Welcome to Week 8 and we hope you all had an enjoyable Long Weekend with your families.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the University of New South Wales ICAS Science test last Wednesday. The test consisted of challenging and interesting questions in regard to science and experiments. We are all looking forward to the results that will be sent to the school later in the year.

Good luck to our girl’s cricket team who will be up against some tough opposition in Scone Public School tomorrow. The girls are competing in the Primary Schools Sports Association Knockout competition and we will be proud of their efforts win or lose. Well done to Mrs Van Der Wel who has taken on the coaching job this year, well supported by Mr Andrews.

What is a pirate’s favourite letter? Argh
This Friday, the student council are asking all students to dress as a pirate to raise money for The Kids Cancer Project. Each class have been distributed eye patches for students to wear for the day. The student council are asking students to bring in a gold coin donation to help support the event.

Just a reminder to all families that Friday, 19 June is our annual Athletics Carnival. All students in Years 2-6 are expected to attend the carnival. These days are a wonderful event and build great team morale and culture. It is also a day that builds resilience and healthy lifestyle habits for our students. All students have the opportunity to compete in the 100m, 200m and 800m at the carnival. Students will rotate with their field events of shot put, discus and long jump.

We look forward to seeing you at Alroy Oval next Friday!

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal
Soccer - Joel

On Tuesday, 2 June all four Singleton schools played in a gala day to complete the first two rounds of the PSSA competition. Both our Boys’ and Girls’ Teams participated on the day. The girls played a great first game defeating the Singleton Small Schools 11-0. Our boys also played a great game and were very unlucky to lose 1-0 to the Singleton Small Schools Boys’ team. Both our Boys’ and Girls’ teams then played King Street in their second match. Both teams won their matches convincingly as they continued to improve throughout the day.

Our Girls’ Team will now play Scone in their Round 3 match.

Well done to all students for your great participation and attitude on the day and a big thank you to the parents who transported students there and back.

Joel Andrews
Soccer Coach

Rugby League PSSA Games

On Monday, 1 June Singleton Public School played the first round of the PSSA knockout competition against Muswellbrook South PS. Unfortunately in a see-sawing game, we were narrowly beaten. Sophie started the scoring with a great break to run almost the length of the field only to be tackled near the line. Brock then scored from the play of the ball and kicked the conversion. The next try was scored by Ethan and converted by Sophie. The last try was scored by Tairawa breaking through the defence. Campbell kicked the conversion.

As we had organised a Gala Day format with the four schools, we then played a consolation game against King Street who had been beaten by Singleton Heights earlier in the day. This was to be our first win, the score being 32-26. Tries were scored by Tairawa (2), Jack, Harry (2), Sophie and Campbell with Sophie and Ethan kicking a goal each.

Tairawa was named as Player of the Day.

This was a fitting way for our 2015 season to end and sets us up well for 2016 as two thirds of our current team are in Year Five and will be with us again next year. The Year Six players were terrific and will be missed. Once again the players were a credit to their families and school.

The team would not be where they are without the dedicated coaching from Dylan as well as Daven and Cody. We have been very lucky to have their help and guidance this year and can only hope they are able to continue next year. I am proud to say they are former Singleton Public School students. I’d also like to thank and commend Daven and Jayden for their professional and capable refereeing on the day. Without their efforts we would not be able to play at all.

Lastly, thanks to the great parents who keep supporting us by equipping their children to play as well as cheering us on at the games. Thanks again to Mrs Sheedy for washing the jerseys.

Cathy Black, Rugby League Co-ordinator

Science Day

The Upper Hunter Science Challenge Day will be held on Thursday, 18 June at the Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre. It will be run by staff from the University of Newcastle and feature a day of friendly competition to complete scientific based experiments against a number of other Upper Hunter Valley schools.

Thirty-two students in Years 5 and 6 were selected to represent our school at this event. Mrs Grainger and Mrs Moore will be accompanying the students on this excursion. Children will need to wear full school uniform and bring morning tea and drinks. A free sausage sizzle will be in operation for lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Muswellbrook. Please provide an appropriate lunch if your child does not wish to join in the sausage sizzle.

Thanks to the support of Coal & Allied there are no costs associated with this activity.

The bus will depart the Elizabeth Street gates, Singleton Public School at 8.30am. The anticipated return is 3.10pm.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 9, Term 2 2015

Mon 15/6/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammie Cox, 1 more helper please
Fri 19/6/15 (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 9, Term 2 2015

Mon 15/6/15 Penny Clancy, Lyndal Barry
Tues 16/6/15 Nadia Brown, 1 more helper please
Wed 17/6/15 Pam Dicks, 1 more helper please
Thurs 18/6/15 Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh
Fri 19/6/15 Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, 1 more helper please

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

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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Very Cranky Bear

I am pleased to announce that Singleton Public School will be running a K-2 only excursion to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle on Tuesday, 8 September to watch a performance of ‘The Very Cranky Bear.” The performance starts at 10 am.

There will be at least 5 teachers attending the excursion who will be responsible for the group of children. The tickets for the children will be allocated on a ‘first in, best dressed’ basis. The children will need to return the permission note and the full payment as soon as possible to ensure a place on the excursion. Please place money in an envelope and hand to the class teachers. It will then be sent to the office in our black bags. No money will be accepted at the front office.

Please consider the approximate 1 ½ hr travel time both ways and the need for children to sit quietly during the hour long performance. There is no interval and no opportunity to leave the performance once it has started.

The excursion will be leaving school at 8.00 am and travelling on two separate buses. We will head straight to the Civic Theatre. The matinee performance begins at 10.00 am. Then we will have lunch at the park near Nobby’s Beach before returning in time for buses back at school.

Children will need to wear full school uniform and hat. They need morning tea, lunch and at least 2 drinks. Please no lollies or soft drinks on this excursion.

Permission notes have been sent home.

Fiona Moon (Organising teacher)

Aussie Bush

The major excursion for Year 5 is to "The Great Aussie Bush Camp" at Tea Gardens for 4 days from Tuesday, 17 November to Friday, 20 November, 2015 (Week 7 Term 4).

The aim of this excursion is to provide a successful and rewarding camping experience in a bush setting. We also hope to encourage independence and mutual co-operation. The camping activities are led and conducted by qualified instructors. Attached is a list of requirements for camp.

The cost of the excursion is $315 for children and $340 for accompanying parents. This includes bus fare, accommodation and all meals.

A $50 deposit must be paid to the school office by Friday, 26 June for all students.

If no deposit is paid by the due date it will be assumed that your child will not be attending.

Balance of all money must be paid by Friday, 30 October 2015 for students and parents.

You can start paying by instalments now.

Refunds will only be given in extenuating circumstances.

We have a limited number of places available for parents who are interested in accompanying us. If you are interested, please fill in and return the slip by Friday, 26 June. This will allow time for the school to perform a ballot and advise the parents selected.

Attendance on excursions will be based on students’ demonstrated willingness to follow school rules and compliance with the school’s Welfare and Discipline Policies.

Hunter Life Van

The Hunter Life Van had its final day at Singleton Public School on Tuesday, 9 June. The student enjoyed their sessions with Sylvia and Healthy Harold.
National Simultaneous Storytime

Last week we celebrated NSS with many classes enjoying the book "The Brothers Quibble" by Aaron Blabey on Wednesday along with children all around Australia. We also had some fun competitions in the library. The winners of the competitions are below:
- Year 3-6 illustration competition winner Ella
- Year K-2 illustration competition winner Josh
- Letter 'B' Treasure Hunt winner Nash
- Year 3-6 scrabble competition winners Lara and Kaylar.

Congratulations - I'm sure you are enjoying your prizes.
Mrs Van Der Wel, Librarian

Cybersafety Workshop

We held a Cybersafety Workshop on Tuesday, 2 June. This workshop was presented by ThinkUKNow with representatives from Microsoft and the Australian Federal Police. The workshop discussed issues related to privacy, relationships and security online. Those who attended found it very informative and some have already put what they learnt into practice. Another workshop will be held in August. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

P&C Report

The P&C have had a very successful year so far and it is very rewarding to be a part of.

The Secretary position on the P&C Executive Committee has now become vacant and we are seeking a new secretary. The secretary's role is to minute meetings, manage correspondence in and out, and generally keep the school community informed about relevant P&C information. The executive are committed to providing good support to the incoming secretary – you won’t be thrown in at the deep end!

There are plenty of other opportunities to get involved in the P&C and share your ideas. The school fete on 4 September, is a highlight of the school year and is our major fundraiser. Our first fete planning meeting will be held on Friday, 12 June at 2.00 pm in the library then moving to the Support Unit at 2.30 pm. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday, 15 July at 7.00 pm in the library. Hope to see you there!

James Skinner – P&C President

Change of Circumstances

Please advise the school office if there are any change of circumstances within your family, for example, a family where the parents have split up, had a change of address or a change of phone numbers. This keeps the school records up to date in case of an emergency.

If your child is late to school

If your child arrives late to school, you need to come to the office, sign in and receive a late notice slip to be given to your child’s teacher. If you are required to collect your child early, the process is the same - sign out your child in the register, receive a slip from the office and collect your child.
**Athletics Carnival**

Please note the price was incorrect on the return slip - the correct price is $3.00.

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday, 19 June at Alroy Oval. Both track and field events will take place on the day. Students need to assemble under the COLA at 9.00am with their class teacher (students on late arriving buses will join their classes on arrival). Students will leave school at 9.10am, ready to start at 9.40am sharp. This Athletics Carnival is for all children in Years 2-6.

All children will travel to and from Alroy Oval by bus and the cost will be $3.00. All children must come to school, have their name marked off the roll and then travel on the bus to Alroy Oval at the allotted time.

As this carnival is for children in Years 2 to 6, all K-1 children will stay at school and have normal classes. All Year 2 to 6 teachers will be supervising at the carnival.

**Administering 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.

**Gastroenteritis**

There have been a few reported cases of Gastroenteritis in the school. At Singleton Public School we follow the guidelines from NSW Health. If your child has Gastroenteritis please exclude them from school for 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms.

**Year 4 Sydney Excursion**

The Year 4 excursion for 2015 is a three day trip to Sydney. The excursion will be from Monday, 24 – Wednesday, 26 August.

Our itinerary includes:

- Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon Tour
- The Australian Museum
- Walks through the Botanical Gardens, Darling Harbour and a tour of The Rocks
- Sydney Aquarium
- Taronga Zoo

Year 4 will be staying at Namaroo Cabins in Lane Cove National Park. Dietary options will be available for those with allergies and medical conditions.

The approximate cost of the excursion is $310.

Please return the expression of interest notes to school as soon as possible.

**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.

**Glass Jars Wanted**

If you have any clean glass jars at home with a sealable lid please drop to Miss Moon’s class room.
Science with 1E
On Tuesday, 2 June, Mrs Grainger had her science class 1E busy with experiments. The class placed an egg into a plastic container, covered it with white vinegar and left it for 10 minutes. During this time the shell started to break down slowly and it felt wrinkly. Over the next 24 hours the shell will be completely removed and the egg will be squishy to touch. Next two students placed a teaspoon of bicarb soda, red food colouring and a splash of vinegar in a plastic cup and watched it fizz to the top. Well done 1E and Mrs Grainger - what a lot of fun.

Pirate Day Fundraiser
On Friday, 12 June the Student Council is holding a “Pirate Day”. Students are able to come out of uniform dressed as a pirate and bring a gold coin donation. All students were given a blank eye patch for the day to decorate if they choose to.

All funds raised will go to The Kids Cancer Project.
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:** Kerrie Burns  
**Class:** School Administration Manager  
**How long have you been teaching at SPS?:** 9 years  
**Favourite Colour:** Blue  
**Favourite Sports Team:** Wallabies — Rugby Union  
**Favourite Movie:** Breakfast Club  
**Favourite Dessert:** Crème Brulée  
**Favourite Song/Band:** Who Knew - Pink  
**Favourite Subject:** Maths  
**Do you have any pets, and what are they?:** Fish  
**Hobbies:** Movies, reading and travelling  
**What do you love about working at SPS?**  
Great staff and wonderful students!
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 7 2015

**CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6**

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Singleton Public School
Class Work by 7W

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Winter
7W working on our 3D winter wonderland