Thank you to everyone that contributed to make our school fete such a great day – even though the weather was against us! Our fete committee involving the school P&C and staff representative, Mrs Bunnemeyer, did a fantastic job organising the activities, stalls and displays. Whilst I am unsure of the amount raised on the day, the level of community involvement and the smiles on the kids’ faces were priceless!

Today the student council have conducted a small fundraiser on behalf of Type 1 Diabetes research. Over the past five years, we have had at least four students with Type 1 diabetes at Singleton Public School. It is great to see our student body considering the wellbeing and future of other students and coming up with such great ideas to show their support.

Last Tuesday, renowned children’s author and illustrator, Mr Mark Wilson visited our students and conducted a number of hands-on workshops. Mr Wilson was very impressed with the behaviour and engagement displayed by all of our students. Our kids had the opportunity to experience how illustrators develop their ideas and concepts to match the written words of a book. Needless to say, some interesting pictures were developed through the workshop.

For your information, all teaching staff will be involved in extended professional development on Thursday afternoon as a part of the school’s focus on Literacy across the school. This learning workshop will be taking place for three hours commencing at 3:30 pm, therefore no classes will be disrupted by this activity.

I hope that all students and staff Kinder to Year 2 have a wonderful time during their sports carnival on Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along to a school event and support your child. For more information please see the article enclosed in this week’s newsletter.

Have a great week!

David Crowe
Principal

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There is no assembly this week due to the K-2 Sports Carnival.
Power FM
On Thursday, 17 September it will be rather exciting at school as we play host to local radio station Power FM. Students and family members are encouraged to come along between 6.30 am and 9.00 am, have some breakfast and maybe get your name on the air-waves. More details will in next week’s newsletter.

Musica Viva
On Thursday, 17 September, 2015 there will be a live performance at school by the Musica Viva In Schools group for all K-6 students. The group performing is called the Sousaphonics.

The performance is covered by Supercover.

The group is a jazz quintet playing some famous pieces as well as their own original pieces with some unique arrangements. There will be 2 performances. The first performance will commence at 12.30 pm and go for an hour until recess. The second performance will commence at 2.00 pm and also run for an hour. The cost is $8 per student which should be returned to the school office with the permission note by Friday, 11 September, 2015.

Teresa Price
Organising Teacher

Girls Touch Team
The girls touch football team took on Paterson Public School last Monday in the 3rd round of the PSSA knockout touch football competition and had a convincing 10-1 victory. The girls played extremely well with some great teamwork on the wing. Well done to our stand in coach and timekeeper on the day.

The girls then had a quick turn around and played against Muswellbrook South PS in their school grounds. The game was played on the back oval and the whole school came to watch the event. It was a carnival atmosphere but once again our depleted team were to strong going on to win the game 10-3.

Our next game is the final of our Hunter Draw A which brings the team up against Belair PS who have also had some convincing wins. The girls travel to Kotara on Thursday to battle it out. A full wrap of the game will be in next week's newsletter. Well done and good luck!!

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.

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.

Kindergarten 2016
All 2016 Kindergarten enrolment forms were due back to the school office last Friday. If you have not returned your child’s forms please do so as soon as possible so that the school can organise final numbers.

Hunter Athletics
Congratulations to the students that travelled to the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale on Friday, 28 August for the Hunter Region Athletics Carnival. Our students all performed extremely well and were great representatives of our school and community. Congratulations to Ethan for shot put and discus and our senior Girls’ Relay Team who consisted of Jules, Sophie, Olivia and Chloe for qualifying to represent the Hunter Region at the State Championships.
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

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

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.

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Class: ..............................
What are you paying for? ........................................................... Date ...........................
Credit Card Type (please tick one)  □ VISA    □ Mastercard  Amount paying $.................................
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Signature of Cardholder .............................................. Contact Number: .................................
Fathers Day Breakfast
Thanks to all the fathers who attended our Fathers Day breakfast last Friday. It was a wonderful turn out enjoyed by dads, students and staff.

K-2 Sports Carnival
Friday, 11 September is the date for the K-2 Sports Carnival. It will be held at Cook Park 2 (Junior Rugby League facility). Children are asked to come to school first so that when the bell rings at 9.10 am rolls can be marked and name tags given out. The children will then walk to Cook Park and the carnival will start at approximately 9.45 am.

All children are asked to wear sunscreen, a hat, suitable shoes and a shirt in their house colour (if they have one). If parents are not joining them, children will need recess, lunch and at least 2 drinks (more if it happens to be hot and sunny). Canteen facilities and lunch orders WILL NOT be available. The day will begin with the children performing a march past and will conclude with an award ceremony before returning to school in the afternoon. Activities will include age races, “marathon” and tabloid sports.

If you wish to take your child home after the carnival please sign the roll that will be with your child’s class teacher. Students who are being taken home by a friend MUST have a note from their parent/carers.

Please do not bring pet dogs to the carnival due to the health and safety of the children. If the weather is sunny, parents and friends are asked to bring umbrellas to provide shade and ground covers to sit on. Ground covers and shade will be provided for the children to sit on.

This sports carnival is covered by the general permission note. See you at Cook Park for a great day.

KS Craft Raffle
Thank you to everyone who purchased items and/or raffles tickets from the KS handicraft stall. Raffle winners were

1st prize Tepee – Tyler (2L)  
2nd prize felted hat - Cheree Maher
3rd prize basket of goodies - Xander (3/4J)  
4th prize doll - Jenny Miles

Mark Wilson Author Visit
On Tuesday, 1 September we were lucky enough to get to know a little bit about Mark Wilson. He is the Author/Illustrator of many children’s books such as Pray for the Animals (Mark’s favorite book), My Mothers Eyes, Vietnam Diary, Little Dolphin and many more! Mark writes stories about himself and his family. My Mothers Eyes was written about his grandfather.

Mark didn’t always want to be an Author/Illustrator, he wanted to tour the world in his rock band. He finds animals easier to draw than people and wrote his first book at the Zoo. Mark has illustrated 125 books. John Lennon and Bob Dylan were two of Mark’s many idols. Mark Wilson’s advice to us is to write everything down that we see, hear, touch, feel, think and do.

By Olivia 6D
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

This includes: luxury air-conditioned, seat-belt equipped coach travel, motel accommodation, 3 meals daily from dinner on the first day to lunch on the last day and admission to venues and attractions. The cost cannot be finalised until the school has accurate attendance numbers.

An expression of interest form will be sent out in Term 4 and a deposit of $50 will need to be paid between Thursday, 3 December and Monday, 14 December. Final payment for the Canberra excursion will be due by the 7 March 2016. Instalments can be made after 3 December up until Wednesday, 16 December, as well as from the start of 2016.

Parents should also be aware that within the first few weeks of Term 1 2016, the school will be ordering the Year Six hoodies (which cost approximately $50) so that the students will be able to wear them to Canberra.

If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to come and talk to Year 6 teachers.

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

Wow!!! What a great day we have had on Friday at the Fete! The rain was fairly kind to us and stayed away most of the day!

The P&C fete committee would like to say “Thank You” to all the teachers and staff who went to such amazing efforts to make their stalls such a success - a massive bravo to you all! Especially those who put their bodies in the dunk tank - you are brave people!! A special thank you to Mrs Grainger and Mrs Haines for volunteering at the last minute to run the LEGO expo.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out with wristbands sales, helped on stalls and in the canteen, donated items to raffle or sell, and created amazing items to sell. Special thanks to Vanessa (Vanessa’s Nail Spot) for her amazing and very generous contribution, and to Holly for her incredible Face Painting - you have both made lots and lots of little people super happy! Thank you to the SES, Darlington Rural Fire Service, Hunter Tennis Academy, the karaoke people, and to Singleton Council and Hunter Resource Recovery for their amazing displays and invaluable contributions. We are grateful, again, to the Grainger family for providing first aid services through St Johns Ambulance. Thanks also to the Singleton High School students – you all did a great job. ABC Jumping Castles did a great job for us again providing fun amusement rides. THANK YOU all - our Fete wouldn’t be the same without you!

The P&C fete committee puts a huge amount of effort and months of planning to make sure the fete runs smoothly and all students have a safe and fun day. The fete has also been very successful in raising funds, which will be donated to the school to provide awesome resources for all the wonderful students at the school.

The P&C is not only successful in running great events and raising money but is also fun, friendly and a great way to meet other parents. Please consider joining the P&C and making a difference to our wonderful school. At the last P&C meeting we voted in Anne-Marie McNamara as Secretary and Robyn Skinner as Canteen Liaison Officer. It is great for our P&C to have these positions filled. We are having a canteen meeting this Friday, 11 September at 2.30pm in the canteen, and our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday 7 October at 7pm in the library. Hope to see you there!

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

P&C Uniform Shop

School hats are now available for sale in the canteen every day for your convenience.
Introducer Program with the Newcastle Permanent

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!
Fete 2015
**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?

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**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:** Judy Sattler
**Class:** 7W

*How long have you been teaching at SPS?:* SLSO, for 10 years
*Favourite Colour: Purple and Green*
*Favourite Sports Team:*
*Favourite Movie:*
*Favourite Dessert: Anything caramel*
*Favourite Song/Band: Budapest and Purple Rain*
*Favourite Subject: Art*
*Do you have any pets, and what are they?:* I have a dog and a ring neck parrot.
*Hobbies:*
*Mosaic and djembe drumming.*

*What do you love about working at SPS?*
*Staff, students and its positive vibe.*
Singleton Public School’s

Heroes & Villians Disco

When – Wednesday 16th Sept.
Time – K - 2: 5-6pm
3 - 6: 6-7:30pm
Cost - $4 (includes a drink & chocolate)
Classwork by KM

I saw a little butterfly flying away.

I saw a man building a house not too far from my house.

Can you see the puppy eating?

Can you see an aeroplane in the sky?

Can you see the puppy playing?

Can you see a horse?

I saw a puppy with a toy clown.

I saw a bee flying up in the sky.