The winds on the weekend echoed the beginning of August. With the wind comes the season of colds, flus and hayfever which can have a huge impact on student attendance. It is important that our students attend school as often as possible as concepts are taught and revised on a daily basis; however it is important that if children are sick that they stay at home.

The effect of one student with a cold can be immense in a confined classroom with up to 30 other children. Please also note that our staff cannot administer over the counter medications and can only administer medication that comes clearly labelled from a doctor showing the student’s name and prescribed dosage. This along with a form authorising the school to administer the medication needs to be completed. Children should not be bringing medications to school as this could cause a safety concern if other children were to access the medicine.

Our P&C and staff are quietly working behind the scenes to prepare for our annual school fete scheduled for Friday, 4 September. Our fetes have been huge successes over the past few years providing a day of fun as well as raising valuable funds for our school. Please consider how you could help! On the day, classes need assistance from parents to man stalls and assist with activities. Do you run your own business – maybe you would be willing to donate a prize to our massive raffle being coordinated by the staff of our Support Unit?

In preparation for the fete, there will be a Working Bee on Sunday, 23 August to prepare our school grounds and complete a thorough tidy-up. Generally the day commences at 10.00am and concludes around 2.00 pm. All family and friends are welcome to come along and help out on the day. There may be a free BBQ provided for the volunteer workers!!!

Well done to the athletes that competed at the zone Athletics Carnival conducted last Friday at Scone. Mr Russell and Mr Andrews were very impressed with the attitude and behaviour displayed by all our school representatives. A vote of thanks to those family members that travelled to Scone to support our competitors.

Welcome to Singleton Public School to Mia and Tyler who commenced at our fantastic school on Monday. I am confident that you will quickly make lots of new friends and have lots of fun at school.

David Crowe
Principal

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This week’s assembly will be hosted by 1E at the starting time at 12.45 pm.

Cybersafety Workshop
Come to the Cybersafety Workshop today in the Connected Classroom at 3.30 pm - further details in this newsletter.

P&C Meeting tonight
7pm in the Library. All welcome.
Education Week Awards

Last week a number of staff, students and community members from Singleton Public School were recognised at the Singleton Learning Community Education Week Awards held at Singleton High School. The worthy recipients of these awards for 2015 include:

- Community Involvement – Mrs Penny Clancy and Mrs Lyndal Barry
- School Program or Initiative – Pre-Kinder Transition Class
- Outstanding Student – Jules
- Contribution by a Non-Teaching Staff Member – Mrs Janelle Verdon
- Excellence in Teaching – Mrs Christine Launders and Mrs Diane Merrick

The theme of the night was ‘Recognising Local Heroes’ and this provided a wonderful opportunity to recognise the sporting excellence demonstrated by our own Ryan (Yr5). Ryan was interviewed in front of the audience by Mr Russell who was able to get Ryan to share his experience of becoming the 2015 Australian Junior Dirt Track Champion 85cc Division 9 - 11years.

Zone Athletics

Last Friday over 45 students travelled up to Scone to compete in the Upper Hunter Zone Athletes Carnival. The weather was great and our students were ready to compete with the boys taking to the track first and the girls completing their field events.

Students then swapped over with the boys doing field events and the girls running their track heats. Later in the day were the finals and relays and Singleton Public School was well represented in both. We had many students make the finals for a range of track events and had relay teams in the Jnr Boys’, Jnr Girls’, Snr Boys’ and Snr Girls’ relays.

Finalised results from the carnival will come through during the week and students will be notified if they have qualified to progress to the Hunter Region Carnival.

Our students were well behaved on the day and it was particularly pleasing to see so many students stay behind after their events to cheer on their peers.

Well done on a great day.

Joel Andrews
Sports Coordinator
Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 5, Term 3 2015
Mon 10/8/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Tammy Cox, one more helper please
Fri 14/8/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Renee MacDonald, Rebecca Hobbs

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

Due to some construction work the Uniform Shop has been temporarily relocated to near the canteen during normal uniform shop hours until further notice.

Canteen Roster - Week 4, Term 3 2015
Mon 10/8/15 Lyndal Barry, Penny Clancy
Tues 11/8/15 2 helpers please
Wed 12/8/15 Pam Dicks, Brenda Bell
Thurs 13/8/15 Debbie Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh
Fri 20/8/15 Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, one helper please

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:-

“Being a quality leader or mentor and group participant”

Information from the DEC
Here are some simple tips to encourage your child to become a strong reader and a book lover for the rest of their lives.

- Share a book at home
- Children love to hear a story read aloud. Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice and vary its loudness or softness. Have fun and enjoy it.
- It’s a good idea to practise reading before sharing a book. Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures. Try asking your child which parts of the books they found exciting, funny or different.

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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Chicken Pox
There has been reported cases of Chickenpox (Varicella) within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?
Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and skin rash.
The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

How is it spread?
Early in the illness, the virus is spread by coughing
Later in the illness, the virus is spread by direct contact with the fluid in the blisters.
Please exclude for at least 5 days after the first spots appear and all of the blisters have dried.

P&C News
The Secretary position on the P&C Executive Committee is vacant and we are seeking a 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.
There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the P&C and share your ideas. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday 5 August at 7pm in the library and our main agenda item is deciding on the amusement rides to provide at the fete. Hope to see you there!
James Skinner – President, Singleton Public School P&C Association

Cybersafety Workshop
Do you know how to protect yourself and your children online? Want to know more about privacy, security and relationships online? Come to our Cybersafety workshop for parents and caregivers on the Wednesday, 5 August at 3.30 pm in the Connected Classroom. Childcare will be available in the library during the workshop. Please call the office to book your position.

Very Cranky Bear - Only 3 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 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.

Earn and Learn Stickers at Woolworths
Once again, this year Singleton Public School will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Through this program the school will be able to get new educational resources – and all the school needs you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.
From Wednesday, 15 July to Tuesday, 8 September, Singleton Public School are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet (available online at the Woolworths website or the Singleton PS website under Permission and Other Notes) and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at Woolworths Singleton or here at the school in the collection box on the verandah of the Parsonage.
The school has some kind volunteers who will empty the boxes and collate the sticker sheets, however they do ask that you already have the stickers on the sheets as it can be quite time consuming otherwise.
At the end of the promotion, the school will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts and Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.
**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.

**Fete Raffle -2015**

The Support Unit will be running a Raffle Stall at the School Fete this year. We are requesting donations of prizes from families, friends and other avenues of the school community.

Suggestions of prizes include:-

- Gift vouchers from Big W, Woolworths, Coles, Bunnings, small businesses etc
- Kids DVD’s
- Kids toys
- Lego
- Small items that can be used to make up Pamper packs,
- Stationery packs, kids packs etc or already made up gift baskets.

Please leave all contributions at 7B - the classroom with the Fish scene displayed on the windows. We appreciate your support.

Elaine Bunnemeyer

**Fete Request KS**

KS and Mrs Scoles are conducting the craft and handicraft stall at the upcoming fete. With the cool weather at present, it is the ideal time to warm up those fingers and hatch ideas for our stall. Donations can come from all classes and avenues of the school community. Please leave all contributions at the KS classroom (downstairs in the new building). We greatly appreciate your support.

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**Singleton Public School**

**Newsletter and App Survey**

Please complete our short survey on the School Newsletter and App and return to the school office.

- I have got the School App on my phone / tablet.
- I would be happy to receive an alert through the App that the School Newsletter is available for viewing online.
- I would be happy to NOT to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in 2016 now that the photos will no longer be removed.

Do you have any other suggestions for the App or Newsletter:-

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Name: ________________________ (optional)
**Colouring In Competition**

My name is Fiona Stalker and I went to school at Singleton Public School during my primary school days. I am now fifteen years of age and in Year Ten at high school. I will be travelling to the School of St. Jude located in Tanzania Africa. It is a school founded by an Australian woman Gemma Sisia (Rice) from Glen Innes, New South Wales. A boarding school taking the poorest of the Tanzanian boys and girls and providing a free quality education from year one to a university degree. The school is striving to "Fight Poverty through Education". I will travel to the School of St Jude with other young Australians from around the country for 3 weeks in December 2015. Together we will volunteer at the school preparing and teaching lessons based around literacy and numeracy and more.

I am currently fundraising to raise necessary money to assist the School of St Jude to supply books, pens, pencils, paper, 3 meals a day, clean water and accommodation for a student, basic needs that we all take for granted.

The fundraiser a colouring-in competition will go out to all the students to give SPS students an opportunity to win some great prizes. For just a $2 donation with each entry, those who entry will be judged for the chance to win some really great prizes- skateboard & helmet, watch, Miniki skateboard deck, Majestic Cinema Family movie passes and more. All the prizes are currently being displayed at the Singleton Public Library for view.

The entry form and donation are to be placed in a sealed envelope and can be submitted in the submission box at the Singleton Public School's Front Office. Please see the colouring-in competition page for all the terms & conditions. Thank you in advance for your participation in helping fundraise for this great cause.

**Free Freezer from Canteen**

Free to good home from the canteen - Two glass-door freezers, both require a compressor and repairs. Please contact the canteen if you are interested.

**Upper Hunter Chess Competition**

Singleton Public School will be entering two rookie teams in the Upper Hunter Chess Competition.

On Thursday, 6 August, the students will be travelling by private car to Denman RSL Club. They will need to leave the school at 8.00 am for the 9.30 am registration. Games will begin at 10.00 am.

The two teams will be accompanied by Mr Russell and Mrs Johnson. Children will need to take their recess, lunch and two drink bottles. School uniform needs to be worn.

Good luck to the teams participating!

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**SCHOOL FETE FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER – THEME “RECYCLE!”**

Why don’t you RECYCLE one of your favourite costumes from a previous school mufti day? Or hit the op shops and recycle some fashion from another decade?

The annual school fete is the P&C’s main fundraising event and a great school community day. Last year we raised over $13,000 and had a ball! Our P&C is currently in the planning phase of the fete and we would love to hear from people with busking skills, talents as a face-painter, or willingness to co-ordinate a fun activity for the students (like a karaoke competition or a game) or assist in selling wrist-bands for the amusement rides. Most importantly we are seeking a volunteer or volunteers to coordinate our very popular LEGO competition. Every bit of support contributes to a fun and successful day. If you can assist please forward your details to Mrs Bunnemeyer through our School Office or come along to a fete meeting.

Please keep an eye on the School’s Weekly Newsletter, as class teachers will soon start advertising what they need for their stalls. If parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents, guardians or any other family members are free on the day and can spare an hour or two on the stalls, please let your class teachers know.

It is important for kindergarten parents to know that kindergarten teachers will be busy running their Cake and Craft stalls in the morning (first 1 ½ - 2 hours from 10:00 am) and that there will be minimal supervision for kindergarten students. If you have a child in Kindergarten who will not be supervised on the fete day, please discuss with your teacher.

The Fete Committee
Band Workshop

On Wednesday, 29 July our school hosted the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music’s Workshop Day. Our Concert and Training Bands were joined by schools from Denman, Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook. There were 102 children in the band. The concert in the afternoon sounded fantastic. If your child (in Years 3-6) loved the concert and is interested in learning an instrument, please see Mrs Dibley.
Jaye Ford Big Book Club
Borrow a copy of one of local author Jaye Ford’s books and discuss while enjoying wine and cheese with the author herself. Jaye Ford is the author of four chilling suspense novels.
Thursday 6th August | 6pm - 8pm
Bookings Essential
www.singleton.nsw.gov.au | 8-10 Queen St Singleton | Phone 02 6578 7500

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: Robyn Dibben
Class: Team 6
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 11 years
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Sports Team: Wallabies — Rugby Union
Favourite Movie: Sound of Music
Favourite Dessert: Anything chocolate
Favourite Song/Band: Thinking Out Loud by Ed Sheeran
Favourite Subject: Reading
Favourite Author: Loretta Hill
Do you have any pets, and what are they?:
Golden lab named Nelson, guinea pigs named Minnie and Speedy, and a conure bird named Pearl
Hobbies:
Going to the cinema/theatre, reading and bargain shopping
What do you love about working at SPS?
The fabulous children, staff and school community.
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 3, Week 3 2015

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Class Work by 1H

IH enjoyed NAIDOC Day and designed their own artworks. IH enjoyed watching the dancers, Glee and listening to Aunty Shirley talk.