at home so that others do not become sick. With 20 – 30 children in one room, illnesses can be transmitted very easily.

Please also be aware that the school has received a reported case of Scarlet Fever. The following information is from the NSW Health Website:-

- **Time from exposure to illness:** 1 to 3 days.
- **Symptoms:** Sudden onset sore throat, high fever and vomiting, followed by a rash in 12 to 36 hours.
- **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, until at least 24 hours of treatment has begun and the child is feeling better.
- **How can I prevent spread?** Careful hand washing. Sick contacts should see their doctor.

**Canteen News**

Last week was a busy week with all the different special events that occurred. On Friday our school hosted the Zone Athletics Carnival at Alroy Oval. During the event we opened the canteen and offered a BBQ. All the money raised on the day (which was a profit of just over $2,000) will go to the P&C to donate back to the school.

It was extremely busy and I couldn't have done it without some of our awesome volunteers and my Aunt Dot as a ring in! These ladies and gents are always ready to lend a hand and I am very fortunate to have such an awesome band of volunteers. A special thanks goes to:

- For helping on the day: Mandy, Carmen, Renee, Gordon, Marie, James, Penny and Dorothy;
- For the preparation of food on Thursday: Mary, Liz, Sharon;
- For helping me set up the canteen at Alroy on the Thursday: My children Zoe and Aaron, and Mr Russell carting the BBQs up to Alroy Oval;
- For manning the canteen at school on Friday: Kim, Paula, Genna.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Now we are in the process of organising the Fete on the 5th of September. Another busy day and fundraiser for our school! If you are interested in helping on the day, please contact Nicole in the canteen using the slip below. Your help is very much appreciated.

A final thank you again to Kim Carter for all her work and countless hours throughout the year - you rock!

Nicole
Canteen Co-ordinator

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**Canteen Volunteer for the Fete - 5th September 2014 (return to Nicole in canteen)**

Name: ____________________ Phone:_______________________

Please Circle your availability

Set up & Prep 9am-10am Serve 10am-11am Serve 11am-12pm

Serve 12pm-1pm Serve 1pm-2pm Tidy up 2pm-3pm

We need about 4 Volunteers per time slot!
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. Limited positions available—don’t miss out.

P &C Points of Interest

HELP – our P&C is currently in the planning phase of our annual school fete and your assistance would be welcomed. Do you have any talents, skills, or even time to assist with the conduct of a great school community day? We would love to hear from people with busking skills, talents as a face-painter, or willingness to whip together some candy-floss. Every bit of support contributes to a successful day. If you can assist please forward your details to Mrs Bunnemeyer through our School Office.

Major Art

We are still searching for bright, colourful tiles and pure white tiles to assist with our major mosaic work. Bags and boxes of tiles can be placed on the verandah at the back of the staffroom. Milk bottles can be delivered direct to your child’s classroom.

Additionally, if you have any skills or experience in mosaic work your assistance would be gratefully received by the school. Please let your child’s teacher know if you can assist in any way.

SCHOOL FETE NEWS

Singleton Public School Fete is on Friday 5th September 2014, and this year’s Theme is called "MAKE BELIEVE".

There is no need to buy new costumes. Be creative and find something in your cupboards or wear costumes that you already own. Here are some suggestions - Fairies, Witches, Butterflies, Lady Beetles, Warlocks, Magicians, Iron Man, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles etc.

However, please take note, do not to wear costumes with obtrusive objects as it could poke into your child or another child while they are playing on the rides. For example, make fairy wings that can be easily removed, before going on the rides.

Volunteers Wanted!!

If parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents, guardians or any other family members that are free on the day and can spare an hour or two on the stalls, please let your class teachers know.

Just a reminder to kindergarten parents that staff will be busy running their Cake and Craft stalls in the morning (first 1 ½ - 2 hours from 10:00am) and that there will be minimal supervision.

The Fete Committee is currently busy planning our big day, if you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know through the school office.

Elaine Bunnemeyer
School staff - Fete Committee Member

Dog tag Orders for Fete

As a fundraiser for this year’s fete students will have the opportunity to place an order for Dog Tags. Students can choose the colour of tags and the design to be created on them. The tags also come on an adjustable ball chain. The tags are priced at $8.00 each. Order forms will be sent home this week.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PAYMENTS ARE CASH ONLY, AND ARE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE SEPARATE TO ANY SCHOOL PAYMENTS. ONE ORDER FORM PER CHILD PLEASE.

Thank you to Jo Garland for your support and organisation of this fundraiser.

Second Hand Soft Toy Fete Stall 3H

Once again 3H are running a second hand soft toy stall. We are looking for the donation of soft toys of all sizes, shapes and styles to sell to new loving owners at the school fete on Friday 5th September. Donations can be left at the office where 3H class members will collect them or placed in the large box outside 3H classroom.

Over the years this has been a popular stall with many children enjoying obtaining a new soft toy friend to take home. We have been fortunate previously to gain hundreds of soft toys and hope to continue this. We look forward to all donations.
Trash and Treasure Stall 3/4S

3/4S and Miss Sullivan are excited about running the trash and treasure stall for the school fete. We are looking for wonderful and exciting items, please no electrical we are not allowed to sell it at the fete. However books, dvds, cds, baskets, toys, stationary, and all other wonderful varieties of treasure are accepted. Donations can be left at the office for collection by 3/4S class members or delivered and left outside 3/4S classroom located in the double room building near the enter to learn gate.

Showbags and Lucky Dips

3H are running the Showbag and Lucky Dip stall as part of Show Alley. The showbags this year will be only available on the day and closer to the fete the types will be outlined.

Lucky Dips are always a fun novelty at the fete. Should you find you have party favour toys, Mcdonald toys or other small items eg stationary, kids jewellery that you no longer use or want these would be gladly accepted as donations.

2B Fete Stall

This year 2B will be holding the Bottle Stall.

Please start collecting glass jars and bottles and send them in filled with goodies. Some ideas are: small toys; jigsaw puzzles; ribbons, hair ties and clips; a mini sewing kit eg scissors, needles and cottons; rainbow playdough; bathroom needs such as cotton buds, cottonwool balls etc; small soaps; plastic bugs etc; stationary items eg pencils, erasers, post-its, paperclips etc; toy cars; marshmallows; chocolates.

Your contributions will be most appreciated.

Thanking you,
Cathy Black and 2B

1G Fete Stall

1G will be organising the lucky dip stall for the fete this year.

We would appreciate it if any small novelty items could be donated to sell on the day. These can be sent to school as soon as possible & we will make up the lucky dip bags here. Please indicate a time that you would be available to help & return the slip to your class teacher. Suggested items: pencils, rubbers, small toys, party favours, McDonalds toys (second hand is fine if clean), hairbands or elastics. All items will be gratefully received.

Debbie Grainger

Musicians, performers, dancers, singers - would you like to share your talent at the Fete?

The P&C would like to organise ‘busking spots’ at the Fete where you can perform and your audience can give you money in return! The only catch is that you will have to pass on this money to the school as part of the Fete fundraising!

Any standard of performance is fine (as long as you’ve practised!) It’s all about standing up and having a go. You can perform by yourself, with a friend, or grab a bigger group to play something. It can be short or long.

If you’re interested, please fill in the slip below and return to the office (via your teacher).

Questions? Call Jan Fallding, SPS P&C Band representative 6571 1348 or jfallding@bigpond.com

Busking at the school fete (return to school office)

I / we (circle) would like to have a go at Busking at the Fete.

Name(s) and Class(es)..........................................................................................................................................

What will you perform? (please write your instrument(s), or type of performance (eg singing, dancing, speaking). You don't need to give us the name of each piece just yet.

For Parents interested in helping to supervise the busking:

Your name........................................................................................................................................................

Contact details (preferably email and land line)

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Book Week 2014
This year we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 6. The Children’s Book Council of Australia theme is “Connect the Dots” and the Scholastic theme is “Catch the Reading Bug”. The celebrations will involve the events listed below.

Competitions
Whole school guessing competition – entry 50c or book donation for Fiji schools. Guess the number of book worms in the jar. Winner gets the jar and maybe a belly ache!

3-6 – Connect the Facts challenge – Students need to come up with facts and link them to each other. Based on the connected facts display. Winner gets $10 book voucher. Free entry.

K-2 and 3-6 competition closes Thursday of Week 5. Book Worm Guessing Competition to be announced at parade.

Parade
On the Tuesday 19th August students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character or something you would find in the garden. There will be a parade held under the COLA. More details will follow in next week’s newsletter. There will be one prize for each grade. The winner of the guessing competition will also receive their prize.

Book Fair
The Book Fair will be held on 19th August from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm in the library. Novelty items will also be available for purchase. In the week prior to the fair students will be invited to look at the books and complete a wish list during their library lesson. On the day of the fair classes will be given a time to come and purchase books. Payment methods will be EFTPOS and cash.

Town Library Visits
As part of book week class visits have been arranged to Singleton Town Library for each stage.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

PBL Post-It “Showing Consideration to Others”
Many of our students do this on a daily basis at school and in the wider community. Showing consideration can take many forms and can include simple gestures such as:

Opening a door for someone else to enter a room
Volunteering to help with a task
Helping an upset friend solve a problem
Sharing pencils and paints during art activities

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop would like to advise that all sizes of polo shirts are now back in stock.

Year 2 School Supplies
Could all parents/caregivers of Year 2 children please check their child’s pencil cases to ensure that they have enough supplies. This includes coloured and lead pencils, glue sticks, rulers, etc.

Garden Club
WANTED: Old boots, gumboots, teapots, metal strainers, pots and other things suitable for potting floral arrangements in for the fete. Please send to Miss Moon for Garden Club.

Don’t forget our produce is picked fresh each Friday and sold at the back of the hall before Assembly. Thanks to those who buy it. All funds raised go straight back into buying more seedlings. A never ending cycle that teaches children about where our food comes from and how “fresh is best”.

Miss Moon, Garden Club
The State Library visits Stage 2 at Singleton Public School

On Monday the 4th August the State Library came to present artefacts from Australia's history to the students in Years 3 and 4. They had many things to show us as well as activities to do. Here are some of them.

Captain Cook's Shoe Buckle

A photo of a chest with preserved birds in it

Then Captain Cook came to visit and we learnt about his journey.

Did you know he only went to school for 18 months but then spent 10 years learning how to sail and navigate a boat. There were no phones or GPS it was all done with hand held tools, the horizon and maths.

Everyone got into the dressups even Mr Andrews
Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council Photos

Sample photos of the 2014 School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council are now available to view at the school office. A personalised order sheet with further details have been sent home with the children who had their photos taken in these groups.

Should you wish to place an order, please complete the form sent home with your child from MSP Photography. Payment can be made with the order form with the correct cash, cheque to MSP Photography or the credit card slip on the order form placed in an envelope and sent to the school office. Payments can also be made online but please let the school know if you have placed an order. Payments and orders need to be placed by Friday, 28 August 2014.
2014 Fete Amusement Rides

Once again we will be having some fantastic Amusements rides at our fete. For $15 you can purchase an unlimited rides pass for the day (if order form is handed back before 29th August). This will get you unlimited access to The Maze, Vertical Bungee, Big Duel Land Slide, Obstacles run and knock down, Jumping Castle with Slide, Medium Jumping Castle.

That's 6 great rides with all day access for only $15. If you would like to pre order your ride pass for the special price of $15 please return the order form below by FRIDAY 29th AUGUST, in an envelope with the CORRECT MONEY. Unlimited ride passes can be purchased on Fete day for $20, individual ride tickets may also be purchased on the day.

If you have children in different classes please list each child on the form below separately as wristbands will be given out to each child in class the morning of the fete. Extra Wristbands can be ordered for siblings that do not attend SPS, these will be delivered to your oldest child’s class the morning of the fete.

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Power FM

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Grandparents Day

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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3 Week 3 2014

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**Super Citizens**

| KS | Tommy | 3/4S | Meghan |
| 1G | Lachlan | 5RV | Chloe |
| 2Z | Nathan | S.U | Tomeeka |
Hunter Connect Families Inc.
Hamilton Meeting - Generation City Church
85 Tudor Street Hamilton NSW
(Entry Via Murray Street, Hamilton)
From 7pm
August 6th, 2014

Don’t miss this opportunity for an insightful presentation on “Understanding Your Child By Understanding The Brain” Hunter Connect Families Inc.are very privileged to have Bronwyn Aspinall and Danielle Gregory from Aspinall Activation Centre present some of the latest research on child developmental disorders and neuroscience.

People are driving from places such as Dubbo, Moruya, Port Macquarie, Armidale and Canberra to seek the expertise of these highly knowledgeable practitioners.

The following are topics of focus:
What is happening in the brain in Autism and ADHD?
What impact does diet have on Neurobehavioural Disorders?
How to change the brain - Neuroplasticity
How to grow healthy brains
Parenting tips to help cope and manage children with developmental disorders

RSVP: Phil Eastbury via email phil_eastbury@yahoo.co.uk by 5pm 5th August, 2014 for catering purposes.
Class work from 1G

Last week we celebrated Education Week at school. My favourite part was Grandparents’ Day. Mumma and Didada came to visit and we had a great afternoon together. My grandparents really liked dancing in the hall. I liked playing on the equipment with Ruby and Faith.

Ella

Power FM came to our school during Education Week and we got to dance and play air guitar. Some kids got prizes for their dancing. Breakfast was fun.

Riley

Children from Kinder to year 3 went for a long bus ride to see Wombat Stew in Newcastle. I had a lot of fun. My favourite character was the echidna.

Taj

Education Week 2014

Reflections by 1G

I had a lot of fun throwing a chicken into a basket with my nan. We really enjoyed sharing Grandparents’ Day together.

Lachlan Muddiman

I got to dance with Nanny on Grandparents’ Day in the hall last week. My Nan and Pop had a great day with us.

Hamish