Singleton Public School finished in 4th place at the Coal and Allied Science Day held in Muswellbrook. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Science Day. Mrs Grainger and Mrs Moore were very proud of the students efforts and they all displayed wonderful teamwork and sportsmanship. Students were engaged in several experiments, investigations and trials over the day. Well done to all involved.

All students will be receiving their Semester 1 report this afternoon. Please take the time to read through the report with your child and discuss with them their achievements. It is important for your child to understand their strengths and areas for improvement so that they can continue to develop in all areas throughout the rest of the year.

Our students have been rehearsing their speeches over the past few weeks in preparation for the Public Speaking finals held yesterday. I’m sure you will stand tall and be proud of your achievements in standing in front of your peers and delivering your speech with gusto! We look forward to hearing the results in next term’s newsletter.

We welcome back Mr Crowe to Singleton Public School next term. We have had several conversations over the last week and he is looking forward to returning to his amazing school. Thankfully, we have been able to keep Mr Ison on 5I for the remainder of the year. A huge thank you to Mrs Merrick who has stepped up as leader of Stage 3 and the Support Unit. She has done a wonderful job and has contributed well to both teams.

Education Week, NAIDOC Week and Book Week will be combined next term and we will be celebrating the achievements of our students, staff, parents and community. As part of the week there will be a Science Day, Band Workshop, KAOS Night at King St Public School, Book Parade and to finish off the week a NAIDOC Assembly. An Education Week Awards ceremony will be held at Singleton High School on Tuesday night, 28 July.

In closing, I wish the whole school community a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we will see all of your children back to school on Tuesday, 14 July.

Jonathan Russell
Relieving Principal

Calendar of Events

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| Wednesday 24 June| Athletics Carnival Year 2-6  
Student reports go home |
| Thursday 25 June | Environmentors Workshop  
Touch Football Gala Day at Civic Park  
4Z to Singleton Library |
| Friday 26 June   | PSSA Girls Soccer team to play Scone Public School  
Aussie Bush deposit and permission notes due by 12.00 pm  
Last day of Term 2 |
| Monday 13 July   | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 14 July  | Students return - Term 3 |
| Wednesday 15 July| P&C Meeting at 7.00 pm in library |
| Thursday 16 July | NSW Netball Day |
| Friday 17 July   | P&C Fete Meeting - Library 2.00 pm |
| Monday 20 July   | Year 4 Sydney Excursion Deposit due |
| Monday-Friday 20 July - 24 July | Singleton PS celebrating Education Week, NAIDOC Week and Book Week |
| Tuesday 21 July  | Chess at Denman |
| Wednesday 22 July| Primary Band Workshop at SPS for concert and training bands |
| Thursday 23 July | Book Fair  
Sporting Schools previously (Active After School Sports) commences  
KAOS performance at KSPS - Concert Band attending |
| Friday 24 July   | NAIDOC Day  
Year 3 Education Experience payment due |
| Monday 27 July   | Kindergarten 2016 Parent Information Evening 6.30 pm in Kinder classrooms |
| Tuesday 28 July  | Education Week Awards at Singleton High School |

This week’s assembly is hosted by KL at the starting time of 12.45pm.
Band Information
The Singleton PS Concert and Training Bands have some upcoming performance dates in Term 3. On Tuesday, 21 July the concert band will be performing at Singleton Square to celebrate Education Week, on Wednesday, 22 July Singleton Public School will be hosting the Primary Band Workshop for the training and concert bands and on Thursday, 23 July the concert band will be performing at the KAOS at King Street Public School. More information will be supplied next term.

Science Day
Last Thursday, 18 June thirty one Stage 3 students travelled by bus to Muswellbrook to compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge organised by the University of Newcastle and kindly sponsored by Coal and Allied. The children had a great day participating in a round of challenging activities and came fourth out of nine teams. The day was completed when Singleton Public School’s bridge design withstood the weight of the bridge breaker. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to Mrs Natalie Moore who accompanied us on the day, her advice was invaluable.

Debbie Grainger
Science Co-ordinator

Year 4 Sydney Excursion - deposit due 20 July
The Year 4 excursion for 2015 is a three day trip to Sydney. The excursion will be from Monday 24th – Wednesday 26th 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.

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

The cost of the excursion is approximately $330.00 for students.

A $50 deposit is due by Monday, 20 July, to be paid at the front office. On Wednesday, 22 July a ballot will be held to draw out the parent helpers who will be attending the excursion. These parents will be notified that afternoon.

The total payment amount for the excursion is due by Friday, 7 August, 2015. Please let us know if circumstances have changed and you child will not be attending. Permission notes were sent home Tuesday, 23 July.

PSSA Touch Football
The girls and boys touch football team will play in a gala day style competition for the PSSA Knockout competition at Civic Park, Singleton starting at 9:30am on Thursday, 25 June 2015.

All the children will walk to and from Civic Park leaving at 9:15am and returning immediately after the games have finished.

The touch players will need: water bottle, blue shorts, socks and suitable shoes. A shirt for play will be provided.

All spectators are most welcome!

Year 6 BYOD Trial (Bring Your Own Device)
Next term Year 6 students will have the opportunity to take part in the Singleton Public School BYOD trial. As part of this, students who have a suitable device at home may bring their device to school for use during library lessons during Term 3 and 4. Students will need to read the information sent home and complete the Student User Agreement before bringing their device to school. We are very excited about this opportunity and the learning potential this program will provide for our students.

Benita Van Der Wel
Organising Teacher
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 1, Term 3 2015
Mon 13/7/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Staff Development Day
Fri 17/7/15 (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 1, Term 3 2015
Mon 13/7/15  Staff Development Day
Tues 14/7/15  Nadia Brown, 1 more helper please
Wed 15/7/15  Pam Dicks, 1 more helper please
Thurs 16/7/15 Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh
Fri 17/7/15 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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Book Fair is coming

It is time to get ready. Next term in Week 2, on Thursday, 23 July, Book Fair is back! On Thursday the library will host the annual Book Fair. Our Book Fair provider for 2015 is Carnival Books. Carnival Books provide a great range of books that will be sold on the day at a range of affordable prices.

On this day we will also have the Book Parade. The theme this year is “Books Light Up Our World”. So get creative and have some fun these holidays preparing your amazing costumes for the parade.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

Singleton Town Library Holiday Program

Don’t forget to check out the great activities on at the Town Library these holidays. Winter is a great time to snuggle up with a good book.

Library Borrowers Competition

Just a reminder that being the end of term students need to ensure they have returned or renewed loans. Overdue notices will be sent out this week. As it is the end of term there will be a lucky draw in Term 3 Week 1 for all students who have borrowed. To be in the draw students cannot have overdue loans. Our Term 1 reward for the class with the least amount of overdue books was not awarded and will therefore be given to the class with the least amount of overdue books at the end of this term. Stayed tuned for the announcement of the winners next term.

Uniform Shop

Singleton Public School P&C Association would like to make everyone aware that we are currently experiencing quality issues with our new polo shirts sold at the Uniform Shop. In some instances, when washed the first time, the blue colour in the polo shirts is running or bleeding into the white. Singleton Public School P&C Association would like to offer the following advice for newly purchased polo shirts:

1. When first washing a newly purchased polo shirt from the Uniform Shop, please wash it separately to your other washing, following the instructions on the care label, to avoid damage to your other washing.

2. If the colour in the newly purchased polo shirt does run, please return it with the receipt issued when you purchased the polo shirt as soon as possible to the Uniform Shop for an exchange. The Uniform Shop is open on a Monday and a Friday from 8.30am – 9.30am.

We apologise for any inconvenience this issue may cause. We are working with the polo shirt supplier to have this issue rectified as a matter of extreme urgency.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Singleton Public School P&C Association

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 Friday, 4 September is a highlight of the school year and is our major fundraiser. Our next fete planning meeting will be held on Friday, 17 July at 2pm in the library then moving to the Support Unit at 2.30pm. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday, 15 July at 7pm in the library. Hope to see you there!

Thanks

James Skinner – President, Singleton Public School P&C Association

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 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
Very Cranky Bear - Limited Seats Available!

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 10am.

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.

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

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

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016 Open

Is it coming time for your child to commence their school education?

The school has sent information packs which include details of information evenings, transition day, enrolment forms, etc out to all names on our register for Kindergarten 2016.

If you would like to start your child at school next year and haven’t yet registered, please contact the school office to record your interest.

Singleton Public School Staff Profile

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: Stacey Cox
Class: 4/5E
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 5 years
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Sports Team: Roosters
Favourite Movie:
Favourite Dessert: Rocky Road
Favourite Song/Band: Powderfinger
Favourite Subject: History
Do you have any pets, and what are they?:
Dog
Hobbies:
Netball, basketball and swimming
What do you love about working at SPS?
Working with children and great staff.
Science Day

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**Every day counts!**

Give your child every chance to succeed...
Singleton Public School

Opening & Winners Announcement Friday 17th July from 6.00 pm

Open daily 10am to 6pm ($2 entry) Saturday 18th July
Closing 6pm Tuesday 21st July

Venue: Singleton Civic Centre – Queen Street Singleton 2330
Parking is plentiful free to Civic. Main road is closed July – No exceptions

All enquirers to:
David Goaden: 0428 775 336
davidgoaden@monaro.com.au
Andrew Dick: 0429 688 997
andrew@monkey.com.au

Post box for all works:
The Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter
PO Box 346
Singleton NSW 2330

Contact: The Singleton Civic Centre
Cnr Queen Street & Civic Avenue
Singleton NSW 2330
(Enter via Civic Avenue)

Judge: Joe Penn

Categories

Traditional, Watercolour, Contemporary,
Cenemary of ANZAC, Still Life, Pencil Pen & Ink, Flowers, Miniature, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, Local, Youth 16-18, Youth 12-15, Youth 8-11.
Class Work by 1/2P

Miss Taylor from the high school has been helping 1/2P with their classwork and reading.

1/2P always enjoy claywork and have made some creative pinch pots this week.