It is official! We are half way through the term and hasn’t it just flown! Our students are also really flying in the classroom. Over the past week, there have been many visits to the Principal’s office to show amazing work. There were beautifully constructed narratives, artworks, improvement in reading levels and a human calculator was found in Year 1.

Singleton Public School will be well represented at this year’s Hunter Mining Show at the Civic Centre on Saturday 14th March. The school will be entering teams in the Tug-O-War, Kindergarten Coal and Spoon race, Year 3 & 4 Tunnel ball and the Year 5 & 6 Captain ball events. All events will kick off at 10am with the student’s events to start at 1.30pm.

Our PBL topic for the next fortnight is “Demonstrating the Core Values of our School – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & QUALITY”. These core values demonstrate the quality citizens of our school and we ask parents to discuss these values with your child. Below are some questions for parents to reinforce with your child at home. What does respect look like at school? How do you know you are being responsible student? What makes a quality student?

What a difference in just a week. Well done to all students and families in making the effort to get the correct uniform. Our school looks magnificent each morning muster with the students displaying a sea of blue and white (with a strip of gold). It is also important that all students wear the correct uniform when they are representing the school at outside events (unless stipulated otherwise). Could you also please remember to put your child’s name in their hat. Well done Singleton Public School and keep up the great work.

Next Wednesday is the P&C AGM. All parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and attend the next meeting. It would be wonderful to see some more new faces and fresh ideas. There has also been a daytime P&C sub-committee established that meets on a Friday at 1.30pm in the Connected Classroom. This committee works in conjunction with the P&C. This is to allow parents the option of attending a daytime meeting during school hours. The next meeting is held on Friday 13th March.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

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The swimming carnival ribbons will be presented at this week’s assembly at the starting time of 12.45pm.
Becoming involved with your School

There are a number of ways that you can support your child’s school. This can include attending P & C meetings, joining the School Council, volunteering for the canteen or uniform shop or volunteering to help in classrooms.

**P & C MEETINGS**
On the first Wednesday of each month
7.00 pm in the School Library

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Prior to the P & C Meeting
6.00 – 7.00 pm in the School Library

**CANTEEN COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
Held each month prior to the P & C meeting
6.30 pm in the Computer Lab in the School Library

**Scripture**
Scripture will be starting on Wednesday, 4 March 2015 for two half hour sessions - one session for K-2 and one session for 3-6. If you do not wish your child to attend scripture classes you will need to provide a written note advising that your child is not to attend these classes. This must be handed into the front office and needs to be done at the start of each year.

**Zone Swimming Carnival 2015**
Last Friday our swimmers who qualified for zone participated in the Zone Carnival held at the Singleton Swim and Gym. All of our students did well on the day and represented our school with pride. We had teams in all of the relays, with our Senior Boys’ Relay Team doing particularly well and winning their race.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came and supported our students and helped out with timekeeping on the day. Your efforts allowed the carnival to run smoothly and allowed all students to compete.

Well done to all students for your great behaviour on the day. See pictures on page 7.

Joel Andrews
Sports Coordinator

**Swimming Carnival Ribbons**
A reminder that the ribbons from our School’s Swimming Carnival will be presented on this week’s Assembly.

**Age Champions**
Age Champions are calculated on a points system (1\(^{st}\) = 8, 2\(^{nd}\) =6, 3\(^{rd}\) =4, 4\(^{th}\) =2, participation =1).

As we do not run finals at our carnival our points are based on overall times and places. This is based on the overall place and not the place in each heat. For example a student may win their heat but only be 4\(^{th}\) overall based on times. So that student would receive 2 points for 4\(^{th}\), not 8 points for 1\(^{st}\).

The Age Champion is the student with the most points after all events are counted (excluding relays).

Thank you.

Joel Andrews

**Uniform Shop**
Size 8 and 10 polo shirts and girls dresses are now in stock in the Uniform Shop.

**Attendance at School**
Please see the information brochure later in this newsletter regarding Compulsory School Attendance. It discusses legal responsibilities, the importance of arriving on time, absences, travel and more.

Please note if you are intending to travel during the school term, an Application for Extended Leave is available from the school office.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 6, Term 1 2015
Mon 2/3/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  2 helpers required please
Fri 6/3/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  Mandy Ward, Janet Wilkie
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 6, Term 1 2015
Mon 2/3/15  Sally Menere, 1 more helper please
Tues 3/3/15  Aimee Cole, Rebecca Hobbs
Wed 4/3/15  Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns
Thurs 5/3/15  Mary Franks, 1 more helper please
Fri 6/3/15  Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC

Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

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. We will endeavour to keep families aware of the various behaviours each week through our newsletter.

Demonstrating the core values of our school.

Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk

On Monday, 16 March, a visiting show called “Jack Flash and the Jumping Beanstalk” will be presented at our school for all students from K-6.

The show is written and performed by the New Zealand Playhouse who are touring Australia this year. It is a humorous adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk and should be enjoyed by all our students.

The cost is $5.00 per student which needs to be returned to the class teacher with the permission note by Monday, 9 March, 2015.

Please note this visiting show is covered by Supercover. If you have paid Supercover, you do not need to return the permission note.

Canteen News

A reminder that the canteen is still very short on volunteers. Please consider helping out for a few hours every 4 weeks. Simply ring Nicole in the Canteen to organise a time.

Benefits of “Kiss and Go”

“Kiss and Go” means that once you have safely dropped your child to school, you say goodbye and leave them to have a play before the morning bell goes. This offers them the opportunity to become familiar with the school routine and helps them to settle in a little easier. There are a number of benefits from adopting a “Kiss and Go” approach to dropping your child at school. These include;

★ the building of independence skills for the child as they will quickly learn the morning routines and expectations;
★ increased free play and social building opportunities – without Mum or Dad in the playground children quickly find a friend to interact and play with. It is amazing how much energy young children can burn in five minutes;
★ reduced anxiety and stress for other students – often it is not your child crying in morning lines, it is another child who is ‘missing’ their parent. The presence of additional parents in the school grounds can increase this anxiety;
★ improved traffic flow around the school and increased pedestrian safety – we all know how hectic and difficult it can be to get a park around school grounds in the morning;
★ increased opportunities for your child to interact with teachers and staff at the school in a relaxed, informal setting.

P&C Information

To all SPS Parents/Carers and Community Members. Please feel welcome to attend the Singleton Public School P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 4 March at 7pm in the school library followed by the monthly P&C meeting.

The following positions will become vacant and will be required to be filled for the P&C to continue:

• President
• Vice President
• Secretary
• Treasurer
• Assistant Treasurer

Please consider nominating for any of these positions ‘many hands make light work’. Assistance is offered by those giving up the positions and other P&C members. If the above positions are not filled the P&C will dissolve and funds held by the P&C will be transferred to a neighbouring school. The canteen and uniform shop will also close as these are managed by the P&C.

Nominations can emailed to singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or if you have any questions please call James Skinner (Vice President) on 0408 609 704.
Message from the P&C Vice President

I was so pleased to welcome some new P&C members at the last meeting, and hope to see even more new faces at the next meeting on 4 March. I am excited about some of the plans the P&C has for 2015 including lobbying Singleton Council to improve the hazardous traffic conditions around the school, ongoing support of the school band, improvements to the uniform shop, weekend working bees, improvements to the playground and gardens, and additional external funding for the Breakfast Club. Myself and other P&C members are keen to improve the efficient running of the meetings. We would really like the meetings to be shorter and more "user friendly" and we are looking at ways we can do this.

At the last P&C meeting we agreed to starting up a P&C group that meets during the day so that people who can't make evening meetings can be actively involved in the P&C. The plan is that the group will briefly discuss the actions from the previous main P&C meeting, then discuss ideas for activities the group can coordinate that will assist the school. We have a few people interested in the group already and some ideas for activities include coordinating a social function so new parents can meet other parents, coordinating student-made presents for Mothers Day, and starting on the school magazine. The first meeting was held at 1.30pm Friday 20th Feb after assembly the next meeting will be on Friday, 13 March, in the connected classroom. If you are interested in coming please contact Robyn Skinner on 0447 392 504 or just turn up.

At the last meeting we said good bye and thank you to Kathy Lamph who has been an active P&C member for 9 years, including being P&C Secretary and Treasurer, and Syed who was our president in 2014 and did a wonderful job producing the school magazine for the past three years. Thank you Kathy and Syed!

James Skinner, Vice President P&C

Crunch ‘n’ Sip

Crunch ‘n’ Sip is a short fruit and water break that is taken in each class every day. Suitable foods are fruit, carrot and celery sticks, cheese cubes, sultanas etc. No processed foods at this time. Water is the acceptable drink.

University of New South Wales Tests

Each year the University of New South Wales offers students across the world the opportunity to participate in a number of tests across a number of curriculum areas for children in Year 3-12.

These tests are the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and occur through the year. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by our team of subject matter experts.

All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students’ skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student’s school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions.

This year we are offering for any interested children from Years 3-6 the chance to participate in the following UNSW competitions:

- Digital Technologies (Computer Skills): Tuesday, 19th May
- Science: Wednesday, 3rd June
- English: Wednesday, 28th July
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 11th August

Each of these tests costs parents $8.80. If you would like your child or children in Years 3-6 to participate in any of the tests please complete the form below and return it to the school by Monday, 23 March. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late entries.

×__________________________________________________________
Child’s Name__________________________ Child’s Class ______

Tests I would like my child to participate in:

- English / Mathematics / Science / Computer Skills

(Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

Each tests costs $8.80 Total enclosed: $____________ Signed: ____________________

(return to office by Monday, 23 March 2015)
Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Selection Dates

Dear Parents,

The following dates are for the Upper Hunter Zone, PSSA Selection Trial for 2015. The criteria stipulated by the selectors are that the student is competent and knowledgeable in the sport. If you think that your child fits these criteria and you would like him/her to attend the selection trials please let either of us know in writing and we will send you a permission and information note closer to the date. These trials are for open age teams and the students competing will be up to 13 years of age. Participants are selected from Years 5 and 6.

Please be aware that it is the parent/caregiver’s responsibility to provide your child’s transport to the venue and to provide supervision during the day. There will be no teachers from Singleton Public School attending the trials.

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These dates and venues are subject to change.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy has been formulated to encourage all children to wear their school uniform with pride. The whole school community expects that all students will wear the school uniform every day. In this regard, parents have an important role in overseeing what their children wear to school. A navy school hat is part of the school uniform. All items of uniform, new and second-hand, are available for sale at the P&C Uniform Shop which is run by members of the P&C.

**SUMMER**

**GIRLS:** Blue checked dress OR navy shorts and unisex polo shirt; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

**BOYS:** Unisex polo shirt; navy shorts; navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

**WINTER**

**GIRLS:** Unisex polo shirt and navy trousers OR blue and gold checked pinafore with a white blouse or unisex polo shirt; royal blue zip-up jacket (optional), royal blue tracksuit top (optional); navy socks or stockings; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

**BOYS:** Unisex polo shirt and navy trousers; royal blue zip-up jacket (optional) royal blue tracksuit top (optional); navy socks; black shoes. Navy school hat at all times.

**SPORT:** Children may bring joggers to wear with unisex polo shirt and navy sport shorts during sport. Alternatively, black joggers may be worn at all times. Navy school hat must be worn at all times.

The Uniform Shop is located in the middle of the school close to our canteen. It is open Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30 – 9.30 am. It is staffed and operated by volunteers from our P&C Association.
Zone Swimming Carnival

School Cross Country

Date: Wednesday, 11 March (Week 7)

To help the school make selections for the Zone Cross Country, all students in Years 2-6 will be taken to Cook Park on Wednesday, 11 March to compete in the cross country run. Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance (2km or 3km). Selections for the Zone Carnival will be based on these results.

Students and staff will leave school at 9.20 am and return to school by 11.10 am. Children must bring a bottle of water, hat, sunscreen, medications and appropriate footwear. There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip needed for this event as students should have already handed in their 2015 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

Students are to wear school uniform (not house colours).

Please ensure that your child’s Medical Information Sheet, which was sent home at the beginning of the year, has been returned to the class teacher. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless this form has been returned.

Cross Country Parent Helpers Return Slip (return to class teacher)

If you are able to assist at the Cross Country Carnival on the day (Wednesday, 11 March) please fill out the slip below and return to your child’s class teacher. The job that is required would be to sit in a designated place along the track to ensure children are travelling along the course in the right direction and to provide encouragement for students who may be struggling.

I ........................................ am able to assist on Wednesday, 11 March at the School’s Cross Country Carnival.

Signed........................................ Date: / /  Child’s Name _______________ Class ________
SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB OPEN DAILY 8:40-9:10AM

Breakfast Club was a great success in 2014 with over 700 breakfasts served from May to December as well as hundreds of sandwiches, Crunch and Sip Vegetables and pieces of fruit. Each morning students that require breakfast can access toast, cereal, etc. for no charge. We also offer lunch box top ups such as rolls, Crunch and Sip (vegetable sticks) and fruit. This is especially helpful for families that have parents working early shifts; for when parents or carers are very ill and unable to make a suitable breakfast; when there is a long time between breakfast and arriving to school or just when there is nothing in the fridge (it happens in every household from time to time).

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO BREAKFAST CLUB (next to the Uniform Shop) EVERY DAY BETWEEN 8:40-9:10am AND HAVE BREAKFAST OR TOP UP THEIR FRUIT OR LUNCH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DAY AT NO CHARGE.

It is the intention of Breakfast Club to provide adult supervision to assist with the preparation of available breakfast items such as toast and cereal, to provide additional items to lunch boxes such as sandwiches and fruit and to encourage personal grooming such as washing hands, cleaning teeth and brushing hair (if wanted).

If you have any questions, or wish to join our small band of volunteers (toddlers welcome), please contact Penny Clancy 0432 073430.

Thank you to Singleton on Hunter Rotary for their generous donation of the kitchen and appliances, Singleton RSC for their continued support and the Xstrata Coal through funding to the Neighbourhood Centre to cover ongoing costs of food and personal grooming items.

Non Participation of Student in Singleton Public School Breakfast Club

If you DO NOT WANT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO PARTICIPATE complete this form

I DO NOT give permission for my for my son/daughter __________________________ of class _______ to participate in Breakfast Club.

This request is to remain in force for 2014.
Signed __________________________ (Parent/Guardian) Date ____________

If you are happy for your son/daughter to access this service on a regular or occasional basis then do NOT return this form.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.
2015 REGISTRATIONS
Saturday 28th February 2015
9.30am till 12 noon

New registrations must be done in person and a copy of your child’s birth certificate or passport must be presented at the time of registration.

Re Registrations for all players who played in 2014 will be done via the new Online Registration program. Payment via Visa or Credit Card will incur a 3.9% processing fee. The link for online registrations can be found on the Clubs Website or Facebook page.

www.singletonjuniorrugbyleague.leaguenet.com.au

It is the Clubs policy that No Player will train/play unless they are registered and registration is not complete until registration is received and paid in full.

Registration fee will be $100 for All Players

Any queries contact Club Registrar
Tracey Rapley on 0411 044 958.

SCHOOL CANTEEN MANAGER
Singleton Heights Public School P&C are seeking 2 Canteen Managers for a job share position.

The successful applicants will be responsible for:

♦ Food preparation and service
♦ Supervision and management of volunteers and other staff
♦ WHS Compliance
♦ Account Management
♦ Ordering
♦ Rostering
♦ Stocktake

Selection Criteria:

♦ Safe Food Handling (or similar) certification (or willingness to obtain)
♦ Working with Children Check number (Paid Employee)
♦ Ability to manage and co-ordinate staff and volunteers
♦ Ability to positively engage with the students and school community

Applications can be submitted by email to shpsanpc2330@gmail.com, mailed or hand delivered to the school office by 3pm Friday 27th February 2015.

Applications should be addressed to:

SHPS P&C
Attn: President
Dorsman Drive
Singleton Heights NSW 2330
## Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 4 2015

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**Introducing .....KM....**

Welcome to the students of KM for 2015. The students have been busy constructing sentences with the help of Miss Moon!

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**Year 6 Teen Talk**

Young Teen Talk’ is a multi-media presentation which runs for two 80 minute sessions and is presented by Susie Blackwood, a registered nurse, midwife and sexuality educator. It supports nine learning outcomes of the Stage Three, PDHPE syllabus.

Topics include:

- Friendships, Respect, Self Esteem, Families, Same Sex, Life Skills, Hygiene, STI’s Drug and Alcohol, Emotions, Harm Minimization Strategies, Anatomy and Physiology, Changes in Puberty, Sexual Intercourse, Conception, Fetal Development and Birth.

The Year 6 sessions will be held on MONDAY and TUESDAY 2 and 3 March, 2015 beginning at 9.30am.

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**Singleton Public School**

**Supercover**

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PERMISSION NOTE – Supercover (please complete even if you have already paid separately)

*Return to class teacher by Monday, 9 March 2015 if you would like to use Supercover.*

I give permission for my child ………………………………………………… of class ………………. to :-

- Attend the visiting shows at the school;
- Attend the Hunter Life Education Van at the school;
- Attend an excursion to the Military Museum where students will travel by bus.

Signed: …………………………………………

Parent/Guardian

Enclosed: $ ………….. $30.00 for Supercover if you have already paid your School Contribution

OR $90.00 for School Contribution and Supercover

My son/daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details).

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2015 Active After School Sports Program

Change of days and program format

Dear parents and families,

Due to a change in Government funding the Active After School Sports Program that has previously been running in our school has been shut down. The idea behind this is that it will be replaced from Term 3 this year with the “Sporting Schools” program.

As a result of this our school will not receive any funding/resources for Active After School Sport until at least Term 3.

The school still wishes to provide Active After School Sports to students in 2015, however due to the above circumstances it will only run one day a week.

**Active After School Sports will only run on Thursday afternoons from 3.10pm to 4.10pm SHARP.** This will begin from Week 4 (Thursday, 19 February). Children are to meet near the Support Unit playground after the bell rings on Thursday afternoon. **Please note that for Term 1, the AASS program will only be open to students in Years 1-6. From Term 2 onwards, Kindergarten students will be able to participate in the program.**

If your child would like to take part in the program please fill out the permission slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please note that students MUST wear a hat during Active After School Sports.

Thank you.

Joel Andrews
Sports Coordinator

Active After School Sport (please return to school office as soon as possible)

I give permission for my child/ren listed below to attend and participate in the activities of the Active After School Sports Program on Thursday afternoons at Singleton Public School in 2015. The attendance times are from 3:10 pm until 4:10 pm SHARP.

Child’s Name: ................................................................. of class ........................

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Emergency Contact Phone Numbers: ..........................................................

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Does your child have any health or medication issues?  Yes / No

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Parent’s Name: .................................................................

Signed .............................................  Date ............................................
Road safety

Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?

4/5E’s fantastic descriptive sentences for narrative writing

Like skeleton arms reaching out to grab me, the swaying trees were casting dancing shadows on the cold, damp grass. Amber Melamed.

Suddenly I heard it again, like fingernails scratching a blackboard, gradually it became louder and louder. Samantha Ngai

Then I heard a noise like a crack, a breath and a ROAR! Jonas Gardiner

One flash of lightning lit up the room as rain started pouring down. It sounded like nails getting hammered into the roof. Lucy Hungerford

Daphne closed her eyes and after about five minutes she heard a soft pitter patter on the roof. Soon it became so loud it woke up Estelle as well. Caroline Mexon

Lightning lit up my room as the rain hit the roof like thousands of bullets. Jack Land

Suddenly lightning lit up my room and clouds skidded past my window. Emily Brown

I peered through the window at a pure black cat with eyes that glowed red with blood. Pin-chi Wei

It was a cold, stormy night so I pulled the blanket tight and shivered. Troy Emery

I saw two pairs of bright red eyes staring at me. Tiarna Baxter

The ground was moonlit and clouds skittered past the window. Samuel Fallding

I rolled over and there it was a black evil cat that had red wings and yellow eyes. Logan Tredinnick

There was woeful weather and the clouds skidded past the lit up moon. Breaedyn Parrey

It was black like the night and its eyes glowed as it stood staring through my window as if it was going to pounce. Zoe Hume

I patted and patted it until I fell asleep but in the morning it was gone! Mikayla Harrop

Over on the hill a tree was on fire and the rain shot down hitting the window. I felt a shiver down my spine. Aaron Gray

His face was scrunched and his fists were firmly tight. Charlotte Morris

I heard a sound ‘scratch’ along the wall and then I heard a meow. I didn’t know what it was. Bree McSweeney

I was in bed and then I heard the noise again. Scrooatch! Whyatt Eastwell

The room was very cold and the clouds skidded past my window. Claire Houe

It was a dark and gloomy night. It was like I was in an old, abandoned cemetery with thunder and rain all around. Sam Forrest

Thump! Thud! I awoke in my bed, frozen. Ruby Taylor

The thunder rumbled and shook my bedroom and I could see the trees were whipping side to side. Meghan O’Brien

My body shivered and I threw the blankets over myself. I was holding my breath and then I heard ‘scratch’ then a bang! Lachlan Martin

I could hear the rain on the roof and the rush of the wind as the clouds flew past my window. Hannah Moore

Suddenly, I woke up hearing a scratching noise and pulled my blankets up in a heartbeat. Lili Munro

The noise came back as if something was hunting me down. Rowan Kret

Then suddenly the lightning lit up the sky and for a split second I could see the outline of a terrifying, black cat. Hannah Pearce

The shiver of my heart beat woke me to sudden strange sounds, scratches and meows. The darkness was upon me. Kohawai Carroll

I woke in fear and looked around the room. The window was open and the blinds were flapping. Liliana Sulkowski