According to media surveys, school funding is currently the third biggest issue at a Federal level. This is due to the implementation and impact of the reforms introduced by the team led by David Gonski. Last week, the State Government announced the funding allocations for schools for 2016, which indicates a significant increase in available funds for our school. These funds will be utilised to continue to improve the teaching and learning within the school for all students.

Congratulations to our fantastic girls’ touch football team for their heroic efforts at the finals of the State Knockout competition. To come fifth in the State is an amazing achievement and each and everyone one of the ladies that represented our school should be very proud of their success. I am sure that Mr Russell will be providing a full report later in the newsletter.

The summer storms that have been causing havoc in the past ten days look to continue into the future. I have asked the members of our Work Health & Safety team to consider procedures to maximise safety for our students (staff and parents) at collection time.

I would like to acknowledge the great work that a number of our teachers have been doing with a number of extension programs across the school. Mrs Leighton, Mrs Dibley and Mrs Foster have been challenging a number of our students to raise the standard of their work and extend their thinking. It is reassuring to hear our students keen and eager to get to ‘writing class’, so that they can continue to work on a special project.

Thank you to the parents that have provided written requests regarding class placements for 2016. The organisation of classes is a time consuming process which involves consideration of maintaining balance in academic, social and additional needs for all students. I would also like to remind families that are aware that they will be moving in 2016 to advise the school.

Welcome to Breez, Memphis and Jayden who have commenced at Singleton Public School. I hope that you will quickly settle into your new school and make lots of new friends.

Have a great week.

David Crowe
Principal
The TEN Mathematics Program (A Gonski funded project)

The TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) Mathematics program was introduced in early Term 3.

TEN focuses on all children developing the most efficient strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. It occurs as part of daily mathematics lessons within the classroom and several additional opportunities throughout the day. During the mathematics sessions the children are taught in small groups at their own level.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 teachers were trained over 2 days. This training has enabled them to assess the children and accurately group them as well as plan and implement the daily lessons. The teachers also receive five hours of in-class support from Mrs Black.

The Stage Two and Three teachers have completed some of the training and it is hoped that the program will extend into Stage Two next year.

Additional Maths resources were purchased to enable the successful running of the program.

Most importantly the activities are fun and the children are enjoying their maths learning.

Meeting of the Minds

On Tuesday, 20 October, four teams of Year 5 and 6 SPS students set out to Singleton High School to participate in the Meeting of the Minds challenge day. Every week over the last two terms, the teams were directed to complete three activities relating to different subjects, in preparation for the challenge day.

Singleton Public was one of four local primary schools that participated in the Meeting of the Minds. During the day all teams were told to complete five tasks in the areas of English, Maths, Science, Engineering and General Knowledge.

The tasks were enjoyable and interesting while still somewhat challenging. Working as a team, we had to trust and rely on each other while having fun and completing engaging activities.

After the first test, each team was assigned a year ten student to encourage and help them to complete the work. They were kind, patient and very helpful.

Our school overall came first! In the day, two of our teams also achieved positions in the top three! All four teams performed extremely well involving themselves in all the activities.

The Meeting of the Minds program was amazing and I am sure that all the students had a fun and very enjoyable time!

We thank SHS for organising the weekly challenges, the wonderful catering and the fantastic day!

Dan

Girls Touch Footy finish 5th in NSW

Our girls travelled to Merrylands on Monday, 26 October to contest the NSW PSSA State Knockout finals. The girls came up against Bletchington PS from Orange. Our girls competed really well throughout the game. The scores alternated throughout the game with Bletchington scoring in the last minute of the game. The final score 4-3 to Bletchington PS. The girls then contested the consolation match against Woodport on the Central Coast. Again the girls competed really well and this time came out on top winning the match 6-3.

A huge congratulations to the girls team who really worked hard over the year and the results have shown being the winning Hunter team. A huge thankyou to all of the parents who have supported their children and helped out with travel.
The simplest way

...to make tabbouleh.

Ingredients
1 cup cracked wheat (bulgar)
2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
1 small cucumber, diced
3 spring onions, finely sliced
1 bunch parsley, chopped
1 bunch mint, chopped
2 tbsp lemon juice
1 tbsp olive oil

Method
Cover the cracked wheat with water and soak for 15 minutes. Mix with remaining ingredients and serve chilled. Makes a great addition to your kids’ lunch box – add to sandwiches/wraps or send in a small container.

Tips
For best results, use flat leaf parsley when available. For a more substantial meal, add 425g can drained chickpeas, or serve with grilled fish or meat and flatbread.

For more information visit
www.eatitbeattit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatitbeattit

Credit Card Payment Slip - Singleton Public School

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.

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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:-

“Maintaining commitment to all school activities eg classwork, pantomime, band, sport.”

Information from the DEC

Sun safety
This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 5, Term 4 2015
Mon 2/11/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)   Tammie Cox, 1 more helper please
Fri 6/11/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)   Renee MacDonald, Rebecca Hobbs

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 5, Term 4 2015
Mon 2/11/15   Penny Clancy, Lyndal Barry
Tues 3/11/15   2 more helpers please
Wed 4/11/15   Pam Dicks, Brenda Bell
Thurs 5/11/15  Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh
Fri 6/11/15   Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, 1 more helper please

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.
**Whooping cough alert**

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Children with symptoms should see a GP.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

**P&C Uniform Shop**

**Polo Shirts:** Polo shirt stocks are running very low and the uniform shop is out of stock in some sizes. The new order is due to arrive early November. Over the next week we should receive a more accurate ETA from our supplier and we will let you all know as soon as we receive it.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

**Price Increase**

Due to a supplier price increase, it has become necessary for the P&C to increase prices of uniforms being sold in the uniform shop.

This price rise will take effect on 1 November 2015 - please take advantage of the current prices and stock up now before the price increase takes effect.

Nicole Furness
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

**Kindergarten Orientation and Information Night**

Kindergarten Orientation days will be held on Tuesday, 10, 17 and 24 November. During this time, the Uniform Shop will be open during 1.30 – 3.00 pm. On Tuesday, 10 November there will be a Healthy Lunch Box session in the connected classroom starting 2.15 pm presented by Eat it to Beat it.

**Year 6 Orientation to Singleton High School**

An orientation day at Singleton High School for incoming 2016 Year 7 students will be held Thursday, 3 December 2015 commencing at 9.30 am concluding 2.00 pm. Students will leave our school to walk to the High School in the morning and return before the afternoon bell. Students will need to bring a pen and paper, food and drinks for recess and lunch, or money to purchase them from the canteen.

**Presentation Day**

This year our Presentation will be held during the day at the Singleton Civic Centre on Tuesday, 8 December at the starting time of 12.00 pm. Further details regarding the presentation day will be in upcoming newsletters.

**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

**Pantomime**

All tickets for the pantomime “Aladdin” on Thursday and Friday nights have been sold out. There are some tickets available for Thursdays matinee performance. Please note that there are two local schools also attending this performance. Please advise the office if you wish to attend this performance as there are limited seats.
Instrument Drive

Last week we conducted instrument suitability trials. We 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

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.

Panto Teaser

At last Friday’s assembly, the main characters of this year’s pantomime, “Aladdin” as well as some of the backstage helpers, gave an overview of what promises to be an impressive pantomime. We are all looking forward to seeing the entire production on 5 and 6 November.

Please return this note if you DO NOT want your child’s photograph published in the School Magazine. Please return to the office immediately.

My child/ren listed below ARE NOT to have their name or photograph published in the School Magazine.

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Signed: ..................................................Parent/Guardian  Dated: .........................
Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent
The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over $100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous $600 to our school!

Do you or someone you know have some spare time?
Ourcare Services would like to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers for Social Support, Community Transport, Food Services & The Active Life Style Centre.

If you are interested or would like some more information call into the office, or pick up a volunteer pack.

Help us help the people in our Community.
Phone 65 712 300

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: Vicki Smith
Class: School Administration Officer
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 4 years
Favourite Colour: Red
Favourite Sports Team: My son Ryan Smith #29, he races motorbikes
Favourite Movie: Mary Poppins
Favourite Dessert: Crème Brûlée
Favourite Song/Band: Pink, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift
(I’ve been lucky enough to see them all in concert)
Favourite Subject: History

Hobbies:
Shopping days with my daughter, watching my son race his motorbike, gardening, exercising and spending time with my family.

What do you love about working at SPS?
The great staff and the children who come into the office with big smiles and beautiful manners. It’s easy to come to work each day!
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 3 2015

**CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6**

### Assembly Awards

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Date: Friday 11th December 2015
Time: 6:30pm till late
Venue: Muswellbrook Racecourse

Come along and support local vendors and charities. There will be plenty of food available for purchase on the night or bring along a picnic for the family. NO BYO Alcohol. Don't forget your picnic blanket!

ENTRY IS FREE – as we are Supporting the Upper Hunter Food & Toy Appeal, a donation would be kindly appreciated.

For more information head to www.2nn.com.au or www.181powerfm.com.au

Singleton Public School
Panto Peeps

This week's profile is going to be about the panto peeps... introducing

Name: Chloe Schultz  Class: 6M

What’s your role in the panto?: A villager and dancer and a singer

Why did you join the panto?: Because it’s fun and I like the experience

What is your favourite dance or song in panto?: My 5/6 dance (choreographed by Chloe)

If you could change your role what would it be?: I don’t want to change my role

What are your costumes in the panto?: A flower Chinese dress and something stylish and surprising

What songs do you dance to?: You Don’t Own Me and music from Step Up 4

Enter to dance and sing by Lucie and Seth 4Z
Out of Uniform Day

Halloween Style

Our Student Council is raising money to help Jules and Waimea 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—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.
Classwork by KS

We have nearly finished our first year at Singleton Public School. Everyone in the class was asked this important question:

**What do you like best about being in KS ......**

- That we learn and get to do painting  Chloe
  - I like doing news  Desert

- That sometimes I get to sit next to my friends and I have my BFF in the class and I made new friends on my first day  Sabine

- Learning and playing with the Lego  Xavier

- I like doing art  Tayla

- Having quality work  Cohen

- Learning  Rachael

- It’s really fun and it’s not that hard  Archie

- I like doing art, making the fish with Mrs. Foster and playing  Eva

- I like painting and playing  Hayden

- Learning and being Star of the Day  Mia

- Doing work and having fun with my friends  Nate

- Writing, work, colouring in and playing games on the smartboard  Avah

- Learning and playing  Mitchell

- You can do paintings and drawings and going to the library  Ava

- I like to do experiments  Tristan

- Writing  Max

- I like to learn and I have fun doing writing  Arli

- The weekends!  Sophie

- I like Mrs. Scales  Harry

- Playing with my friends  Leila

- I like listening  Connor

- I like being with the children and watching them grow and learn  Mrs. Taylor

- Watching each child grow educationally, physically and maturity wise and being a part of those light bulb moments that bring smiles to each and every face.  Mrs. Scales