For the majority of this week, I will be attending the annual NSW Primary Principals’ Association (NSWPPA) Conference in Sydney. This highly informative and prestigious event enables our public principals to come together to learn about new approaches and innovations in education; be exposed to inspirational speakers, and develop networks to strengthen the practice of teaching across our State.

One of the focus areas of the NSWPPA has been the implementation and ongoing support of the Gonski funding reforms. The funds that have been flowing from Federal to State budgets for education is having a significant impact on schools across NSW and Australia; Singleton Public School included.

Our teaching staff are actively engaged in improving their classroom practice in the development and delivery of content to our students. In the area of Literacy, we are reviewing the range of quality literature being taught across the years as well as rolling out the Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar programs across the school.

Our K-2 teachers and students have been engaged with the ‘TEN’ mathematics program which is being led by Mrs Black. This highly engaging program works towards securing basic facts for all students and regularly assesses student understanding and comprehension of facts before introducing new concepts.

We have been able to implement extension and support programs at a higher degree across the school to better address the needs of those students that are above or below peer averages.

The impact of ‘Gonski’ at our school is diverse, and may be hard to readily identify. We have been able to extend the hours of Mrs Vicki Smith in the office to act as a Community Liaison Officer; our early career teachers have had access to additional professional development; and all executive have greater access to time to monitor and mentor staff across their Stage which in turn provides better teaching for our students.

Next week has been declared “National Gonski Week” by a number of lead bodies. If nothing else, I ask that you reflect on the importance that quality education has played in your lives and how a quality education will impact upon your children.

Have a great week.

David Crowe
Principal

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### Calendar of Events

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At this week’s assembly there will be a “Panto Teaser” at the starting time of 12.45 pm.
Girls Touch
The Singleton Public School Touch Football team are into the last 8 teams of the NSW PSSA Knockout Competition. The girls have defeated the following teams to make the Quarter Finals
Muswellbrook PS 9 -1
King Street PS 6-3
Paterson PS 10-1
Muswellbrook South PS 10-3
Belair PS 3-2
Taree West 6-1
The girls will be play at Jones Park at Merrylands on Monday, 26 October.
All of the girls have been training extremely hard over the past two terms and have improved out of sight. They have really started to gel as a team during the past two games.
Jono Russell - Team Coach

Grandparents Day
On Friday, 16 October Singleton Public celebrated Grandparents Day. Many grandparents came to school and spent time in the classroom with their grandchildren. The grandparents also attended our assembly and stayed to have recess with the children. A fun time was had by all the students and grandparents.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 4, Term 4 2015
Mon 26/10/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndal Barry, Jasmine Payne
Fri 30/10/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee Mouser, Rebecca Tutt
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

The Uniform Shop has been return to it’s original location.

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 4 2015
Mon 26/10/15 2 more helpers required please
Tues 27/10/15 2 more helpers required please
Wed 28/10/15 Renee MacDonald, 1 more helper please
Thurs 29/10/15 Tammy Cox (1/2 day), Maree Davidson
Fri 30/10/15 Sally Menere, Maxine Kolinos
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC
Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant!  http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3

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”

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State Athletics

Congratulations to the Singleton Public School girls relay team and Ethan Van Zyl who attended State Athletics last Wednesday, 16. The girls relay team came 28th in the State and Ethan came 22nd in discus and 26th in shot put. SPS is very proud of you all.

Pictured is Olivia, Jules, Ethan, Sophie & Chloe

Surfing Australia Program

A permission note for the Surfing Australia Program has been 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. Year 6 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.

Band News

Congratulations to our band members who walked to King Street Public School on Friday, 16 November to participate in the Combined Bands rehearsal with King Street and Singleton Heights Public Schools. You all played wonderfully and displayed outstanding behaviour. You represented our school proudly, well done! We will be performing at The Civic Centre on Saturday, 7 November. If your band child is unable to attend, please let me know.

Kristy Dibley

Instrument Drive

This week we have been conducting instrument suitability trials. We have had over 40 keen students try out an instrument. If your child was one of them, they would have received a note and a Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music handbook. If they didn't receive a handbook (as we ran out!), it is available online (lessons, prices etc). Please return the note to the front office ASAP so we can get your child organised for next year! I'm so excited to see our band getting bigger and stronger. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kristy Dibley

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!

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.
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 throughout 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
Working With Children Checks
All volunteers that come into the school to help with Uniform Shop, Canteen, Breakfast Club, classroom, or 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.

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.

Presentation Day
This year our Presentation assembly will be held during the day at the Singleton Civic Centre. Further details regarding the presentation day will be in upcoming newsletters.

2016 Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Expression of interest notes for the 2016 Year 6 Canberra excursion will be sent home in Week 9 of this term. Permission notes and a $50 deposit will be due in Friday, 11 December.

Healthy Lunch Box Session for Kinder 2016 Parents
As part of the Transition to School Kinder program, a Healthy Lunch Box session presented by Eat it to Beat it will be held at our school. The session has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2015
Time: 2.15 pm – 2.45 pm

Parents can attend the session whilst their child is at the transition afternoon.
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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**Total Amount Owning**: $

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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Contact Number: ............................................................................................

Uniform Shop Use:

This is to confirm we have received your order of ............ Size................. Summer dresses.

Name: ...........................................................................................................

Class: .................................
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 2 2015

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

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**Singleton Public School**

**Panto Profile**  
*By Lili Munro and Lucy Murry*

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**Singleton Public School 2015**

**Pantomime Profile**  
*Act drama dance*

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The school will be introducing our delightful actors and find out some information about their time in panto.

**Name:** Mea Mossley  
**Class:** 6M

**Role:** Aladdin

**How much practice do you do?** Every day

**What's your favourite scene?** Scene five, I get to act with my friend

**What made you decide to audition join panto?** I like acting

**How do you think you will feel on opening night?**

Nervous but excited.

**What do you enjoy about panto?** Acting and learning lines

**Who's your favourite character and why?** The queen, because I like the way she acts.

**Do you like your character and why?** Yes I like, the way she acts

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Let us introduce an adult member of the pantomime

**Name:** Mrs Diben

**Class:** 6D

**What is your part in panto?** Visual effects, sound effects, dance and helping backstage.

**Why do you choose to be in panto?** I enjoy being a part of a team and enjoy entertaining others.

**How do you like your experiences in the panto and why?** Because every year is different, I love Panto because it is different every year.

**When is the most annoying time on panto?** When people don't follow through with what they have said they'll do.

**What do you like about panto and why?** It gives people an opportunity to be creative.

**What is the most frustrating role on panto?** When the technology doesn't work.

By Pin-Chi Wei & Brandon Carman
Out of Uniform Day

Halloween Style

Our Student Council is raising money to help Jules and Waimau get to Nationals! Dress "Halloween Style" and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 30th October.

SPS 2015 Magazine—Will be PRINTED in FULL COLOUR!

Available by Paid Pre-order only, sale price of $15.

PRE-ORDERS will be taken in Week 4

Week 4 — Monday and Tuesday: Pre-order in person from Magazine Sale Desk next to Panto Ticket Sales, 8:30am to 9:30am.

Week 4—Everyday: Send an envelope to School Admin with “Magazine Pre-order”, Student Name, Class, Sum of Money. If ordering for multiple students, please list all names and classes, and total sum of money.

All payments will be receipted, in the same manner as Fete wristband sales.

Magazines will be distributed to students in Wk. 10, after Presentation Day.

WOMENS TRY A TRI
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER
7.30AM REGO FOR RACING
STARTING AT 8AM

SINGLETON YMCA SWIM & GYM
(Park in Swim & Gym and come around to back gate on Combo Lane)

DISTANCES

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Come and try a race, non-members welcome and any type of bike is great. Everyone of all levels from complete beginner to experienced racer welcome. This is all about having fun with other women and learning about and participating in a great sport. Race fee: non members (adult) $15 includes pool entry & breakfast.

NOTE: WE WILL ALSO HAVE A TRI ORIENTATION AT OUR FIRST RACE ON 1 NOVEMBER FOR INTERESTED WOMEN AT 11AM. COME AND HAVE YOUR BIKE GIVEN A BASIC SAFETY CHECK, ASK QUESTIONS AND GO FOR A RIDE AND RUN ON THE COURSE. ENQUIRIES LISA 0403670989
MORE INFO - www.singletonriclub.com.au
Join our facebook group - Singleton Tri Club
Enquiries - Post a question to the Facebook group or
Contact: Scott Kime (President) 0499 267995
Lisa Redmond 0403 070989