It is fantastic to be back at our wonderful school. I won’t lie, I thoroughly enjoyed my experience as relieving Director Public Schools NSW, however I am very pleased to come back to such a great place. Our school has so many positive aspects including our lovely students, staff and families.

My sincere gratitude to Mr Russell and the other members of the school staff for admirably leading the school during my absence. It is evident that quality programs and activities have been implemented throughout the year and that the school is buzzing with quality teaching and learning.

I am pleased to welcome Mr Sam Johnson to our teaching staff for the remainder of this year. Mr Johnson will be teaching 3/4J which is a newly formed class due to increasing enrolments at our school. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the classroom coupled with skills including technology and sport to our school.

With my return, Mr Russell would normally be heading back to class, however to minimise disruption to 5I, Mr Russell has agreed to take on a ‘roving’ role across the school to cover various block periods of long service leave from now until the end of the year.

Congratulations to our great P&C for all that they have been able to achieve over the past six months. I understand that there will be a meeting tonight in the school Library commencing at 7pm. All family members are welcome to come along and share your ideas. High priority on the agenda is the annual school fete which is scheduled for Friday, 4 September.

I would like to welcome a number of students that will be commencing at Singleton Public School this term. We welcome back Chloe and Jasmine, as well as extend a warm welcome to Masen.

As always there is a great deal happening in and around our school so please ensure that you keep reading our newsletter and tracking events on our school website and phone app!

It’s great to be back!

David Crowe
Principal

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At this week’s assembly we will be presenting the athletics ribbons at the starting time of 12.45pm. There is no class hosting.

**Exciting News**

From term 3 the school will be publishing the full edition of the school newsletter online with photos.

**P&C Meeting tonight 7pm in the Library.**

**All welcome.**
Construction Zones

A number of areas in the school are undergoing much needed repair work. Whilst all efforts will be undertaken to minimise disruptions to our students unfortunately there will be some interruptions and disturbances.

The three classrooms above the Library have been updated with new walls replacing the old sliding doors. Additionally, in each of the three rooms, new pinboards have been installed which will provide a great display area as well as assist with noise reduction. Finally each of the rooms are due to have a new coat of paint to provide a brighter, fresher learning environment.

Concurrently the floor of the Uniform Shop has been found to be beyond repair due to rising damp and will be replaced. Mr Kirchen has been working with Nicole Furness and Robyn Skinner to relocate the shop to a temporary location between the front of the canteen and the back of the Library. In the meantime the sales will be processed at the canteen.

I am unable to provide a timeline for the expect conclusion of this work but will endeavour to keep everyone well informed as details come to hand.

School Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to all of the children who represented their class in our Public Speaking Stage Finals. The quality of the speeches was outstanding with topics ranging from "Bullying" to "Gas". The competition was particularly close in Stage 2 making adjudication very difficult. We would like to thank Mrs Rebecca Williams and Mr Robert Ball from Singleton Toastmasters for their adjudication expertise. 1st and 2nd place getters will proceed to the Zone Finals this term, further information will be sent home with those children shortly.

Results
Stage 1
1st-Brianna
2nd-Erin
Highly Commended-Chelsea and Sam

Stage 2
1st-Ella
2nd-Lucy
Highly Commended-Lucy, Lachlan and Hamish

Stage 3
1st-Seth
2nd-Amelia
Highly Commended-Aaron and Dan

PSSA Touch Football

Our boys and girls touch football teams played in a Gala Day on Thursday of last term for the PSSA State Knockout competition. The boys had a nail biter against Singleton Heights PS. Down by 5 tries late in the second half the boys rallied and fought back to within one try but unfortunately conceded a late try to go down 9-7.

The girls came up against Muswellbrook PS in the first round and played well to win 9-1. It was a dominant performance by the whole team. In the second round, the girls matched up against a tough opponent in King St and it was a close encounter with the half time score being 2-2. The girls in the second half ran away and dominated the middle of the park winning 6-3.

Well done to both teams who represented our school with quality sportsmanship and pride.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2, Term 3 2015
Mon 20/7/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  2 helpers required please
Fri 24/7/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  Mandy Ward, Janet Wilkie
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

***Due to some construction work the Uniform Shop sales will be processed in the canteen during normal uniform shop hours until further notice.***

Canteen Roster - Week 2, Term 3 2015
Mon 20/7/15 Judy Felton, 1 more helper please
Tues 21/7/15 Aimee Cole, Rebecca Hobbs
Wed 22/7/15 Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns
Thurs 23/7/15 Mary Franks, 1 more helper please
Fri 24/7/15 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Mandy Ward
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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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:-

“Demonstrating sportsmanship in all activities”

Information from the DEC

Homework and assignments
Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child’s home project activities.
Soccer

On the last Friday of Term 2 our Girls’ Soccer Team played their Round 3 PSSA match against Scone Public School. The girls played a great game and continue to play well as a team and support each other at all times. It was a very close game with both sides evenly matched but our girls were too strong winning 3-2.

The girls will now progress to Round 4 of the PSSA competition. Thank you to the families who came and supported us on the day.

Joel Andrews
Soccer Coach

SMART Science Show – coming soon!

The SMART team are really excited to be bringing amazing science to your school. Be prepared to be inspired by their interactive science shows!

With the generous sponsorship of Coal and Allied the SMART team from the University of Newcastle will be coming to WOW you with one of their interactive science shows. On Monday, 20 July, the Science Maths and Real Technology (SMART) team will be visiting Singleton Public School and sharing the wonders of science.

This show is brought to you by Coal and Allied and the University of Newcastle.

Statement of Accounts

During the first few weeks of each school term, the school sends home Statement of Accounts. These accounts have been sent home this week and may include outstanding voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levies. Other items that may be listed on these Statement of Accounts throughout the year include excursions, sports carnivals, visiting shows, etc. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The invoices were printed on Friday, 26 June so please disregard if you have made any payments since this time.

Private Vehicle Conveyance Returns (PVC)

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools. Transport for NSW understands this will lead to a delay of several weeks for payments and has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

Installation of flashing lights near Singleton Public School

The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside Singleton Public School eastbound on Elizabeth Street on **Friday, 24 July** outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.

Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed.

Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe (go to the schools section) or contact the team on 1800 726 958 or flashinglights@rms.nsw.gov.au.

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.
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 24 – Wednesday 26 August.

The 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 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 your child will not be attending. Permission notes were sent home Tuesday, 23 June.

Year 6 BYOD Trial (Bring Your Own Device)
This 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

Book Fair is coming
It is time to get ready. 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. The opening time of the fair is 8.15am and it will close at 3.30pm.

On this day we will also have the Book Parade at 10.30am. 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. Suggestions include characters that have inspired you or made your life brighter.

Benita Van Der Wel
Librarian

Library Borrowers Competition
Overdue notices were sent out last term, please return any overdue books or renew them. There will be a lucky draw this week 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.

Very Cranky Bear - Only 10 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
The Kindergarten Enrolments 2016 Open

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

The school has sent information packs which include details of information evenings, transition days, 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.

School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council Photos

Sample photos of the 2015 School Captains and Leaders, House Captains, Year 6 Fun photo and School Council are now available to view at the school office. A personalised order sheet with further details have been sent home with the children who had their photos taken in these groups.

Should you wish to place an order, please complete the form sent home with your child from MSP Photography. Payment can be made with the order form with the correct cash, the credit card slip on the order form placed in an envelope and sent to the school office. Payments can also be made online but please let the school know if you have placed an order. Payments and orders need to be placed by Friday, 2 August 2015.

P&C Report

Due to some construction work the Uniform Shop sales will be processed in the canteen on uniform shop days only until further notice. 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 tonight - Wednesday, 15 July at 7pm in the library. Hope to see you there!
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 the information on the order form.
2015 information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. The data will help schools to better support students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

**WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

**WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?**

Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

**HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?**

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities.


**IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?**

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of independent schools.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to provide support to your child with education needs.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.


Mobile Blood Service visiting: Singleton
Gowrie St Mall

Monday 20 July      10.00am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 21 July     1.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 July   1.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 23 July    1.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 24 July      10.00am – 3.00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo I.D. with you.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE

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: Lucy Parker
Class: 2L
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 1 year
Favourite Colour: Purple
Favourite Sports Team: N/A
Favourite Movie: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas
Favourite Dessert: Lollies/sugar and for dessert Cheesecake
Favourite Song/Band: “Feel the Love” by Reerdemetal
Favourite Subject: PDHPE (sport)
Do you have any pets, and what are they?: Lexie a Border Collie
Hobbies: Motorbike riding and spending time with family.
What do you love about working at SPS?: Seeing students enjoying their time at school and all striving to display and demonstrate the core values of Respect, Responsibility and Quality.
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 2, Week 10 2015

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Last year we had Christmas with my whole family. My dad made a cricket pitch for us. But I broke the bat before the game started.

I'm Ivy and this is place I just turned nine last month. I have five people living in my house, my mum, dad, sister and my brother. My house is the one with the blue roof and the cubby in the back yard.

My favourite celebration is the Easter hat parade. I like it because we get to make hats and take them to school.

The year before last year we celebrated Christmas. My whole family came including my family in New Zealand. We had a bonfire that night. It was cool. I liked the hit when we rosted marshmallows.