As Term 3 comes to a close it is time to start to look ahead to the wonderful period known as Term 4. There is something for everyone in Term 4 including drama, family events, sport and excursions. Along the way teachers will be analysing data and results to compile comprehensive reports on the progress of each child. A few of the highlights include:

**Grandparents’ Day** will be held on Friday 16 October throughout the middle session of the day. Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms and see work samples and then join in an outdoor assembly under the COLA.

**Intensive Swimming Program** will operate from Monday 19 to the 29 October. This invaluable program aims to enhance the swimming skills of our students from Year 2 on. Given the reports of drowning that occur in Australia each year, I believe that this is a highly worthwhile activity for all of our children.

**PANTO** is coming to our school early November. This year, our audiences will be mesmerised and spell bound by the magic that is “Aladdin”. Singing, dancing and of course many corny lines will be delivered by our well trained and versed performers.

**Great Aussie Bush Camp** is a highlight for all Year 5 students and provides a fantastic opportunity for these students to bond as a cohesive group as they prepare for Year 6. The Bush Camp will happen between the 17 to 20 November.

**Christmas Concert** for students Kindergarten to Year 2 is scheduled for the 3 and 4 December. This is a great opportunity to come and see cuteness on show. Traditionally admission to this special event has been through the donation of non-perishable food which the school donates to local charities for Christmas Hampers.

With so much going on, it is important that all families take the time to read our weekly newsletter and download our mobile app.

Enjoy the time that you have together as a family throughout the holidays and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 6 October ready for another term!

David Crowe

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### Calendar of Events

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**This week’s assembly is hosted by 3/4J at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**

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### Nut Allergies

A reminder that there are children in our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts. This includes all nut products including peanut butter and Nutella. Even a trace of peanut butter on another child’s breath or coming in touch with some residual peanut butter from eating lunch can be fatal for children who are anaphylactic. Please support these children by not sending your child to school with any nut products.
K-2 Sports Carnival
On Friday, 4 September Years K-2 participated in their sport carnival. A great day was had by all. Please see our next newsletter for photos and results.

Power FM
Power FM are bringing breakfast to our School! Nix and Sebba from the Power FM Brekky Show will broadcast live from our school on Friday, 17 September. Thanks to the Power FM Schools Brekky! The Power FM crew will provide breakfast for the kids available from 7.00 am - 8.30 am and a ton of laughter and fun! Please colour in the colouring sheet in this newsletter for your chance to win some great prizes! We are looking for volunteers to help serve Breakfast on the day!

Girls Touch Team
Girls through to Last 16 in NSW!

Our Girls Touch Footy team travelled down to Kotara last Thursday to take on a very quick Belair PS team. Our girls defended extremely well keeping Belair scoreless and getting a touchdown before the half time hooter.

In the second half it was again another tough battle with Belair hitting back to level the scores 1-1 but our girls responded well hitting back with another try. The girls led with 5 minutes to go when the Belair girls broke through the middle of the defence to score. At full time the score was 2-2.

This led to a drop off situation where one player leaves the field every two minutes until somebody scores a touchdown (golden point). Our girls again defended extremely well and lucky for the team we scored winning the game 3-2.

The girls are now into the last 16 teams in the state. They will now take on Valentine PS or Taree West PS to make the quarter finals. A huge thank you to our support crew who drove and cheered on our team to the end.

Rugby Union 2015 Digby Rayward Shield
On Thursday, 3 September our Singleton Public School Representative Rugby Union Team travelled to Hunter Valley Grammar School to participate in the Annual Digby Rayward Shield.

This year, six teams competed from around the Hunter Valley at this prestigious event.


Our first game highlighted the skills and potential of our Representative Rugby Union Team. Despite Hunter Valley Grammar scoring early, our team showed excellent teamwork up the middle and passing the ball wide to come out convincing winners.

Against St Phillips Christian College we came across a well drilled and organised team who played to their strengths. In particular, St Phillips’ half back was diminutive in size but proved to be very slippery, hard to catch around the ruck and proved to be overall difference in the match.

By coming second in our Pool, our Semi-Final Game was against Scone Grammar - the winners of Pool B. Scone Grammar were the eventual winners of the 2015 Digby Rayward Shield. Whilst our team put in an amazing effort, the skills, speed and size of Scone Grammar saw them as deserved winners.

Congratulations to all of our team who represented their school exceptionally well, and played each game in the right spirit of sportsmanship and played for each other.

A massive thank you to Aaron Carroll who coached our team on the day and on our training runs. We really appreciate having such a skilled and passionate person proving their time to assist. A big thank you to Matt Duff for assisting in coaching and water-boy. Of course a big thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supported Singleton Public School Representative Rugby Union Team.

Congratulations to everyone and well done.
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 1, Term 4 2015
Mon 5/10/15 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Public Holiday
Fri 9/10/15 (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 1, Term 4 2015
Mon 5/10/15 Public Holiday
Tues 6/10/15 2 more helpers please
Wed 7/10/15 Pam Dicks, Brenda Bell
Thurs 8/10/15 Deb Boston, Kirsten Roxburgh
Fri 9/10/15 Natalie Moore, Sarah Land, 1 more 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:-

“Moving sensibly and demonstrating awareness of others”

Information from the DEC

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest (from $1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets.

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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**Cranky Bear**

On Tuesday, 8 September some of our students travelled to the Civic Theatre to watch The Cranky Bear. It was a great day.

**Support Unit Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our raffle. Your support for our Fete is very much appreciated.

Elaine Bunnemeyer

**Singleton Public School’s ‘Onesie’ Day for Type 1 Diabetes Awareness**

Over 122,000 people in Australia have Type 1 Diabetes and there are currently over 400 children with Type 1 diabetes in the Hunter region. The Hunter has one of the highest rates of incidence of Type 1 diabetes in Australia. Each year 50-60 children and young people are diagnosed with the condition in this region alone.

On Tuesday 8th September schools across the Hunter region were invited to participate in ‘Type Onesie Day’ in support of Type 1s. For gold coin donation students, teachers and families either a onesie, a single sock or a single glove.

Singleton Public School held their ‘Onesie’ day for Type 1 Diabetes on Wednesday 9th September due to the “Cranky Bear” excursion that was held for Kinder to Year 2 on the Tuesday. We rose over $400 to help with the awareness for Hunter Kids with Type 1 Diabetes. All the students and staff looked fantastic in their onesie outfits and even their ‘one of’ shoes, socks and gloves!

**Free Mobile App**

The Federal government has released a free mobile app for parents containing tips and inspiring ways to be more involved in their child’s learning. It's for all ages, from the high chair to high school, and provides relevant information tailored to each child’s age as well as fun and easy ways to stimulate learning. It suggests ways to fit educational games into the regular family routines, such as in the car or supermarket, and lets parents personalise the app for their children. No data is collected by the app. There is more information on this link http://learningpotential.gov.au/.

**Pre-School Program**

During Term 4, a pre-school program will be conducted on Fridays for 2016 Kindergarten students. There will be two sessions - a morning and an afternoon session. The morning session is filled but there are still vacancies in the afternoon session - 12.30 to 3.00pm. If you would like your 2016 Kindergarten child to attend the afternoon session, please contact the school on 6571 2250.

**Late to School**

If your child is late to school they need to come to the school office first for a late note. If leaving school early, the person who is collecting them must come to the office first to receive a pass-out slip.

**Intensive Swimming Program**

All children in Year 2 and selected children in Year 3-6 will be attending an Intensive Learn-to-Swim campaign in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (Monday, 19 October until Friday, 30 October 2015). This will occur every school day during these two weeks. This intensive program is a NSW Department of Education initiative; therefore, it is a recommended program for all Year 2 children. We believe that every child should be able to swim at least 25 metres with correct breathing. An intensive swimming program is of vital importance for all children because of our Australian lifestyle and it allows them to enjoy water sports with safety.

The cost will be $85.00 for the two weeks (includes lessons and bus). Please forward permission notes back to school before Friday, 9 October 2015. Permission notes have been sent home.

Please note: Sessions times are at 1.00 - 1.45 pm and 1.45 - 2.30 pm.

**POSITION VACANT**

The position of **Defence Transition School Aide** at Singleton Heights Public School will be advertised this Thursday in the Singleton Heights Public School newsletter. There is a link to the newsletter on the school's website: http://www.singletonh-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or contact Joanne Tucker on 65 731363 on or after Thursday 17th September.
**Student Health - Impetigo**

There has been a reported case of Impetigo in the school. Please see the following from the NSW Department of Health - Time from exposure to illness: - 1 to 3 days. **Symptoms:** Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp. **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings. Please exclude if sores on exposed surfaces such as face, scalp, hands. **How can I prevent spread?** Careful hand washing.

**Canberra 2016**

Year 6 teachers have booked the 2016 excursion to Canberra from the 14 March – 18 March, 2016.

This is because the preferred Canberra Motel is booked out in the month of May 2016. Best Western Tall Trees Motel is the place Year 6 have enjoyed staying in over the last few years but unfortunately it is unavailable for the dates in May when they usually visit Canberra. The motel is a good base for our excursions, the rooms are great and staff know that the children feel safe and secure here.

**APPROXIMATE COST:**

- **Students - $590**
- **Parents - $680**

Di Merrick and Robyn Dibben

Year Six Teachers

**7W Support Unit Donations**

7W are after donations of newspapers. If you can help out with this donation can you please deliver them to their classroom.

**Parent Survey**

A parent return survey has been sent home to parents regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education at our school. Please return to school as soon as possible. If you did not receive a survey you can download a copy from our web page. Please note that this survey is anonymous.

**P&C News**

Our wonderful P&C Treasurers (Rob and Vicki Ella) and Assistant Treasurer (Donna Croft) have confirmed that the fete was successful in raising $13,130. Thank you again to all the teachers, staff, parents and P&C members who contributed to the fete’s success. Over the coming months the P&C will be deciding how to use these funds to provide resources that will benefit all students at our school. Please consider joining the P&C and coming to meetings to share your ideas for helping our school. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday 7 October at 7pm in the library.

If you see Mrs Gray and her fantastic volunteers with extra smiles, it is because they are excited about the new canteen equipment. After a few hiccups we now have a new double door commercial freezer. We have also purchased and installed two new ovens thanks to a generous donation from Yancoal. Gore Electrical did a great job for us installing the new ovens. Due to some wonderful canteen volunteers getting full time work, Mrs Gray now has a few gaps in the canteen roster. Even if you can’t commit to a spot in the canteen roster and can only help for an hour or so in the morning, or can only help on days eve

ry now and then, please contact Mrs Gray in the canteen.

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

**P&C Uniform Shop**

Hats are available for sale in the canteen everyday for your convenience.

**SUMMER DRESSES** - Current stock of summer dresses in Size 4, 10, 12 & 14 are available now for purchase at $39. The new order will arrive early Term 4 when the price for Summer Dresses will increase to $46 so get in early to beat the price rise - Limited stocks only.

After this time ALL SUMMER & WINTER DRESSES WILL NEED TO BE PRE-ORDERED. Please keep an eye out for Pre-Order forms in the newsletter Term 4, Week 1.

**BOYS & GIRLS LONG PANTS & SHORTS** - The P&C have made a decision to no longer stock plain navy coloured boys & girls long pants & shorts (we will continue selling the microfibre sports shorts with the SPS logo). Please get in early to purchase the remaining stock as no further orders will be placed.

Purchase at the Uniform Shop on a Monday or Friday between 8.30am & 9.30am OR PRINT OUT & SEND IN AN ORDER FORM ANYTIME - Order forms can be found on the school website under P&C Information.

Nicole Furness - Uniform Shop Coordinator
The Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent is a great way to raise money for Singleton PS. For every eligible new home loan (over $100,000) simply mention Singleton Public School and the Newcastle Permanent will donate a generous $600 to our school!
Bush Tucker Garden Revitalisation Project

Work is currently underway to revitalise an area known as the Bush Tucker Garden.

Over the last years the area had become overgrown, poorly utilised and unproductive. Recently the area has been cleared so that we can update, refresh and replant the garden so it can be used as part of our school curriculum. Students, staff and members of the community are working together to create a learning resource that will provide insight into Indigenous plants and ways of life.

We need your help!

We are calling for donations of gardening tools, gardening products (such as mulch, fertiliser etc), paving, edging…anything or anyone to help us create an interesting space. Any donations will be accepted with appreciation! Thank you to Black Diamond Concrete and Constructions for their donation of $200 to get us kick started.

If you would like to be a part of this project or receive more information please send a note to Miss Sullivan in 3S.

From this… to this: What next?

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: Nicole Gray
Class: Canteen
How long have you been teaching at SPS?: 4 years
Favourite Colour: Red and black
Favourite Sports Team: Any team my children are in
Favourite Movie: The Help and Pitch Perfect
Favourite Dessert: Papaya with coconut cream, lime and brown sugar and my Mum’s cheesecake
Favourite Song/Band: Cheerleader by OMI and Stand By You by Marlisa
Favourite Subject: French
Do you have any pets, and what are they?: Chooks named Christmas Day, Dinner, Sophie, Lucky and Useless 1, 2, 3 and 4 as they don’t lay any eggs.
Hobbies: Reading, learning new things and hanging out with my family.
What do you love about working at SPS?
My job, seeing all of you everyday and of course seeing my son.
Singleton Public School 2015 Magazine, 8th Edition —

LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP

SPS has a proud tradition of producing a school magazine, to celebrate our memories from the school year.

Our magazine coordinators have already started compiling the 8th Edition of the SPS Magazine, a high quality keepsake that will stay with families for many years to come. We are now looking for sponsors for this year’s magazine.

Sponsors will be very gratefully recognised in the 2015 Magazine as follows: $50 for a business card sized sponsorship section, $250 for a half-page, and $500 for a full page.

The school magazine is not a fundraiser for the school. Sponsorship helps minimise printing costs and therefore allows us to sell it to families for a low price. If you can support the school magazine, please contact Sandy and Graeme Tickell, the school’s magazine coordinators on 0418 452 905 or email sandhikat@gmail.com.
Classwork by 2B

My sacred place is at the end of school. I like it because I think I'm a fireman.
Knute

My sacred place is the fire engine because sometimes it is quiet up there. So when I want some quiet time I go up there.
Hayden

My sacred place is the library because it is a nice and quiet place to read books, play board games and just relax and hang out. That is why I like the library.
Cooper H.

My sacred place is the bubblers because there is a hiding spot. It is a good hide out. We play hide and go seek and that is my hiding spot.
Charlie

My sacred place is the library because it’s a quiet place to relax and read a book. There’re no loud sounds just quiet whispers.
Cooper Cox

My sacred place is the fire engine because I can have some peace and quiet.
Caleb