Regular attendance, including being at school on time, is a legislated requirement for all children. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children are at school as often as possible ready to start the day when the morning bell goes. There are an alarming number of families arriving at school after the 9:10 bell which not only disturbs the learning of their child but also the instruction of other students in the class.

Our Grandparents’ Day will be conducted between 12.00 – 2.00 pm on Friday this week (16 October). Older family members are invited to come along and have a look at their grandchild’s classrooms between 12:00 and 12:30 followed by an outdoor assembly under the COLA. These days have been well supported in previous years and it is hoped that a similar roll-up occurs this Friday.

There is a large amount of school sport occurring this week commencing with our Girls’ Cricket team playing an exciting match against Bolwarra PS. Thank you to Mrs Van Der Wel and our parents for their support and coaching of this team.

Yesterday, our Girls’ Touch Football team travelled to Taree West PS to play off for the title of Hunter Champion. The girls had a convincing win defeating Taree West 6-1. They will now travel to Merrylands on the 26 October to play their next game. This has been a great achievement by our girls and again thanks must go to their coach Mr Russell and the band of family members that travelled to Taree to support the girls.

Wednesday and Thursday sees the best primary aged athletes across NSW converge on the Sydney International Athletic Centre for the NSW Athletic Championships. Ethan (shot put, discus) and our girls’ senior relay team have been working hard in preparation for their chance to improve their personal best records and hopefully make it to a final (and beyond).

As promoted in last week’s newsletter, the school is currently collating data to help in the formation of classes for 2016. If you are aware that your family will be relocating in the new year, please contact the Office and let us know. Additionally, if you have any special requests, please submit these in writing for consideration clearly stating the reasoning behind your request.

Have a great week.

David Crowe
Principal
Surfing Australia Program

Last week a note for the Surfing Australia Program was sent home to all Year 6 students. They will be participating in a surfing lesson. It is a fantastic day which involves students having a one hour lesson in which they will learn surfing skills and techniques. It will be held on Monday, 30 November, 2015 at Nobby's Beach, Newcastle. They will depart 9.00 am from Singleton PS and return at approximately 3.00 pm. The total cost is $33.00 which is payable to the office by Monday, 2 November.

Children are to wear full school uniform and pack their swimmers and towel. They will change when they arrive at the beach (it is a good idea to wear their swimmers under their school clothes as it saves time). They will also need to bring a packed lunch and recess, a bottle of water and sunscreen. They may bring up to $5.00 to spend at the canteen on an ice cream.

Girls Cricket

The Girls Cricket team played Bolwarra PS on Monday, 12 October. The girls played an outstanding game setting a solid total but unfortunately were defeated by a more experienced team.

High School Musical

Stage Three have been invited to the Singleton High School Musical performance of 'The Hills are Alive' tomorrow, at Singleton High School. The children will be walked to and from the High School by teachers, leaving at 11.30 am.

The cost for the performance is $3.00 which is to be returned to the class teacher with the permission slip.

Pre-School Small Steps Program

During Term 4, a pre-school small steps program will be conducted on Fridays for 2016 Kindergarten students. There are be two sessions - a morning and an afternoon session. Pictured here is the second session group having a great time visiting the office at their first session.

Statement of Accounts

During the first few weeks of each school term, the school sends home Statement of Accounts. These accounts have been sent home this week and may include outstanding voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levies. Other items that may be listed on these Statement of Accounts throughout the year include excursions, sports carnivals, visiting shows, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The invoices were printed on Friday, 18 September so please disregard them if you have made any payments since this time.

Free Mobile App

The Federal government has released a free mobile app for parents containing tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in their child’s learning. It’s for all ages, from the high chair to high school, and provides relevant information tailored to each child’s age as well as fun and easy ways to stimulate learning. It suggests ways to fit educational games into the regular family routines, such as in the car or supermarket, and lets parents personalise the app for their children. No data is collected by the app. There is more information on this link http://learningpotential.gov.au/.
Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight’s focus is:-

“Be responsible, be sun safe, WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT”

Information from the DEC

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 [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids.../drinks-for-hydration](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids.../drinks-for-hydration)

Credit Card Payment Slip - Singleton Public School

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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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Singleton Public School P&C Uniform Shop

Girls Summer Dress Pre-Order Information
This year the Singleton Public School P&C Association, who manages the schools Uniform Shop, have decided to implement a pre-order system for Girls Summer & Winter Dresses.

This means that we will no longer keep in stock girls summer and winter dresses. This decision has been made to be able to better manage the stock control of these items that have a high cost and a low quantity of sales.

Pre Orders for dresses will take place at advertised times through out the year. If you miss the pre order cut off times you will need to place a Special Order. A Special Order will incur a fee, which is estimated to be approximately $25 per dress in addition to the sale price.

Pre-order dates are as follows:
Pre-orders need to be placed by 10 November 2015 (this is the first Kindergarten "Transition to School" Day). The Uniform Shop will be open on all 3 Kindergarten "Transition to School" Days from 1.30 – 3.00 pm for purchases, placing orders, collecting orders and trying on uniforms for sizing.

Pre-orders placed on 10 November will be available for collection from 27 January 2016 from the Uniform Shop.

For pre-orders received after 10 November, the ordering parent will be contacted and given the option of placing a Special Order which will incur the Special Order Fee of approximately $25 in addition to the normal sale price and waiting 8 to 10 weeks for arrival of the order.

Please complete the order form in this newsletter should you wish to pre-order a summer dress and return to the school.

Pre-order dates for Winter Dresses will be due by 12 February 2016 for delivery Term 2 - Week 1 (26 April 2016) a second order will be due by 18 March 2016 for delivery by 7 June 2016.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Where to purchase plain navy uniform items
As of 1 November 2015, the Singleton Public School P&C Association, who manage the Uniform Shop have decided to no longer stock plain navy girls and boys shorts and long pants, stockings and socks (Items without a logo or emblem). This decision has been made due to the small amount of sales being made for these items and our inability to remain price competitive. We do apologise if this decision is unfavourable but feel it is in the best interest of the P&C. Below you will find a comprehensive list of stores that sell school uniforms – in particular navy blue shorts, long pants, socks and stockings. We will continue to stock the microfibre sport short with the SPS logo.

LW Reid
LW Reid is our current school uniform supplier. They have an online store where you can purchase school uniform items and have them delivered to you.

www.madeforschool.com.au Phone: 1300 880 957

Next (UK Based)
Next is an online store with a school uniform section. They offer Free Delivery within 3-5 working days on all orders over $30.00 www.au.nextdirect.com

Lowes
Stock Navy Blue shorts and pants. They have stores located through the Hunter.

Muswellbrook Muswellbrook Marketplace Phone: 6543 3628
Maitland 374-376 High Street, Maitland Phone: 4933 6728

Target
Stock Navy Blue shorts, pants, socks and stockings. Purchases can be made both online or in store. Stores are located in Cessnock, Charlestown and Kotara. www.target.com.au

Big W
Stock Navy Blue shorts, pants, socks and stockings. They are located in town at Singleton Square.


Pickles School Wear
www.picklesschoolwear.com

Nicole Furness - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
Pantomime Tickets for Sale
Singleton Public School will proudly present ‘Aladdin’ on Thursday, 5 and Friday 6 November 2015.

Time: 6.30 pm  Cost: $6

Tickets will be on sale on Monday and Tuesday in Week 4 (26 and 27 October 2015) from 8.30 am – 9.10 am from outside the parsonage.

Please come along to see our fantastic pantomime and have a night filled with joy and laughter!

Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools starts tomorrow, 15 October, for the next 7 weeks. It will conclude on Thursday, 26 November 2015.

Personal Contact Information
It is vitally important that the school has current contact details for all of our students. Please contact the Office by telephone or in writing if you have changed phone numbers, employment contact numbers or address in the past few months and ensure that your details are correct. It is also important to remember to keep emergency contact details up to date as well. There are many occasions where the office does not have the correct contact information and a sick or distressed child is left at school longer than necessary.

Working With Children Checks
All volunteers that come into the school either in Uniform Shop, Canteen, Breakfast Club, class helpers, attend excursions, etc should have completed either a Declaration for volunteers and contractors - Appendix 5 (available at the school office) or a Working with Children Check through the RMS (see the Office of the Children’s Guardian flyer in this newsletter).

Your co-operation with completing these checks is appreciated.

School Band
Our school band will be combining with the bands from Singleton Heights Public School and King Street Public School to perform at the Annual Singleton Town Band Concert on Saturday, November 7. It is in the evening at the Civic Centre. Our first rehearsal will be this Friday, October 16 at King Street Public School hall.

Appointments with Teachers
Due to the many commitments of our teaching staff before and after school, it is asked that if you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the office to leave a message for your child’s teacher to contact you.

Kinder Information Evening
The second Kindergarten Information Evening will be held on Monday, 2 November at 6.30 pm in the school library.

Book Club
Book Club payments and orders are due back at school by Tuesday, 20 October. Please have all orders to the office by 12.30 pm on this date or use the new scholastic payment system below.
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Singleton Public School P&C Uniform Shop
Girls Summer Dress Pre-Order Form

Orders can be paid for via Credit Card or Cheque only- NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. Orders cannot be prepaid at the office via EFTPOS.

Order forms can be handed in at the Uniform Shop during opening times or can be handed in at the office at anytime. If handing in your order to the office your order must be in a separate envelope to any other school notes or money and clearly labelled ‘Uniform Order’.

Pre Orders need to be made by 10th November 2015. Orders will be available for collection from 27th January 2016 and can be picked up from the Uniform Shop. Payment will be processed at this time.

The Uniform Shop will be opened from 8.30am – 10.00am 27th, 28th & 29th January 2016.

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PLEASE NOTE: Girls Summer & Winter Dresses Pre-Orders: Both the girls summer and winter dresses are ordered on a pre—order system on dates that are specified each year. Ordering dresses outside of these times will incur a Special Order Fee – this fee is estimated at approximately $25 per item, which includes postage and the suppliers special order fee. Note that the delivery time on girls dresses is approximately 8 to 10 weeks from the date of the order.

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Signature of Cardholder ............................................................... Contact Number: ..........................................................

Uniform Shop Use:
This is to confirm we have received your order of .......... Size............... Summer dresses.

Name: ................................................................. Class: .................................
Is it a safe place for our kids?

A guide for parents.

As a parent or carer you play an important role in making sure your kids are spending time in places that are safe. This guide will help you understand what a child safe place is, what it means to work with children, and what you can do to help keep your kids safe.

What is a child safe place?

Children need to feel safe and supported when they are with other people. This means feeling safe and supported in all aspects of their life, including at home, school, and in the community. A child safe place is a place where children feel safe and supported.

Parents have a right to know who is working with their children.

Under the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act), people who work with children, such as teachers, coaches, and babysitters, must have a working with children check. This check helps to protect children by ensuring that people who work with children are safe to do so.

How do you know they have a check?

Parents can check to see if someone has a working with children check by looking for the check number on their work card or the person’s ID. If the person’s ID does not have a check number, you can ask to see their working with children check. If the person has a working with children check, you can check to see if they have a current check by using the Child Safe website or by calling the Child Safe helpline on 1800 000 345.

What parents can do.

Parents can do a range of things to help keep their kids safe when they work with children. These include:

- Knowing who is working with your kids.
- Knowing what a child safe place is.
- Knowing who is responsible for keeping your kids safe.
- Knowing how to report any concerns you have about someone who works with your kids.

To find out more about how to keep your kids safe, visit the Child Safe website or contact the Child Safe helpline on 1800 000 345.

Child Safe website: www.childsafe.org.au

Child Safe helpline: 1800 000 345

Office of the Children’s Guardian

www.childrensguardian.nsw.gov.au
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 1 2015

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Singleton Stars

Early Stage 1 Sophie
Stage 2 Brandon, Claire
Stage 3 Caroline

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Singleton Mobile Preschool

Enrol now for
2023

Singleton Mobile Preschool

The Preschool provides a play-based, child-responsive environment which nurtures children's strengths, abilities and interests. The program and curriculum is led by an Early Childhood Teacher and includes a School Readiness component.

- Cater for children 2-5 years of age (2 year olds are considered if places are available).
- Currently at: Bulga - Mondays, Mitchell's Flat - Wednesdays, Mt Olive - Thursdays and Breke - Tuesday and Fridays.
- Operate within the Community Halls from 9am - 3pm during school terms.

To continue to provide our service and maintain its viability we require at least 10 children to be enrolled.

- Early Years Learning Framework.
- Transition to School Program.
- Welcomed family participation.
- Brain Gym Learning Enhancement.
- Inclusive enrolment to all educational and cultural requirements.
- High ratios of staff to children creates an optimal learning environment.

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Singleton Public School

Staff Profile

Respect | Responsibility | Quality

The school will be introducing one staff member each week so that parents and carers can get to know our dedicated staff. This week we are introducing:-

Name: Stacie Haines
Class: 7B
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: N/A
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Sports Team: Cronulla Sharks
Favourite Movie: Grease
Favourite Dessert: Chocolate mousse and Cheesecake
Favourite Song/Band: Any Elvis Presley song
Favourite Subject: Cooking and craft
Do you have any pets, and what are they?: A kelpie named Trixie and 9 chickens.
Hobbies:
Cooking, and making jams, relishes and sauces.
What do you love about working at SPS?
I love seeing students accomplish new things no matter how small it might be.
Singleton Public School
Panto Profile

Our students will be introducing our dedicated panto cast & crew so that children and staff can get to know our responsible role models. Introducing:

Name: Diane Merrick       By: Ruby Clayworth & Claire Howe

What is the most difficult thing to do in panto?: The most difficult thing to do in panto is to choose the right script, it needs to be funny, short & adaptable.

How long have you participated in panto?: 1998 the year, I started teaching. The first panto here was in 2009. It was Aladdin.

What is the most annoying thing in panto?: When the children misbehave behind the scene & when the actors don’t learn their lines.

What do you enjoy about panto?: I enjoy everything the kids get out of it. I love them becoming as passionate as me about Panto. I love them loving Drama.

SPS 2015 Magazine—Will be PRINTED in FULL COLOUR!
Available by Pre-order only, sale price of $15

A school magazine that you can hold, leaf through, friends can write messages on the Autograph pages!

Our Magazine Coordinators and P&C have been very busy during the school holidays looking for sponsorship for the school magazine. Thanks to a very generous group of businesses and families within the school, we are very pleased to announce that the 2015 SPS Magazine will be a printed, glossy, hardcopy in full colour! The amount of sponsorship raised so far will allow the Magazine to be sold for $15, via PRE-ORDER ONLY.

Dates for the PRE-ORDER will be announced very soon.

If you can sponsor the school magazine (as a family or business), please contact Sandy and Graeme Tickell, the school’s magazine coordinators on 0418 452 905 or email sandhikat@gmail.com.
Classwork by 6D

Year 6 Bake Off 2015

Congratulations to our winners:

6D – Georga Woodley & 6M – Chloe Schultz