I’d like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Crowe all the very best on his long service leave. Mr Crowe will be visiting several parts of Europe and we are sure he will keep us updated on his amazing experience over the next few weeks.

We welcome to the leadership team Mrs Dibben as the Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 3 until the end of term. We are confident Mrs Dibben will bring some new ideas to the leadership team and learn new skills along the way.

This week presents a busy week for our Year 5 and Support Unit students’ who are off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp near Tea Gardens. Year 5 will have a fabulous time with a jam packed program provided for all of our students. Students will undertake team initiatives, problem solving strategies, personal challenges and responsibility. I’m sure we will hear all the exciting stories when our Year 5 students’ arrive back on Friday.

Our Kindergarten Orientation was a huge success last Tuesday and it was wonderful to see all of our new Kindergarten students for 2016. The afternoon was spent with students getting to know one another, reading a big book, singing songs and writing their name. The teachers were very impressed with how the new Kindergartens settled into ‘big school’.

It has been a treat to hear the wonderful narratives and descriptions coming from our infant’s classes. I enjoyed the introductions and wonderful imagery in 1H’s narratives and we will share some on the assembly on Friday. KL was producing some magnificent descriptions on a wolf and they were writing in beautiful, neat sentences. Well done to all of our students and teachers who keep producing such quality work samples.

Singleton Public School will be off to Sydney next Wednesday for the extravaganza - Matilda. Matilda the Musical is based on the novel by Roald Dahl with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. The students will have a fabulous time with raving reviews in several leading newspapers. Please make sure your child is at school by 7.50 am as the bus will be leaving at 8.00 am sharp.

Please be mindful that it is an extremely busy time of year for our teachers who are in the middle of writing student reports for Semester 2. If you wish to contact your child’s teacher please do so through the school’s front office. Reports will be handed to students on Friday, 11 December.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal
Matilda Excursion

Just a reminder that our fantastic excursion to see the award winning Matilda The Musical, from the Royal Shakespeare Company, is not far away!

Please have your child to school by 7.50 am on the excursion day; the children will meet in the hall. The excursion will be leaving school at **8.00 am promptly on Wednesday, 25 November**. There is the possibility of picking up children from Branxton if needed, please let Mrs Merrick know as soon as possible if you would like to arrange this. The bus will arrive in Sydney at approximately 11.30 am and have lunch at Bangaroo before heading to the Lyric Theatre. The matinee performance begins at 1.00 pm. We will return to school around **7.15 pm** (possible drop off in Branxton). The App will send out information on arrival times, etc.

Programmes cost $25 and if you would like to purchase one for your child then please fill out the form on the notes that were sent home late last week and return it with the money to Mrs Merrick before the excursion date. Please note: CASH ONLY.

Children will need to wear their full school uniform and a hat. They will need to pack morning tea, lunch and at least 2 drinks. **Please do not pack lollies or soft drinks on this excursion.**

Di Merrick (Organising teacher)

Severe Weather Event Policy

Due to the recent storms in the area, the school’s WHS committee has created a Severe Weather Event Policy at the end of the school day so that staff, students and parents/carers know the procedures the school has in place in the event of a severe storm. The Policy is below:-

**Severe Weather Event Policy at end of school day**

Our school will post the event on our Singleton PS App as soon as possible.

Teachers should allow students to pack bag ready for home as they return from recess, so as to avoid both disruption and rush at the end of the day.

Two bells will ring if the Storm Procedure is to be in place.

At the bell, bus students will to be directed to the cola / hall to await their bus.

Kindergarten students who do not catch the bus will stay in their classrooms. All other students are to wait for collection under the shelter of the nearest down stairs verandah.

Teachers on duty may not be able to man the crossings due to the danger the weather event poses to their safety.

Teachers who are on duty are to buddy up with another teacher who will remain on the verandah until the last student leaves.

After 2:45 pm parents/carers will be allowed to pick up their child at their classroom prior to the bell after collecting a stamped slip from the office to hand to the teacher (no need to sign out). If your classroom is a long way from the office, eg Year 5, you may use your discretion if you would like to allow parents/carers to pick up children without the pink slip.

Parents/carers need to be aware that after 3:30 pm remaining students will be under minimal supervision in the hall.

Touch Football

On Monday, 9 November 2015 Singleton Public School Year 3, 4 and 6 touch football teams went to Civic Park for a Touch Football gala day along with Broke Public School, Singleton Heights Public School and Mount Pleasant Public School.

The day was about having lots of fun. Singleton Public School entered one junior boys team, one junior girls team and two mixed senior teams.

Each team played four 15 minute games of Touch Football. At the end of the day Singleton Public School senior teams came 1st and 2nd, and Singleton Public School junior girls team came 3rd.

Overall everyone had a great day!

Darcie 6M
Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2015
Mon  23/11/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Lyndall Barry, Jasmine Payne
Fri    27/11/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee Mouser, Rebecca Tutt

Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 4 2015
Mon 23/11/15  2 more helper please
Tues 24/11/15 Rebecca Hobbs, 1 more helper please
Wed 25/11/15 Renee Macdonalds, 1 more helper please
Thurs 26/11/15 Tammy Cox (1/2 Day), Maree Davidson
Fri 27/11/15 Sally Menere, Maxine Kolinos, 1 more helper please

Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Credit Card Payment Slip - Singleton Public School

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Student’s Name: ……………………………………………………………………………    Class: ……………………….

What are you paying for? …………………………………………………………………………………Date ……….

Credit Card Type (please tick one) □ VISA □ Mastercard

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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 quality behaviour at all times”

Information from the DEC

Planning for the future
Throughout your child’s school life you’ll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here’s a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

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League Tag Day 2015
On November 10, 2015 our Year 6 students went to Civic Park to play in a league tag gala day. The day was all about many non-competitive games of rugby league mixed with touch football AKA Oz tag. The games lasted for 17 minutes and followed the same rules of touch football.

All of the students that participated had lots of fun running around the field. Our school entered 4 teams and had NRL team names such as Storm, Eagles, Titans and Knights.

We all had so much fun and it was an awesome day for everyone.

Erin

Concert Band News
On Saturday, 7 November, members of our Concert Band performed with King Street and Singleton Heights Public School Bands at the Civic Centre. We performed three pieces of music as part of the Singleton Town Band’s annual concert. They sounded amazing and represented our school with pride. Well done to everyone involved and thankyou to the parents for making it happen!

On Friday, 13 December our Concert Band was lucky enough to attend a concert by the Sydney Youth Orchestra at Sacred Spaces. We learnt about all the families of the orchestra and the amazing sound they all make together. The children also had the opportunity to conduct the orchestra, which they all loved!

Kristy Dibley
Band Co-ordinator

Canteen
The canteen is urgently after helpers, if you have any spare time please contact Nicole at the canteen.

The canteen will be closed in the last week of term. The canteen’s last day for 2015 is Friday 11, December.

Administration - End of Financial Year
The school’s end of financial year is on Monday, 30 November and is quickly approaching. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or P&C levies for 2015 that they are paid before this date.

The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Monday, 30 November or on Tuesday, 1 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Once complete, the school intends to have all 2016 invoices for School Contribution and the P&C levies ready for payment by mid-December for those families who like to pay in December and in readiness for Term 1, 2016.

Sporting in School
Next Thursday, 26 November will be the last day for Sporting in School for 2015.

Student Health – Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and Chicken Pox
There has been reported cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackievirus) within the school community. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. Good hygiene helps prevent infection. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease may have no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Blisters usually last for seven to 10 days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two. Very rarely, the coxsackie viruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heard, brain, lungs or eyes. How is it spread?
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact ie, contaminated hands, secretions from the mouth or respiratory system and director contact with the fluid from blisters. It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before the blisters appear. How long do children need to be excluded from school? Please exclude children from school until all of the blisters have dried.
A BIG THANK YOU!

As ever, this production of ‘Aladdin’ would not have been possible without the fabulous help of an amazing team of people behind the scenes. I would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers involved in tonight’s production, your support has been wonderful!

The following ‘extra special’ people deserve extra special thanks as their involvement in the production has been priceless:

- **Mrs Barry**, for creating and producing the wonderful program and tickets, again, for the seventh year running!
- **Lyndal**, you have been amazing since we began panto in 2009 – thank you so much for everything you have done! You will be missed next year!
- **Mrs Menneer, Mrs Murray and Mrs Land**, for creating and painting the fantastic back wall scenery! You did a fantastic job, thank you!
- **Mr Moore and Louis**, for doing a brilliant job on making the extra scenery and cart prop! They will be used for many shows to come!
- **Gary**, for EVERYTHING, he has done from sourcing props to painting and fixing, again!
- **Mrs Gray** for organising and running the canteen during the interval.
- **Mrs Land** for selling tickets.
- All the parents and grandparents, who made/ bought/ borrowed the children’s fabulous costumes.
- **MRS DIBBEN**, my technical guru, my adviser, lighting extraordinaire, thank you for everything!!!!
- **Mrs Pickett**, for all your hard work choreographing the dances and many hours rehearsing with the children.
- **MRS ALABAN, Miss Sullivan** and **Miss Zideler** for training the wonderful Year 3 and 4 performers!
- The ‘Men to Boys’ dance group – led by **Mr Crowe**,
- **Mr Russell, Mr Ison, Mr Andrews** and **Mr Johnson** – thank you for providing us with some good belly laughs – you have been stars as always!

Lastly……

To all the amazing students involved in the production. Each and every one of you played your part whether large or small, rat or singer, backstage or prop maker!

Thank you for making Aladdin 2015 a huge success!
Our recent P&C meeting was very successful. We finalised arrangements for printing the 2015 school magazine. Sandy and Graeme Tickell have been working very hard to prepare a full colour printed school magazine. We are very excited that the files went to the printers on the weekend and the magazines are on track for distribution, to those who pre-ordered them, during Week 10. The drafts we have reviewed look great and I can’t wait to see it printed!

We voted to commit $4,000 to purchase more instruments for the band (including flutes, clarinets and trumpets), as well as donations to the school for Enter to Learn bursaries and formal table cloths. We also voted for the P&C to assist with co-ordination and costs of the Year 6 farewell through the canteen. Our Uniform Shop Coordinator Nicole Furness presented a report on the issues with the latest batch of polo shirts that don’t all meet quality standards. We have agreed to sell all polo shirts for $15 until we receive good quality shirts to sell – please see the notice in this newsletter. We are very grateful to Nicole Furness for her efforts to work with the supplier to rectify this issue, and communicate with parents to minimise the inconvenience to parents.

It is a very busy and exciting time of year for teachers, staff and volunteers especially with the Kindergarten Transition Days. I would like to thank to our Uniform Shop Coordinator Nicole Furness and the uniform shop volunteers for their work in spreading the word on the summer dress pre-order system and their work in the uniform shop on those busy Transition Days. I would also like to thank Mrs Gray and Mrs Carter and her volunteers for preparing healthy fruit platters for the Kindergarten Transition Days.

Due to some wonderful canteen volunteers getting full time work, Mrs Gray now has a few gaps in the canteen roster. Even if you can’t commit to a spot in the canteen roster and can only help for an hour or so in the morning, or can only help on days every now and then, please contact Mrs Gray in the canteen.

James Skinner – President, Singleton Public School P&C Association and Crew of Aladdin

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**Singleton Public School Staff Profile**

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

**Name:** Julie Sullivan  
**Class:** 3S  
**How long have you been teaching at SPS?:** 2 years  
**Favourite Colour:** Pink  
**Favourite Sports Team:** The Rabbitohs! (Go the Bunnies)  
**Favourite Movie:** Dumbo and Bambi, they still make me cry  
**Favourite Food:** Sticky Date Pudding  
**Favourite Subject:** Aboriginal Australian History  
**Where did you go to Primary School?** In the highlands of Papua New Guinea

**Do you have any pets, and what are they?:**  
3 cats, a dog and a fishpond full of fish  
**Hobbies:** Reading, art, movies, travel and cafeing!

**What do you love about working at SPS?**  
The Children! Children inspire me, energise me, make me laugh and teach me what life is all about.

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**Enter to Learn**
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 4, Week 6 2015

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What continent is the oldest?
Asia

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Canberra

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Darwin

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George Bass

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How many islands make up Australia?
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Which rock is Wave Rock found near?
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Who is the Sydney Harbour Bridge named after?
Sir John McRae

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What country is the largest?
Australia

What is the largest city in Australia?
Sydney

What is the largest state?
Western Australia

Who was Matthew Flinders?
Explorer

What is the largest body of water in Australia?
The Circum-Australian Ocean

What is the largest animal?
Kangaroo

What is the largest animal that can swim backwards?
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What is the Great Barrier Reef located off?
Queensland

What is the largest country?
Russia

What is the smallest state?
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How many states and territories are there?
Eight

How many people are there?
8.7 million

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What is the Sydney Harbour Bridge? A large steel arch bridge over the Sydney Harbour in New South Wale, Australia.

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