Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 9 Term 3 QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in the annual School Fete and what a wonderful day for our school community. A massive thank-you to Mrs Bunnemeyer and the fete committee for your ongoing commitment and dedication to our fete over the past few years. However, this year was a huge success with the P&C raising over $13,000. The behaviour of our students and the way they represented our school to the community was a credit to themselves and their families. Several comments were made to our staff and parents re their exemplary manners. Well done Singleton Public School.

The Father’s Day Breakfast kicked off before the fete with over 210 bacon and egg rolls being consumed before 8.30am. It was a wonderful morning with our students sharing some “dad time” playing board games, shooting hoops and making paper planes. Congratulations to Mr Hannan who won the “Dad’s Cooler Bag” and chocolates for the longest throw in the paper plane competition. A huge thank-you to COLES for sponsoring the morning and supplying two magnificent cooks. Thank-you also to the staff that lent a helping hand for the breakfast. Your presence did not go unnoticed.

A monstrous good luck and all the best to our Girls Soccer Team who take on Guyra PS in the Round 16 of the State Knockout competition. The school is extremely proud of your achievements thus far and we will be right behind you cheering on our team on Monday. Spectators are more than welcome to support our girls.

In exciting news for the school, we will be starting a Homework Centre in Term 4. It will be open every Tuesday morning from 8am – 8.40am in the school library. This will allow students to complete their homework at home on the Monday evening and if they have any questions or are unsure of work then they can ask the teacher at the Homework Centre. Students will also be able to utilise the Breakfast Club facilities once they have finished.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

Calendar of Events

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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.

Vote now for Singleton PS

See details on Page 4 to see how you can help our school win $20,000 worth of flooring.
Band Workshop

Imagine 94 children from various schools all over the Upper Hunter...strangers...common only in their developing ability to play a musical instrument...BUT a couple of hours later they produce a wonderful concert playing "Happy" and "Let it Go" and "Rock around the Clock".

I would like to congratulate the children who attended this workshop last Thursday. You were a delight to take away and represented your school beautifully. You played brilliantly and I hope it inspired you to continue learning your instruments. Some of those pieces were very hard!!

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Fete News—Thank you from the Support Unit

We would like to say a BIG thank you to our School community for your support towards our Fete raffle. Your generous donations of prizes and purchases of raffle tickets were kindly appreciated.

Thank you to the following people who donated prizes:
Stevie, Jett, Harley and Kaiden, Coleby, Anakin, Melika, Dianne, Stacey, Elaine, Katrina, Fiona Moon, Stacey, Bags Full of Fun, Laser and Lipstick, Vanessa's Nail Spot, Huntwood Cleaning Services, Stef and to everyone that I've missed.
Elaine Bunnemeyer

Fete News

KS and Mrs Scoles would like to thank all of the people who helped in any way with the Craft Stall. The raffle prizes were won by the following: 1st prize (tepee) Mrs Champion, 2nd prize (handmade shoulder bag) Ms Keulemans, 3rd prize (basket if goodies) Mrs Alaban.

Parking in Staff Car Park

The school's staff car park is also used by the taxi's dropping off our students from the Support Unit as well as parents of Support Unit students. It is not to be used by any other families unless prior consent is given by the School Principal. There is also no pedestrian access via the staff carpark. This is because the safety of our school community is paramount.

Frances Watts – Visiting Author

Next Tuesday, 16th August, we are lucky enough to have the talented author, Frances Watts visiting our school. Frances Watts is the author of many wonderful books including Kisses for Daddy, Parsley Rabbit's Book About Books, Captain Crabclaw's Crew, The Fearsome, Frightening, Ferocious Box, Goodnight Mice!, The Secret of the Swords, The Secret of Zanzibar and The Song of the Winnas.

Many thanks go to Coal and Allied for sponsoring this event making it possible to bring such talented authors to our students.

Interface Go Greener Grant

The school was successful in obtaining an Interface Go Greener Grant for $1,000.00 to redevelop the school's bush tucker garden to reinvigorate the area into a hands-on learning environment for all of our students.

We now have a chance to win another $20,000 but need your help!!!! Interface have now opened up voting for a "People's Choice Award" where the schools attracting the highest number of votes will receive a $20,000 Interface carpet refurbishment for their school.

To vote, go to http://www.interfaceflor.com.au/Projects/Education/Go_Greener_Grants.aspx. Then scroll down to Singleton Public School and click on Vote Now. Simply fill out the information and then submit.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10, Term 3 2014
Mon 15/9/14 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Rebecca Hobbs
Fri 19/9/14 (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 10, Term 3 2014
Mon 15/9/14 2 more helpers please
Tues 16/9/14 Nadia Brown, Nicole Furness
Wed 17/9/14 Liz Tudor, Renee MacDonald
Thurs 18/9/14 Karen Bull, Louise Cuttriss
Fri 19/9/14 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC

When lunch comes home ... again
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.
Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7IoJD

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.
Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

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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Lego Winners

Thank you to all students who entered the LEGO building competition, your efforts were outstanding and everyone who visited was most impressed and entertained by your “Make Believe” creations. Our judge, Mayor John Martin, OAM, found his task very challenging with so many excellent entries.

Stage One students accounted for half the number of entries this year.

Congratulations to the winners for 2014.

Early Stage One – First place Jessica ; second place Jasmine ; third place Sam .
Stage One – First place Max ; second place Chelsea ; third place Gillian .
Stage Two – First place Harry ; second place Billyjean ; third place Georgia .
Stage Three – First place Andrew ; second place Bryce .

Encouragement Award – Tomeeka 7W.

Honor Lianos & Libby Morris – LEGO coordination team

Whooping Cough

There has been reported cases of Whooping Cough within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Permission to Publish Note

The Permission to Publish note was due back at school Friday, 29th August. The permission to publish is used to publish photos on the school’s newsletter and website or in the local papers.

Please note: If the school has not received your Permission to Publish note back at school, we will assume that you agree to having your child/ren’s photo published in the school newsletter, school website and/or local papers.

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. A Working with Children Check Declaration must also be completed.

K-2 Sports Carnival

The K-2 Sports Carnival will be held on Friday, 12 September at Cook Park. The children will walk down to the oval after the roll has been called. The students will be at Cook Park from 9.30 am and anticipate completion of activities at approximately 2.00 pm.

To ensure the sun safety of our children we are requesting parent helpers to erect shades.

Children are to wear sensible clothing in their house colours. Class teachers will let the children in their class know which house they are in (Gordon-yellow, Lawson-blue, Kendall-red, Paterson-green).

The canteen will not be open on the day so students need to pack plenty of drinks and food for the day.

Children will return to school after the carnival. If they are leaving early they will need to be signed off by their teachers.

Looking forward to your company and support for the day.
Office Hours and Payment Options
The office hours are 8.30 am - 3.30 pm with no payments being taken after 12.30 pm. The office can take payments by cash, cheque, credit card and EFTPOS (minimum amount of $20.00).

The Uniform Shop is open Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30-9.30 am. The Uniform Shop can take payments by cash, cheque and credit card (minimum amount of $20.00).

Have you downloaded the new School App?
To be kept up to date with the latest information download our School App TODAY.

Parents, carers and interested community members can find out what is happening at school by using their smart phones and tablets.

Parents will be able to receive travel and other notifications; location guides for school events; provide absentee notes, access the newsletter and school calendar and much more.

To get the app on to your device you need to go to your App store and search for Singleton Public School. Full instructions on how to download the App are available on our website.

A day for Jacob
Next Friday the 19th September we are holding a mufti day where the children can wear Jacob’s favourite colours, lime and purple for a gold coin donation. All the money goes to the Moore family to help with the ongoing medical costs.

Singleton Netball Association
Singleton Netball is holding a family disco night on Friday 12th September at the York St Diggers from 6pm to 9pm. Entry is $2 per person.

Everyone is welcome, not just netballers!!! There will be face painting, games and dancing. Please note all children must be supervised at all times by their parent or guardian. Come along and enjoy a great family night. All proceeds go to the building of our new clubhouse. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!!!

Further information can be found on our website at www.singletonnetball.com or by emailing us at singletonnetball@hotmail.com
2014 fete

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Year 4 Sydney Excursion

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Howe Park Tennis Club Fundraising Dinner

Known as "Mr. Rosewall" to his friends, Ken Rosewall is one of the Australian greats of tennis. In a career that continued into his 40s, Rosewall amassed 18 major titles and achieved a senior doubles Grand Slam. One of Australia's finest tennis players, Rosewall made it to the final at the All England Club on four occasions (1954, 1956, 1959 and 1974). The tennis court at Sydney's Olympic Tennis Centre is named Ken Rosewall Arena in his honour.

“A Night with Ken Rosewall “

WHEN: Friday 10th October - 6pm for pre-diner drinks followed by a 3 course dinner at 7pm.
WHERE: Singleton Rugby Club, 73 Howes St, Singleton.
TICKETS: $100 pp with Tables of 10 available for your group.
DRESS: Coat and Tie
RSVP: Hunter Tennis Academy, Kate or Ken on 6572 3889 by the 29th of September.
Join Howe Park Tennis Club for a night of tennis stories, dinner and drinks to raise funds for the upkeep of the wonderful tennis facilities we have at Howe Park in Singleton.

A DAY FOR JACOB
FAMILY FUN DAY

All proceeds go directly to Jacob and his family.

Come and help raise much needed funds for Jacob's ongoing treatment for his illness over the next 12-18 months.

Where - Singleton Showground
When - Sunday, 14th September 2014
Time - 9 am til 3 pm

On Stage Talent Quest with Local Talents on Show
Dare or Donate to Shave
Colour your Hair
Face Painting by Beershazzled
Balloon Animals ~ Hair Feathers
Nail Painting ~ Sausage Sizzle
Cake Stalls
Loads of Markets

Raffles
Jumping Castle
Balloon Bloke

Bring a chair and rug to enjoy the entertainment. Wear Lime Green and Purple to show your support.

Contacts: Sam Morgan - 0419 771 814 or Karen Patlan - 0417 209 991
THE NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY
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Alice in Wonderland
JR.

LIVE ON STAGE

SINGLETON CIVIC CENTRE
OPENS 26th SEPTEMBER 2014

TICKETS AT
ALL 4 U - Fashion and Accessories
Shop 11, 159 John St.
SINGLETON
Representative Teams Selection
Information 2014

Three training days prior to selection
Thursday 9th October 2014 5pm
Sunday 12th October 2014 9am
Thursday 16th October 2014 5pm

Selection Day
19th October 2014
A panel will select a team of up to 14 players from each age group.

Information for Players
Players will attend 3 carnivals, one in December at Gosford, one in February 2015 at Nelsons Bay and the State cup at Port Macquarie on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of February.

Training sessions will be determined by the team coaches.

Costs
Between $200 and $230 per player (This is an approximation only)
This levy includes uniform, socks, water bottle and levy and food for three carnivals.

Accommodation at Nelsons Bay and Port Macquarie will need to be organised by players/parents.
All enquiries may be directed to either the Representative Convenor Mick Carroll on 0458013294 or Susan Scott on 0418773016. You can also email us at singletonrepstouch@hotmail.com

Website: www.singletonjuniors.touch.run.au
Email: singletonrepstouch@hotmail.com

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A DAY FOR JACOB

JOIN ALL THE SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS OF THE SINGLETON COMMUNITY ON FRIDAY 19TH OF SEPT TO SUPPORT JACOB IN HIS NEXT BATTLE WITH CANCER.

SHOW HIM YOUR SUPPORT BY WEARING FLURO GREEN AND PURPLE, & A GOLD COIN DONATION.

THANKYOU :)

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FAMILY FUN DAY

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014

COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRES: 02 9230 2047

FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING:
• PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
• TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
• MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
• SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
• MOVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
• ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY

GET ACTIVE, GET HEALTHY

Come and check out your health and learn how to improve your wellbeing

HMRI Singleton Health EXPO

1pm - 6pm Wednesday, 17 September 2014
Civic Centre, Queen Street, Singleton

FREE ENTRY
GREAT GIVEAWAYS FOR ADULTS & KIDS

Class work by 3P

Singleton Public School Fete
3P having a blast!

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