What a fabulous day was had by all who attended the Hunter Coal Festival on Saturday. Congratulations to our Kindergarten Coal and Spoon team who finished 2nd overall. The Kindergarten students were extremely pumped after receiving a ribbon. Well done to our Stage 3 Captain Ball team who performed well finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their heats however, the team was a little short in their first heat. The blue ribbon event was the Tug of War match between Singleton Heights PS and Singleton PS on the main Tug of War arena. Both teams performed extremely well with the strength and perseverance of the Singleton PS team finishing victors. Congratulations to all students and supporters who attended the day.

Reading Recovery is a program within our school that targets students in Year 1 who have difficulty with reading. Mrs Wendy Pearce is our Reading Recovery teacher and works hard at improving our students over a twenty week program. Last week, I had the pleasure of listening to Liliana from 1E who has improved her reading from a Level 0 to Level 5 in three weeks. Liliana was so proud to read her story Mr Grump. Congratulations Liliana and Mrs Pearce for your huge efforts.

This Friday is “National Day against Bullying and Violence.” All schools within the community have jumped on board this important topic in promoting respect of all students in our schools. Due to this important campaign our PBL topic this week will be “Respecting all Students in our School.”

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask your child’s class teacher any questions you have in regard to their academic progress, social context and any other concerns that may arise. All interviews will be held in the library. The canteen will be providing tea and coffee for all parents that attend.

Well done to our Under 9’s Rugby League team who competed at the Group 21 Rugby League carnival at Scone on Sunday. The boys played extremely well under the coaching guidance of Mr Ward. The boys defeated St James in their first game and then went down in a close match to Scone Grammar School. A huge thank you to Brett Ward for organising the team and each of the coaching sessions. Please see the photos from the Group 21 Carnival later in the newsletter.

Don’t forget our Working Bee will be held this Sunday, 22 March at our school. Gardening is one of the priorities right across the school with the proposed Bush Tucker garden at the eastern end of the school being a main focus. Other items on the agenda include Garden Club, tree pruning, paint and repair of ‘Daisy’ and the removal of some edging throughout the school. Please make sure you label any tools you decide to bring along on the day. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone on Sunday.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

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**Calendar of Events**

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This week’s assembly will be hosted by 1H & Glee Club at the starting time of 12.45pm.

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**CANTEEN OPENED**
The canteen will be open Friday 20 March. The canteen are still after more volunteers to keep the canteen open full time.
Hunter Coal Festival

**Tug Of War** - congratulations to Singleton Public School Tug of War team who were victors on the day. The team consisted of Ryan, Hayden, Harry, Jack, Chloe, Ivy, Kowhai and Georgia.

**Coal and Spoon Race** - after a few very exciting heats, our Kindergarten team were awarded second place. Congratulations to Mackenzie, Eustie, Cadel, Ditch, Archie and Ewan.

**Captain Ball** - Ethan, Zoe, Chloe, Ivy, Kowhai, Jack, Angus and Jack made up the Captain Ball team. Well done to our Stage 3 Captain Ball team who performed well finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their heats however, the team was a little short in numbers in their first heat.

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Newcastle Knights

Years 2 to 6 have been invited to train with the Newcastle Knights on Tuesday, 24 March from 10am-12pm. The students will walk to Pirtek Park and enjoy a morning with the Knights. Students are only eligible for this event if they have returned the general permission note.

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Easter Hat Parade

Let’s get creative as the Easter Bunny is hopping into town for the Singleton Public School Easter Hat parade. Students are encouraged to make or buy their Easter Hats/Bonnets at home and bring them to school on Thursday, 2 April. The parade will start at 10:30am. Parents, grandparents and other family members are most welcome to come and watch your child march under the COLA. The Support Unit will start the march first, followed by Kindergarten through to Year 6. Best dressed certificates will be handed out by our mystery judge. After the parade, families are welcomed to stay and join your child for lunch.

Elaine Bunnemeyer
Organiser

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Prescribed Medication

The school will administer prescribed medication if necessary but only if written instructions as to dosage, etc are received from parents and doctors. A prescribed medication form will also need to be completed which is available from the school office or the school’s website. We recommend that parents, not children, bring in any prescribed medicine for their children. In the interest of student safety, staff will not give medicine, etc unless written instructions are received. There is a written procedure to be followed in the case of regular medications. Staff do not administer paracetamol, or other pain or over the counter medication, unless a doctor’s directive (ie, a prescription) is provided.

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Canberra 2015

The FINAL price of the Year 6 Canberra excursion is $570 per student (less the deposit). The excursion cost for the parents is $646.50.

Please ensure that all monies are paid to the office by Friday, 24 April. Medical notes have been sent home and should be returned as soon as possible. It is important that you return these quickly with up to date information. Please include, in the medical section, whether your child needs travel sickness medication as these will need to be administered for the return journey. It is a long journey to and from Canberra and even longer if you are not feeling very well, so it is recommended to be safe rather than sorry!
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9, Term 1 2015
Mon 23/3/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammie Cox
Fri 27/3/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee Macdonald, Rebecca Hobbs
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 8, Term 1 2015
Mon 23/3/15 Penny Clancy, Lyndal Barry
Tues 24/3/15 Nadia Brown, 1 more helper please
Wed 25/3/15 Pam Dicks, 1 more helper please
Thurs 26/3/15 Deb Boston, 1 more helper please
Fri 27/3/15 Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, 1 more helper please
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Information from the DEC
Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

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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Breakfast Club News

Breakfast Club resumed on the first day of school and the children were straight back into the routine. We operated for 23 days and served 15 new and 308 returning students, a total of 323 children received breakfast. Breakfast items served include 71 cereals, 2 oats, 282 toast, 61 fruit, 57 yoghurts, 217 milos and 42 milks. We also provided 10 sandwiches, 6 crunch and sips, 10 apples, 19 bananas and 30 oranges.

Breakfast Club has been fully funded by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre since 2013. Due to recent budget cuts to the centre we have been forced to reduce our menu options to remain sustainable and we also sought further funding from other sources. As a result, we made the decision to stop serving yoghurt and milo as we simply could not afford it. In the wake of the Nanna’s frozen berries recall we have also stopped serving frozen fruit. We now offer tinned fruit in juice and have added lactose free milk at the request of some of our students.

Breakfast Club has been successful in sourcing new donations and wishes to thank our very generous local businesses:

- Singleton Heights Bakery is donating all bread and milk
- The Happy Tooth has donated 100 toothbrushes, 100 toothpastes and 50 toothbrush holders
- Coal and Allied has awarded a $2500 grant to go towards more suitable tables and seating, an outside kitchen bench and sink and to cover the shortfall in food costs.

In response to teacher concerns that students bringing breakfast to class in paper bags is distracting, we will no longer offer this. For students that arrive after 9am due to late buses or parent drop offs, we will offer a piece of buttered toast and encourage them to eat it before they go to Morning Muster.

We need more volunteers, especially on Mondays. Toddlers are welcome to come along too.

We will be holding a ‘Kindy Big Breakfast’ on Thursday, March 19 from 9:30-10:30am. This will allow the youngest students to come and check out Breakfast Club with their teacher and classmates. Parents are welcome to attend.

Finally, THANK YOU to all our new and existing volunteers that come every week and often jump in at a moment’s notice to cover other volunteers when they have sick children.

Penny Clancy
0432 073430

Under 9’s Football

Congratulations to the Under 9’s boys who represent Singleton Public School at the Group 21 Scone Carnival on Sunday. The boys won their first game against St James 26-18. Then unfortunately they lost their second game to Scone Grammar 28-12. Thank you to Brett Ward for coaching the boys.

Day Time P&C Meeting Report

Seven enthusiastic people came to the first meeting of the day time P&C group on 20 February. We quickly decided that these meetings were a good idea and should be continued once a month. We decided our purpose is to do activities and projects that improve the sense of belonging to the school community and increase parent/carer involvement in the school. We plan to do projects that neither raise significant amounts of money nor spend significant amounts of money.

At the last meeting we quickly went through key items of interest from the P&C meeting (such as uniform shop price increases and the canteen volunteer shortage) and then got on with planning. We are looking into organising a school outdoor family movie night in Term 2. This is aimed at being a social event where parents and teachers can get together for a fun and inexpensive night out, rather than being a fund-raising event.

Robyn Skinner (P&C Member)
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Monday, 23 March to Thursday, 26 March. Please see below the designated days for each class:-

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A note has been sent home for parents/caregivers to complete and was due back at school today.

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:-

- Respecting all Students in our School (in recognition of National Day against Bullying and Violence)

Canteen News

Last week a green note was sent home to parents/caregivers with some information about the canteen - the roster, the menu and seeking volunteers. In response we had 5 ladies sign up to volunteer in the canteen. A big thank you to Claire, Melissa, Helena, Sarah and Judy that have contacted me to sign up. Your help is so much appreciated and I am looking forward to working with you.

Unfortunately, this is still not enough volunteers to fill the numerous gaps. I am fine with one volunteer on the first 2 days of the week. Often those days are used for making various items for sale at the window or prepping for the next day. However, if the one Volunteer is not able to come for whatever reason, then I am by myself and many things that should get done won't.

Luckily we have had some volunteers come forward for Friday, 20 March and we are now able to be OPEN. Thank You!

Nicole Gray
Canteen Supervisor

Kindergarten Big Breakfast 19 March 2014

On Thursday morning, 19 March, Kindergarten students will be attending the Kindergarten Big Breakfast. Students will go to the Breakfast Club area at the following times to sit and enjoy a healthy breakfast snack with their classmates:

9.30 am - KL
9.50 am - KM
10.10 am - KS

Students will be served fruit, toast, mini scrolls, healthy muffins, milo and milk by the friendly Breakfast Club parent volunteers. All Kindergarten parents are welcome to come along for breakfast and help. The aim of the morning is to show Kinder students where the Breakfast Club is and what is available there. The breakfast is complimentary.

Please let your teacher know if you do NOT want your child to attend.

Want to Help?

The Breakfast Club is run by volunteers from the school community (including several who bring younger pre-school aged siblings to help). Volunteers are rostered to help for one hour a week, but all help is welcome, even if you can only help out occasionally.

If you would like to help call Penny Clancy on 0432 073 430.
P&C News

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4 March. The Treasurer presented the 2014 Financial Statement which was audited (at no cost) by Altitude Business Group. Mr Russell thanked all the following outgoing 2014 executive for their hard work and support for the school: President and Magazine coordinator - Syed Alam, Vice Presidents - James Skinner and Rebecca Hobbs, Secretary - Kathy Lamph, Treasurer - Donna Croft, Band Co-ordinator - Jan Fallding, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Nicole Furness, Canteen Co-ordinator - Kim Carter, and Breakfast Club Co-ordinators - Penny Clancy and El Keulamans. The following people were voted into the P&C Executive for 2015:

- President - James Skinner
- Vice President (1) and Assistant Treasurer - Donna Croft
- Vice President (2) - vacant
- Secretary - Alethea Rasmussen
- Treasurer - Rob Ella
- Band Co-ordinator - Jan Fallding
- Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Nicole Furness
- Canteen Co-ordinator - Kim Carter
- Penny Clancy and El Keulamans accepted nominations for Breakfast Club Co-ordinators
- Magazine Co-ordinator - vacant

Following the AGM a general meeting was held. Nicole Gray (Canteen Supervisor) reported that Friday is a very busy day and there are not enough volunteers on the roster for Fridays. Unfortunately at this stage on Friday 20 March the canteen will be closed due to a lack of volunteers. The P&C have placed an advertisement for canteen volunteers in the Argus. Please contact Nicole in the canteen if you are able to volunteer, even for the odd day here or there, or on any morning to help with the lunch orders.

On a very positive note The Breakfast Club reported that they have received a generous donation of $2,500 from Coal & Allied - Hunter Valley Operations! We had a report from the new P & C day time meeting group who are looking into the feasibility of holding a family movie night at the school in Term 2.

The P&C were pleased to commit $2,500 to gardening equipment for the school. If you would like to see our new gardening toys, then come along to the next working bee on Sunday, 22 March. The jobs to be done are mainly gardening related jobs, so there will be something for everyone. Please come along and help keep our school looking great - even for an hour. It really is a good fun social day.

Our next P&C meeting will be on 1 April at 7pm in the library. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and participate in the P&C meetings. Alternatively you can come to the next P&C day time meeting to be held straight after assembly at 1.30pm on Friday, 13 March in the small classroom behind the administration building. Please come along to find out more about our wonderful school and how we can all help to make our children’s education even better. Ideas on how we can make further improvements to our school are always most welcome.

James Skinner
 Singleton Public School P&C President

Mosaic

After many months of preparation the school's Mosaic has been completed. It is located at the end of the Kinder and Year 2 rooms and it looks amazing, especially when the sun is shining on it and you see the mirror tiles!

Thank you to the Song Room for contributing to the project as well as Lisa Hyde-Mills who designed the masterpiece.

University of New South Wales Tests

A reminder that the notes and payment for the USW tests are due Monday, 23 March. See form on next page for further details.
Kinder Farm Visit

On Tuesday, 10 March Kindergarten travelled to McNamara’s Farm to find out how vegetables are grown, picked and prepared for sale at the markets. Next they travelled to Algie’s Dairy Farm at Whittingham to learn about the dairy farming process. After lunch, the students went to Thomas’ Butchers to hear about how meat is prepared for sale. The children greatly enjoyed the day and came back excited with their new knowledge.

Kinder would like to thank Mr and Mrs McNamara and Mr and Mrs Algie for an exciting excursion to their farms.

Mrs Scoles and Mrs Launders
Kindergarten

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.

Childs Name __________________________ Child’s Class ______  (return to office by Monday, 23 March 2015)

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: ____________________
Singleton Netball Association

Established 1958
ABN: 62 355 990 076
PO Box 523 Singleton NSW 2330
Phone: 6572 4551 Website: www.singletonnetball.com
Email: singletonnetball@hotmail.com

Singleton Netball Association is calling for girls turning 11 this year for our development squad. The squad is not selected. We train on Thursday nights from 5-6.30pm and attend 5 carnivals. Girls develop their skills with qualified coaches. If you are interested you can either email the association on the above email or come to the netball courts this Thursday night and speak to our representative convener Abby Burden.
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1 Week 7 2015

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**Singleton Stars**

- **Early Stage 1**: Cohen
- **Stage 1**: Seth
- **Stage 2**: Annabelle
- **Stage 3**: Georgia

**Super Citizens**

- KM: Ditch
- 1H: Jacob
- 4A: Jordan
- 5I: Ethan
- 7W: S.U. Koby
Today I went on an excursion. I went on the bus to Mr McNamara’s farm. I saw cabbages growing and an apple cucumber.

Then I went to the dairy farm. I saw cows, a tractor and pigs.

After lunch I went to visit a butcher. I saw lots of meat and chicken.

By Eustie

Today I went on an excursion. I went on the bus to Mr McNamara’s farm. I saw corn growing in a row.

Then I went to the dairy farm. I saw a pig and a chicken.

After lunch I went to visit a butcher. I saw lots of meat and chicken.

By Mackenzie

Today I went on an excursion. I went on the bus to Mr McNamara’s farm. I saw tomatoes growing. There were pumpkins.

Then I went to the dairy farm. I saw puppies, sheep and pigs.

After lunch I went to visit a butcher. I saw lots of meat and chicken.

By Khloe

Today I went on an excursion. I went on the bus to Mr McNamara’s farm. I saw pumpkins and tomatoes growing.

Then I went to the dairy farm. I saw dogs, cows and chickens.

After lunch I went to visit a butcher. I saw lots of meat and chicken.

By Bailey