Easter Hat Parade & Cross Country

I am looking forward to seeing the imagination and ingenuity of our families during our Easter Hat parade on Thursday morning. The music and marching will commence shortly after 9:30 am under the school COLA on Elizabeth Street. This is always an exciting day, especially for our Kindergarten students, as it is their first real ‘whole school’ event. Parents and family members are encouraged to come along and support our students in the fun.

We will have recess early on this day commencing at 10:30 am. At 11:00 am, Year 2-6 will walk to Cook Park to conduct our annual School Cross Country event. Being conscious of the strange weather we are currently experiencing, children will be encouraged to ‘take it easy’, stay well hydrated and not over exert themselves if the hot weather returns. Students will return near 1pm for a late lunch.

Parent – Teacher Interviews

Our school conducts face to face interviews during Semester 1 to provide feedback to parents on student progress. To limit disruption to class programs we will be holding the meetings during Week 1, Term 2 (April 27-28-29). This is a shortened week with ANZAC Day on the Monday and School Development Day scheduled for the Tuesday.

Booking sheets have been forwarded home and should be completed promptly to ensure that you are able to meet your child’s teacher at a suitable time. Generally, interviews will be conducted between 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on the scheduled day for each class.

Singleton Square Cash for Classrooms

When shopping at Singleton Square please consider supporting their promotion “Cash for Classrooms” which could help our school receive some funding support from the centre. It’s as easy as completing an entry form with your shopping receipts and placing it in the box specified as Singleton Public School. Please encourage family, friends and workmates to get behind our school. The competition starts on April 4 with entries closing May 8.

ANZAC Day March

Our school has a very proud tradition of supporting the local ANZAC Day march down John Street to the civic reception. Once again, I am encouraging all students to dress in their best school uniform and proudly march behind our school banner on Monday 25 April. More details will appear in the next newsletter.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter long weekend!

David Crowe – Principal

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**Calendar of Events**

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| **Wednesday 23 March** | Zone Soccer  
Easter Service K-6 12.00 pm at school  
Parent/Teacher interview time slips due |
| **Thursday 24 March** | Easter Hat Parade - 9.30 am  
Riding for Disabled starts (Support Unit)  
Cross Country - 11.00 am Year 2 – Year 6 |
| **Friday 25 March** | Good Friday |
| **Monday 28 March** | Easter Monday |
| **Wednesday 30 March** | Military Museum note and payment due  
School Staff Development Activities - CPR and Anaphylaxis Training 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm |
| **Friday 1 April** | Hunter Netball |
| **Monday 4 April** | Military Museum Excursion - Year 3, Kinder & Year 2 |
| **Tuesday 5 April** | Parent/Teacher Interview K/1L  
Military Museum Excursion - Year 6, Year 4, Year 1 |
| **Wednesday 6 April** | Zone Touch  
P&C Meeting 7.00 pm School Library  
Military Museum - Year 5 |
| **Thursday 7 April** | Parent /Teacher Interviews 2P & 4/5B |
| **Friday 8 April** | Hunter Soccer and Hockey |
| **Term 2 - Monday 25 April** | ANZAC Day March - please assemble at Bailey Park for 10.15 am for march at 10.30 am |
| **Tuesday 26 April** | Staff Development Day - office will be closed |
| **Wednesday 27 April** | Students return  
Parent/Teacher interviews 1E,1FL,1/2H,2L,6M |
| **Thursday 28 April** | Parent/Teacher interviews KM,KJ,3A,3S,3/4R,4Z |
| **Friday 29 April** | Parent/Teacher interviews 6D,5E,5I |

There is no assembly this week.
Canberra

As most of you know, Year 6 have just been on an excursion to our capital, Canberra. We spent a lot of time on a bus but the rest was pretty awesome. We had delicious dinners at the Canberra Club every night which we are thankful of their catering as they even let us in, even though on Monday they were closed. On Thursday night, they took us into a room downstairs where they gave us a wonderful roast and we could be louder than any other night because there were no people from the public that we would disturb. (YES!!) We went to a lot of amazing places such as New and Old Parliament Houses, Questacon, CSIRO and the National Museum of Australian Democracy and a lot more. We all enjoyed this excursion even though now we are very tired and full of information about Canberra. We would like to thank Saxby Coaches Singleton for our transportation, Tall Trees Motel for our accommodation and breakfast, the Canberra Club for our dinners, High Court of Australia Chambers Café for our morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Dibben, Mr Crowe and parent helpers for our safety and wellbeing.

We had a great time in our capital, thank you!!

By Ruby and Hannah

ANZAC Day March

Marchers from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate in the ANZAC Day March to be conducted on Monday, 25 April down the main street of Singleton. This is a great tradition in which our students can demonstrate pride and respect to an important sector of our community. Students will need to be in full school uniform. Staff will be on-site to organise and march with our students.

All students are to meet at the Bailey’s Union Park, John Street at 10.15 am and be ready to march at 10.30 am. The march will conclude at the Civic Centre where the official Anzac Service will be held on “The Civic Green” at 11.00 am. Students can be collected after they have marched and before the Service commences. It will be up to parents if they wish their child to remain for the service.

When: Friday, 25 April
Where: All students (K-6) meet at Bailey’s Union Park, John Street
Wearing: Full school uniform
Time: Arrive at 10.15 am ready to march at 10.30 am
Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10 Term 1 2016
Mon 28/3/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Easter Monday
Fri 1/4/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Julene Gunn
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

Canteen Roster - Week 9, Term 10 2016
Mon 28/3/16 Easter Monday
Tues 29/3/16 Melissa Muddiman, Sarah Land
Wed 30/3/16 Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns
Thurs 31/3/16 Mary Franks, 1 more helper please
Fri 1/4/16 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Maxine Kolinos
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 responsibly around the school”

Information from the DEC

Back by popular demand
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

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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KS Easter

During Term 1, KS has been learning to sew. With the assistance of some patient mums, each student has completed their first project – a felt Easter egg. The finished eggs have made a lovely display for the classroom. Well done everyone!

OOSH Travel

Does your child travel to OOSH or another non-residential location by bus?

Hunter Valley Buses has contacted the school regarding their concerns with students using their School Opal Card to travel to OOSH, or other destinations which are not their residential address.

Hunter Valley Buses would like parents/guardians to be aware that by using a School Opal Card for this type of travel, they may end up with a large bill. The easiest thing to do would be to pick up a prepaid Youth Travel Card from a newsagents or online. This card can then be used for travel to destinations other than your residential address.

Cash for Classrooms - Starting Soon

Singleton Square are running a promotion which can win our school up to $2,500!!!

Simply shop at any participating store at Singleton Square from Monday, 4 April until Sunday, 8 May. For every dollar you spend, your nominated school will collect one point. The school with the most points wins!

Hunter Sports High School 2017

Hunter Sports High are calling for Year 6 students to trial for the Talented Sports Program. All students and parents can access the information from their website www.huntersports.com.au. Interested students need to complete the Talented Sports Program Application by 2 May 2016. In 2017 Hunter Sports High School will offer 14 sports - AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Boys Cricket, Girls Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby League, Boys Rugby Union, Girls Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis and Touch Football.

Found

There has been a Visa card found just outside the school grounds. If you have lost your Visa card please call the Office with the bank and account name. Please note identification will have to be produced upon collection of card.

Stewart House

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent out to all children. If you wish to make a donation and be in the running to win a $4,000 holiday, please place money in the envelope and return to the office by Wednesday, 4 May 2016.

Lost Property

There has been a few pairs of prescription glasses handed into the office over the last couple of weeks. If you have lost any glasses please contact the office.

Shredded Paper For Sale

Garbage bags of shredded paper will be available for purchase for $2 a bag. Please see Miss Moon if your interested.
K/1L
K/1L have been busy learning about fruit and ways to describe it. They are pictured below describing watermelon.

Bunnings Buddy Bench
On Tuesday, 22 March Singleton Bunnings donated a Buddy Bench to Singleton Public School, which has been placed underneath the friendship tree. Pictured are our School Captains and Vice Captains trying out the new bench. A big thank you to Bunnings for the donation of the bench.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL
For the next four weeks our school will be promoting the catch phrase, “Have a Go” as a part of our PBL program. This initiative is designed to highlight with our students that trying and making an attempt is vitally important as part of their development.

It is noticeable that many children will not attempt challenging or different activities for fear of not being able to achieve excellence or fear of failure. We want our children to develop the capacity to try; to recognise that they may not achieve a top result; essentially be willing to have a go!
Students will be recognised by staff with the allocation of a “Have a Go” ticket which we encourage them to take home and discuss their efforts with their families. There are no other rewards – just simple intrinsic recognition.

Staff Development Day - Term 2
The office will be closed for the Staff Development Day in Term 2 - 26 April 2016.

Easter Hat Parade
Let’s get creative as the Easter Bunny is hopping into town for the Singleton Public School Easter Hat Parade. Students are encouraged to make or buy their Easter Hats/Bonnets at home and bring them to school on Thursday, 24 March. The parade will start at 9:30 am. Parents, grandparents and other family members are most welcome to come and watch their child march under the COLA. The Support Unit will start the march first, followed by Kindergarten through to Year 6. Best dressed certificates will be handed out by our mystery judge.

Elaine Bunnemeyer
Organiser
**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on various dates. (Please see below the designated days for each class:-)

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**Military Museum Excursion**

The students of Singleton Public School will be visiting the Military Museum at the Singleton Army Camp on Monday, 4 April, Tuesday, 5 April and Wednesday, 6 April. This is the last week of Term 1.

The cost of the excursion is $6.00 per student, unless you have already paid Supercover. Children need to wear school uniform. Please return the permission note and money by 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 30 March in readiness for this excursion.

**GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT:**

- **Monday, 4/4/16**
  - 9.30 am - Year 3
  - 11.00 am - Kinder
  - 12.40 pm - Year 2

- **Tuesday, 5/4/15**
  - 9.30 am - Year 6
  - 11.00 am - Year 4
  - 12.40 pm - Year 1

- **Wednesday, 6/4/15**
  - 9.30 am - Year 5

Support Unit students will be travelling with their appropriate grade.

Each grade looks at, and learns about, different aspects of army history with an interactive component. Children do not repeat the same sessions seen in previous years. All students will be accompanied by their class teachers.
SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Excursion to see Disney’s Aladdin 2016!

The magnificent musical, Aladdin, will be showing in Sydney at the Capitol Theatre from August 2016. Singleton Public School has arranged an excursion for the children in Years 3 - 6. The date of the performance we will be attending is Wednesday 19th October at 1pm. We will leave school at approximately 8.00am, eat lunch at Darling Harbour and then attend the matinee performance at 1pm. The bus will return to Singleton at approximately 5.30pm/6.00pm. The cost of the excursion will be $95 and includes the ticket and bus fare.

The children will be accompanied by teachers. Should there be a short fall in the number of students that would like to go; we will offer the tickets to the families of the children attending.

Tickets will be issued on a strict ‘first come, first served’ basis and will be on sale from the Parsonage veranda from 8.30am on Tuesday 10th May.

Any musical is always a magical experience however Disney’s Aladdin is exceptional, a real must see for any child!

Di Merrick

(Organising teacher)
Kindergarten Big Breakfast

On Thursday, 17 March, Singleton Public School’s Breakfast Club hosted its annual Kinder Brekky.

The Kinder Brekky event introduced the Breakfast Club program to all kindergarten students at the school.

All the children enjoyed a delicious spread consisting of fresh fruit, toast, pikelets, fruit muffins, and savoury scrolls. They were also reminded about the basics of personal hygiene and responsibility, such as hand washing before eating, and washing up their crockery after use.

The School's Breakfast Club aims to provide students with a nutritious start to their day. This program is very kindly sponsored by the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre and the Singleton Heights Bakery, and resourced with a wonderful team of parent and carer volunteers.

The highly successful program provided just under 4000 breakfasts in 2015.

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School Cross Country

Date: Thursday, 24 March (Week 9)

To help the school make selections for the Zone Cross Country, all students in Years 2-6 will be taken to Cook Park on Thursday, 24 March to compete in the cross country run. Children will run/walk in their age group for the appropriate distance (2km or 3km). Selections for the Zone Carnival will be based on these results for students aged 8 years and above.

Children must bring a bottle of water, hat, sunscreen, medications and appropriate footwear. There is no cost as the children will walk to Cook Park accompanied by teachers.

There is no permission slip needed for this event as students should have already handed in their 2016 General Permission Note which covers walking to Cook Park.

Students are to wear school uniform (not house colours).

Please ensure that your child’s Medical Information Sheet, which was sent home at the beginning of the year, has been returned to the class teacher. Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless this form has been returned.

Cross Country Parent Helpers Return Slip (return to class teacher)

If you are able to assist at the Cross Country Carnival on the day (Thursday, 24 March) please fill out the slip below and return to your child’s class teacher. The job that is required would be to sit in a designated place along the track to ensure children are travelling along the course in the right direction and to provide encouragement for students who may be struggling.

I ……………………………………… am able to assist on Thursday, 24 March at the School’s Cross Country Carnival.

Signed……………………………………. Date: / / Child’s Name _________________ Class ________

Contact Number____________________
The Sporting Schools program is conducted at Singleton Public School. This program is funded by the Australian Sports Commission so there is no cost to the students. The program runs on a Monday afternoon each week, from 3:10 pm to 4:10 pm. The children will participate in sporting games. In Term 1, this program will run from Week 9 to Week 11 with the first session to start on Monday, 21 March. In Term 2, the program will run from Week 2 to Week 10. The dates that the program will start and finish each term will be advertised in the school newsletter.

The focus of the Sporting Schools program will be on participation and enjoyment. It is open to all children, no matter what age or skill level. As this is organised by the school, normal school rules and discipline will apply. The sessions will be fully supervised and trainers will be provided by the Australian Sports Commission. The children meet near the Support Unit Playground after the bell rings on Monday. Please note that for Term 1, the Sporting Schools program will only be open to students in Years 1-6. From Term 2 onwards, Kindergarten students can then participate in the program.

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you wish your child to take part in this positive sports program in 2016.

Stewart Ison
Sporting Schools Coordinator

*Please bring appropriate footwear to change into for the afternoon activities.*

Sporting Schools (please return to school office)

I give permission for my child/ren listed below to attend and participate in the activities of the Sporting Schools Program on Monday afternoons at Singleton Public School in 2016.
I understand the attendance times are from 3:10 pm until 4:10 pm SHARP.

Child’s Name:  ................................................................. of class  ............................

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Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:   ...............................................................
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Does your child have any health or medication issues?  Yes / No
  .............................................................................................................

Parent’s Name:  .................................................................

Signed ……………………………………      Date ……………………………….
Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 8 2016

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

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Singleton Stars

| Early Stage 1 | Brendan |
| Stage 1      | Cameron |
| Stage 2      | Ethan   |
| Stage 3      | Lexie   |

Super Citizens

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NETBALL | FUN | FRIENDS | FITNESS

Holiday Clinic Fun

JOIN IN THE FUN!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN A NETBALL NSW
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC NEAR YOU!

GREAT HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 13
• 3-hour clinic run by accredited coaches
• Tailored to all abilities
• Learn and improve your netball skills
• Make new friends
• Get lots of exercise in a safe environment
• Receive a Netball NSW goody bag and Certificate of Participation

ONLY $40 PER CHILD

When: Tuesday 12th April 2016
Time: From 9:00am – 12:00pm with Registration at 8:30am
Where: Singleton Netball Association
Address: Rose Point Park, Rose Point Park Road, Singleton
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat

For further information or to register visit letsplaynetball.com
Call (02) 9915 5000 or email netball@netballnsw.com

Come and Become a Bull

Were you born in 2005?

Exemptions available to Weigh Down in this Age Group if born in 2006.
Our Club is searching for additional players for our Under 11’s team in the
Newcastle and Hunter Rugby Competition.

If you would like to give Rugby a Try in 2016 please contact
Singleton Junior Rugby Club. President Anthony Partridge 0412 645483.

Singleton Council

Vacation Care April 2016

Monday 11th April
K – 3 Library Visit
Rainbow Serrated story time and Craft

Yrs. 3 – 6 –
Face Paint, Secret space building
Billy Cart Building on ONSIE

Monday 18th April
Library Visit – ALL CHILDREN
Face Paint, Paint your pet and animals - Recycled materials

Tuesday 12th April
Bowling
11am $8.00 each Includes Hot Chips

Wednesday 13th April
Repulse Bay Water Skiing
$11 per child

Thursday 14th April
Crazy Science Day
Silly, Bubbles and Fizz

Friday 15th April
Nec. En
Library Visit – CLAY MATION
K – 2 Films Clip Movie Making
With Fossan

Tuesday 19th April
Bowling
11am – $8.00 each Includes Hot Chips

Wednesday 20th April
Hunter Valley Zoo
Examination of animals Entry ~ $10,00 ea
Bus ~ $50ea
Total – $20pp

Thursday 21st April
Boating
11am – $8.00 each Includes Hot Chips

Friday 22nd April
Wacky Water/ Messy Day
Let’s make a paint slide

OLD CLOTHES ONLY! CHILDREN WILL GET DIRTY.

PCYC Singleton KidzCare

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PCYC Singleton KidzCare
Vacation Care
Commencing April 11th, 2016
Enrol now to secure your spot
Week 1: 11th – 15th April
Week 2: 18th – 22nd April

You’re Invited to a BBQ
Hunter Valley Zoo
Kids on Congas

Government
Robate & CCB
Approved Centre

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High Street Singleton, NSW 2330
Class work by 7B