Welcome to Week 5. Can you believe we are half way through Term 2?

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who took part in the NAPLAN assessments last week. All of you applied yourselves to the tests and tried your absolute best. The results for these tests are sent to schools around the end of Term 3.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 students who visited Canberra last week. By all reports the students conducted themselves respectfully and responsibly at each of the venues. We believe one of the highlights was meeting Dr. Harry at the zoo. A huge thank you to the Year 6 teachers and parents for taking the time away from your families and work commitments to take our students on a wonderful experience that is Canberra.

Friday, 29 May is Walk Safely to School Day. Our school will be taking part in this initiative. This is also our Positive Behaviour for Learning topic for the next fortnight. It is important that students get to and from school safely and understand the road rules when crossing the road. Teachers and council members will be standing at checkpoints throughout the community to help walk students to school. Parents and friends are also welcome to attend. The P&C are supporting this event by providing breakfast for students after the walk. A map of the checkpoints will be distributed in next week's newsletter. Please come along and join us in this important initiative in keeping our students safe in the community.

Good luck to all of our students who will be competing in a variety of events over the next week. Our Rugby League team are off to Newcastle on Thursday for the Knights Knockout competition, our tennis players will be swinging hard on Monday in the semi-finals of the Hunter PSSA Tennis Knockout and our debating team are off to Singleton Heights PS on Tuesday to argue and persuade the adjudicator that their arguments are correct. Enjoy the contest and more will be revealed in next week’s newsletter.

Don’t forget parents that you are welcome to attend our P&C committee meeting on Friday, 22 May at 1.30pm in the Connected Classroom. It would be amazing to get some more fresh faces and ideas to support our students at Singleton Public School.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

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This week’s assembly will be hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45pm.
Permission to Publish

Permission to Publish notes have been sent home to families where no response has been received by the school. Please return these notes as soon as possible so that your child’s records can be updated.

Life Education Van Visit

The ‘Healthy Harold’ Life Education Van will be at Singleton Public School from Friday, 29 May to Tuesday, 9 June 2015. All classes will visit the van in separate sessions over this period. Each grade follows a different program so it is important for children to participate each year. The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PD/Health/PE curriculum. A brief outline of the program contents is:

- Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten - “Harold’s Surprise”
- Stage 1 - Year 1 – “Harold’s Mystery Tour”
- Stage 1 - Year 2 – “Harold’s Heroes”
- Stage 2 - Year 3 – “Harold’s Diary”
- Stage 2 – Year 4 – “Mind Your Medicine”
- Stage 3 - Year 5 – “On the Case”
- Stage 3 - Year 6 – “Think Twice”

The cost is $10.00 per child. Permission notes have been sent home. Notes and money must be paid to the class teacher no later than **12.30 pm on Monday, 25 May**. This enables the office staff to compile reports of payment for the class teachers. Please contact Kerrie Burns in the school office if you are in need of financial assistance – all enquiries are strictly confidential. The Hunter Life Van is covered by Supercover, so if you have paid Supercover there is no need to pay for this event.

HAROLD PRODUCTS - A separate form is attached to the permission note with a list of the items that children can purchase directly from the van. The money for these purchases must be put in an envelope with their name, class and what they want to purchase and sent in on their allocated day. Any separate tax deductible donations, as per the form, (not including the $10.00 per child entry) is to be by cheque made out to Life Education NSW and attached to that particular return slip. We will forward it on to Life Education and they will forward you a receipt.

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Impetigo

There have been a few reported cases of Impetigo (school sores) in the school. If your child contracts Impetigo please exclude your child if sores are on exposed surfaces such as face, hands, or legs. They are allowed to return to school if sores are properly covered by a clean dressing and they have started treatment.

Payments to school

Payments can be made by sending money and permission notes with your child in an envelope or zip lock bag with their name, class and what you are paying for. These are handed into class teachers by the students and sent to the office by the class teachers each day. Alternatively you can make payments in person at the office (cash, cheque, credit card, or EFTPOS), over the phone (credit card) or by using the Credit Card Payment Slip in the school newsletter (credit card only). Please note EFTPOS and credit card payments have a $20 minimum.

The school office completes banking daily at approximately 12.30 pm. This time can change at times throughout the year depending on other requirements on the day eg excursions, end of month reconciliations, etc.

Found

A watch and a bracelet have been handed into the office recently. If you have misplaced one of these items, please call the office and described it.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 6, Term 2 2015
Mon 25/5/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  2 helpers please
Fri  29/5/15 (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 2 2015
Mon 25/5/15  Judy Felton, 1 more helper please
Tues 26/5/15  Aimee Cole, Rebecca Hobbs
Wed 27/5/15  Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns
Thurs 28/5/15 Mary Franks, 1 more helper please
Fri  29/5/15 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

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:-

“Travelling safely to and from school”

Information from the DEC
Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more:  http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

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.

Student’s Name:  …………………………………………………………………………… Class:  ……………………….
What are you paying for?  ………………………………………………………………………………………Date …………
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Signature of Cardholder  ……………………………………………………… Contact Number:  ……………………………
Matilda Excursion for students in Years 3-6
Tickets go on sale for the Matilda excursion on Tuesday, 26 May on the Parsonage Verandah from 8.30am for students in Years 3-6. They will be sold on a “first come, first served” basis at a cost of $95.00. The date of the performance is Wednesday, 25 November. A note will be sent home on Friday to students who have an expressed interest in attending which will need to be returned at the time of purchasing the ticket. Cash and credit card will be accepted on the day. Further details can be found later in the newsletter.

Band Eisteddfod
The Concert Band will be competing in the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod on Thursday, 28 May at 1.00 pm. The band will leave school at 11.10 am to travel to Muswellbrook. Permission notes will be sent home this week. Could the notes be returned to Mrs Dibley as soon as possible please.

Thank you MSP Photography
MSP Photography have very kindly donated the photo of our School Captains and Vice Captains that now appears on the school’s website. It is a wonderful addition to the website - thank you!

Dogs on School Grounds
As per Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998), dogs are prohibited on school grounds except where the principal gives permission. Where permission has been obtained, the dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

Money Found
There has been a large amount of money found in the playground recently and handed into the office. If you have lost money, please contact the school with the amount lost and the day and location that it went missing. Please note that the enquiries received by the school last week were not for the money mentioned above.

K-2 The Very Cranky Bear Performance
On Tuesday, 8 September “The Very Cranky Bear” will be performed at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle. Miss Moon has organised for some tickets and buses to take interested students to the performance. A permission note will be sent out in the next few weeks for all K-2 students. Tickets will be sold on “first in, best dressed” basis.

Parking on School Grounds
Parents and carers are reminded that driving in or parking on school grounds is not permitted unless prior permission has been obtained. This includes the car park area adjacent the Support Unit to drop students off for school. This can cause considerable problems as this area is designated for taxi transport of students in the Support Unit. Please do not use this entrance as a walking thoroughfare, it is for vehicles only.

Garden Club
On Friday before and after assembly, Garden Club will be selling lemon, lime, spinach and kale.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016 Open
Is it coming time for your child to commence their school education? The school is now able to register names of all siblings and family members for Kindergarten 2016. If you would like to start your child at school next year, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to record your interest.

Full details of information evenings, transition days and enrolment forms will be sent out in Term 3 to all names on the school’s register.

Walk Safely to School Day
The Pedestrian Council of Australia organises a National Walk Safely to School Day each year. Singleton Public School will be participating in the Walk Safely to School Day on Friday, 29 May. The school is encouraging parents to either walk your child to school or maybe meet at one of our check points. These locations will be included in next week’s newsletter. In conjunction with the Walk to School Day, the P&C will be organising a healthy breakfast snack for those participating on their arrival at school. Further details can be found later in this newsletter.
**Scholastic Bookclub**

The school receives Bookclub order forms from Scholastic which are sent home throughout the year via your child’s class teacher. The children are given the return date by their teacher which is usually one or two weeks after the forms are received. The due date will also appear in the calendar on the front page of the newsletter. Should you wish to make an order, please complete the order form in the brochure and return to school with payment in an envelope or zip-lock bag with your child’s name and class clearly marked. You can send cash or a cheque made payable to Scholastic Australia. Credit card payments can still be made but only by ordering and paying over the internet as per below.

**Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??**

![Scholastic Bookclub LOOP](image)

**Wanted - Cans!**

![Cans](image)

Please save your cans and leave them in bags at the Garden Club gates.

All money raised goes towards environmental education in our school.

**P&C Uniform Price Change**

There has been an price increase for boys long pants. They are now $30 each. There are some sizes of boys pants that are currently unavailable, but they are due into Uniform Shop in the next couple of days.

**Apple for the Teacher**

New FM is running a competition for the most popular teacher in the Valley.

Miss Moon has been nominated to go in the draw to win an iPAD for all of the students in her class and an Apple MacBook.

Please go onto New FM’s website and vote Singleton Public School - Fiona Moon.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- Years K-6 Hunter Life Van - Various sessions from 29, May – 9, June 2015 (covered by Supercover)
- Year 3 - Active Education/Outdoor Experience overnight camp, Monday, 10 August to Tuesday, 11 August 2015
- Year 4 - Sydney Excursion, Monday, 24 August to Wednesday, 26 August 2015
- Year 5 - Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tuesday, 17 November to Friday, 20 November 2015
Enter to Learn

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Excurion to see Matilda The Musical
2015!

The magnificent musical, Matilda, will be showing in Sydney at the Lyric Theatre from August 2015. Singleton Public School has arranged an excursion for the children in Years 3 - 6. The date of the performance we will be attending is Wednesday 25th November at 1pm. We will leave school at approximately 8.00am, eat lunch at Darling Harbour and then attend the matinee performance at 1pm. The bus will return to Singleton at approximately 5.30pm/6.00pm. The cost of the excursion will be $88 and includes the ticket and bus fare.

The children will be accompanied by teachers. Should there be a short fall in the number of students that would like to go, we will offer the tickets to the families of the children attending.

Tickets will be issued on a strict first come, first served basis and will be on sale from the Parramatta verandah from 8.30am on Tuesday 26th May.

Any musical is always a magical experience however Matilda is exceptional, a real must see for any child.

Dr Merrick

(Organising teacher)

Roald Dahl’s
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

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: Jonathan Russell
Role: Relieving Principal
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 3 years
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Sports Team: NRL: Tigers, Super 15: Waratahs,
AFL: Swans, A-League: Jets
Favourite Movie: Remember the Titans
Favourite Food: Seafood
Favourite Song/Band: Bon Jovi - Wanted Dead or Alive
Favourite Subject: Maths and PE
Do you have any pets, and what are they?:
We have three Border Collie dogs and their names are Caesar, Ruby and Jaffa
Hobbies:
I love playing and watching any sports, spending time with family and getting out the guitar and having a jam.
What do you love about working at SPS?
I find it enjoyable to come to work each and every day. The school has a nice feel to it. The students are dedicated and hardworking, the teachers are a fun bunch to work with and the parents are very supportive.

Enter to Learn
P&C Report

The next P&C meeting is the Day time group meeting to be held in the Connected Classroom at 1.30 pm on Friday, 22 May. We plan to discuss future P&C events and projects. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas.

The P&C is assisting the school with their Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) event on Friday, 29 May. The P&C are providing a healthy breakfast snack at school for participants. The P&C would like to encourage all students to participate in this great activity. The main objectives of the day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

The P&C is assisting the school with their WSTSD event because we support the objectives of the day, in particular we are concerned about traffic congestion around our school and the impacts on pedestrian safety. The P&C are asking for volunteers who would like to help out with the healthy breakfast for participants on 29 May (please call Robyn Skinner on 0447 392 504 if you can help).

James Skinner
Singleton Public School P&C - President

Thank you from Brekky Club

Many thanks to the teaching staff and to all those who bought tickets in the Easter Raffle at the end of Term 1. The funds raised were very generously donated to Brekky Club and will be used to improve our facilities.

Thanks to our newer volunteers who have joined us in the last term: Alethea, Darren, Sally, Julie, Bridget, Charissa and Rebecca. Also a big thank you to the volunteers that continue to help and those who have moved on.

We are very fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers (and awesome kids who eat with us) who make Brekky Club a great place to come and a great place to volunteer. If you have a spare hour in the morning, we always appreciate new people helping out - once a week, once a fortnight, once a month or even as back up when needed. Please ring Penny ph 0432 073 430, if you would like to join the team.

El, Penny and the Brekky Club Team

Bryan Palmer Shield – Under 12s Rugby Union Gala Day

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Bryan Palmer Shield Rugby Union Gala Day on Monday, 18 May at Waratah Park, Waratah.

The Under 12’s team played 2 games on the day. The first match was against Edgeworth Public School and was a well contested game with very commendable efforts from all the players keeping the strong Edgeworth team to a very respectable score.

The second game against Maitland East Public School showed Maitland’s experience in both attack and defence. In spite of Maitland having 13 players on the field at one stage (well done Mr Harris for spotting that one), the second half performance by our team culminated in a great try by Wairua Carroll running 40 metres carrying half the Maitland team over the line.

The referee, Edgeworth and Maitland coaches applauded the efforts of our team and the spirit and skill our team showed in both matches.

Thank you to Matt Duff, Aaron Carroll, waterboy Allan Harris and to the parents who assisted and supported the team on and off the field.

Well done everyone.

Mr Ison - Rugby Coordinator
Canberra 2015

Thank You!!

To the amazing parents who supervised, assisted and laughed our way through Canberra...

Highlights of our trip....
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2 Week 4 2015

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Class Work by 3s

3s thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Military Museum. Here is some of our work we completed after the visit.

We invite you to our Class Assembly item on Friday, 5 June.