“Singleton Public School provides a well-rounded curriculum particularly in relation to Creative Arts. It has strong communication with the community and the teaching of values, sporting opportunities and integration of all children. Overall, Singleton Public School is a wonderful school!” Parent Survey – December 2014

This Friday is “Walk Safely to School” day. We are asking all students, parents and community members to join us in this wonderful initiative. Teachers and councillors will be joining the students and parents at four checkpoints throughout the community. Community members will start walking at 8.30am from all of the checkpoints. The checkpoints are:

- Skate Park at Singleton Heights
- Singleton Golf Club Car Park
- TAFE – corner of York St and New England Hwy
- Showground – corner of York St and Church St

The objectives of Walk Safely to School include vital walk safety strategies when crossing the road, creating a healthy lifestyle by walking to and from school and to reduce the level of traffic congestion and air pollution. The Breakfast Club will be supplying breakfast to all students who participate in the event. The whole school community are all looking forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the ICAS Computer competition. You all conducted yourselves extremely well and all results will be distributed next term. The ICAS Science competition will be held next Wednesday 3rd June.

Our students are still working hard in class and producing some wonderful work samples. It was great to visit 1H and listen to the narratives that our Year 1 students are presenting. They were using some great adjectives in their descriptive texts.

Our school offers all students the opportunity to learn an instrument. We have a wonderful partnership with the Upper Hunter Conservatorium and with local musicians who provide lessons at the school during school hours. If your child is interested in learning an instrument please see Mrs. Dibley for information.

Mrs. Dibley will be accompanying our School Band to the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod this Thursday in Muswellbrook. We wish them the best of luck and we know all students will represent our school with quality and respect.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal
Knights Knockout

Last Thursday our opens Rugby League team played in the annual Knights Knockout carnival at Glendale.

Once again the students were an absolute pleasure to take away. They were very respectful, cooperative and displayed fine sportsmanship! We played four games, coming away with a draw in the last match.

The players are improving with each game they play especially considering there were some very big players in the opposing teams and we have a high proportion of Year 5 players. This bodes well for next year as a large proportion of this year’s team will still be around in 2016.

Every player put in 100% effort and Jaidyn was voted the Player of the Day with Campbell also highly rated.

Thanks again to our coaches and assistants Dylan, Davern and Cody. They are excellent ambassadors for Singleton High School. Also thanks to the parents for their wonderful support on the day and to Mrs Smith for taking home the jerseys to wash.

Cathy Black
League Co-ordinator

Tennis - Victor J Kelly Trophy

On Monday, 25 May, Singleton Public School hosted Tinonee Public School (pronounced Tin"own"ee) at Howe Park Tennis Courts in Singleton, to play Round 4 of the Victor J Kelly Trophy.

After postponing the match twice last week due to inclement weather, all were glad to see the sun shining, and made the way for an exciting round of tennis between to the two school teams.

Representing Singleton Public School Tennis Team for the girls games were Sophie, Darcie and Emma, and the boys team were represented by Ethan, Campbell and Ryan. The Tinonee Team includes two state squad players - sisters Logan and Ausha.

Games got off to a see-sawing start with the Singleton boys winning their singles games 6-1, and 6-2, and the Singleton girls going down 6-1, and 6-0. In the doubles a similar outcome with the boys doubles team winning 6-0 and the girls going down 6-0. With only a couple of games between the two sides, the mixed doubles matches were the deciders. In the end Tinonee wound up winners with a 5 sets to 3 victory.

Tinonee retired principal Robin Middleton, who escorted the Tinonee team, was very impressed with the quality of tennis from both teams and the sportsmanship of both teams.

Well done to the Singleton Public School Tennis Team for representing your school and yourselves with pride and dignity and playing some great tennis, and we wish Tinonee all the best in their Round 5 match.

Mr Ison
Tennis Team Co-Ordinator

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. The session times are:-
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 7, Term 2 2015
Mon 1/6/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Peggy Ann Towns, Kim Carter
Fri 5/6/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Robyn Skinner, Kirsten Roxburgh

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

Canteen Roster - Week 7, Term 2 2015
Mon 1/6/15 Anna Adamthwaite, 1 more helper please
Tues 2/6/15 Angela Johnson, 1 more helper please
Wed 3/6/15 Nicole Furness, Claire Elgar
Thurs 4/6/15 Melissa Muddiman, Sarah Land
Fri 5/6/15 Carmen Lee Williams, Renee Mouser, Kate Howe

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
Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

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.

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P&C News - Walking Safety to School Day

The P&C is assisting the school with their Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) event on this Friday 29 May. The P&C are providing a healthy breakfast snack at school for participants and are asking for volunteers who would like to help out with this on the day (please call Robyn Skinner on 0447 392 504 if you can help). 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.

We would like all parents to think about what they can do to improve pedestrian safety around our school. Whether this is taking extra care when driving through school crossings, never driving through a crossing while pedestrians are on the crossing, never stopping or parking in the “no stopping” zones at the crossings (so that drivers have a clearer view of the crossing), adhering to the speed limits, and paying close attention when driving around our school during pick up and drop off times.

James Skinner
Singleton Public School P&C - President

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 so that they can be returned to their owner.

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.

Band Eisteddfod

The Concert Band will be competing in the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod tomorrow, 28 May at 1.00 pm. The band will leave school at 11.10 am to travel to Muswellbrook at St James Primary School.

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.

Garden Club

On Friday, 29 May from 8.30 am there will be produce and eggs available for purchase.
**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. 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.

Locations are:-

- Skate Park - Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Black and Mrs Hamilton
- Golf Club Car Park - Mrs Launders, Miss Edgar and Mr Ison
- TAFE– New England Hwy - Mrs Scoles, Mrs Hackett and Mrs Alaban
- Showground - Corner Church and York Street - Mrs Taylor, Miss Eyles and Mrs Grainger

**Glass Jars Wanted**

If you have any clean glass jars at home with a sealable lid please drop to Miss Moon’s class room.

**Cybersafety Workshop for Parents**

Want to know how to stay safe online and keep your children safe?

Come along to a Cybersafety workshop at Singleton Public School 2nd June, 3.30 – 4.30 pm in the Connected Classroom. Some staff will be available to supervise children while parents attend the workshop.

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on 2nd June, 2015 and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation, Benita Van Der Wel, Librarian

**National Simultaneous Storytime 2015**

This Wednesday is National Simultaneous Storytime. Right across Australia at 11am people will be reading "The Brothers Quibble" by Aaron Blabey. For more information visit, [www.alia.org.au/nss](https://www.alia.org.au/nss)

Singleton Public School is joining in. To celebrate this week we have some fun activities in the library including a treasure hunt for things that start with “B”, scrabble make a word and a drawing competition.
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: Sandra Wightman
Role: School Learning Support Officer - KL
How long have you been a SLSO at SPS?: 12 years
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Sports Team: CRF Honda Racing Team
Favourite Movie: The Family Stone
Favourite Dessert: Too many to mention
Favourite Song/Band: Hilltop Hoods—Cosby Sweater
Favourite Subject: PE, sport and dancing
Do you have any pets, and what are they?: “Tigger” the fox terrier
Hobbies:
Gardening, reading, camping and watching motocross
What do you love about working at SPS?
“Variety is the spice of Life”
**Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 6 2015**

### CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

#### Assembly Awards

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Class Work by KS
KS recently painted pictures in the style of Pablo Picasso. Picasso was part of a movement on art called Cubism.