NAPLAN – Parental Choice
In May 2016, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be undertaken by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents have the right to have their child either exempted or withdrawn from these assessments.

Exemptions are considered for students newly arrived in Australia with a language background other than English, or students with significant disabilities that limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may also be withdrawn from the tests at the request of the parent/caregiver.

If you would like your child to be exempted or withdrawn from this year’s assessments please contact the Office and a form will be sent home for you to complete and return.

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 sent 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.

Easter Parade and Cross Country
Last Thursday was a lovely way to bring our school and the community together. The colour and imagination of our student’s Easter hats matched by the enthusiasm and support of our large number of parents and family members in attendance. Thanks to Miss Moon and Mrs Pearce for taking on the difficult task of selecting a winning design for each group of students. (Personally, my favourite was the KFC bucket as I can vaguely remember doing something similar back in the 70’s).

Thank you to all of our volunteer parents that assisted with the Cross Country also conducted last Thursday. Your involvement provided a lot of reassurance for our students and helped to make the event flow in a smooth manner. Well done Mr Ison for organising the event – we look forward to the presentation ceremony in the near future so that recognition ribbons can be distributed.

Remember our focus for the last two weeks of term is “Have a Go”.

David Crowe – Principal

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This weeks assembly is hosted by Year 6 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.
**Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat Parade was held on Thursday, 24 March. It was great to see so many wonderful and creative designs. Congratulations to the followings winners of each grade:-

- Support Unit - Dre
- Kinder - Lucy
- Year 1 - Bailey
- Year 2 - Janae
- Year 3 - Josh
- Year 4 - Kayla
- Year 5 - Hamish
- Year 6 - Liliana

**Cross Country**

Last Thursday, 24 March, Singleton Public School held our annual Cross Country Carnival at Rose Point and Cook Parks. After participating in our Easter Hat Parade in the morning, Years 2 to 6 made their way to Cook Park for this eagerly contested event.

In warm conditions, students performed superbly with some great contests, sportsmanship and determination shown by all competitors. Even Mr Russell backed up from last year’s excellent effort keeping the senior boys honest all the way to the finish line.

There were a large number of parents in attendance also to watch the events, cheer on and provide encouragement. House captains and vice captains led the cheering for their respective houses at the start of and during each event.

The juniors and 10 year old students competed on the 2km track, and the 11 years and senior students have a 3km track to stretch their legs on. At our checkpoints all around the event, teachers and parents cheered on all students helping them to find the extra strength to keep on going. At the finish line Miss Edgar encouraged every student to dig deep for those last few metres.

All students were great representatives for our school exhibiting excellent sportsmanship and demonstrating the core values of our school Respect, Responsibility and Quality.

A big thank you to the parents who assisted at checkpoints and in the setting up and packing up for the day, as well as the parents who came along to support their children and the school. Thank you also to the teachers on checkpoints, marshals and start/finish line for helping the event be such a success.

In a first for Singleton Public School we had students competing in the Para-Athlete events. A big congratulations to Noah Whitby, Aiden Staniforth and Jett Proctor, who completed their distances.

The qualifiers for Upper Hunter Zone Cross Country at Muswellbrook on Wednesday, 18 May are:

**Junior Girls** - Phoebe, Lillyan, Jasmine
**Junior Boys** - Caleb, Lachlan, Keanu
**10 Years Girls** - Lucy, Kaitlin, Laura
**10 Years Boys** - Hamish, Max, Joseph
**11 Years Girls** - Ella, Emily, Lili
**11 Years Boys** - Brock, Joel, Miller
**Senior Girls** - Jorja, Ruby, Sophie
**Senior Boys** - Ryan, Ethan, Logan

A super effort all round. Congratulations and well done everyone.

Ribbons will be presented at the assembly in Week 11, Term 1.

Mr Ison
Uniform Shop Roster - Week 11 Term 1 2016

Mon 4/4/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  Sarah Wilson
Fri  8/4/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am)  Renee MacDonald, Debbie Hamson

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

Canteen Roster - Week 9 Term 10 2016

Mon 4/4/16 Kristine Lawrence, 1 more helper please
Tues 5/4/16 Renee MacDonald, 1 more helper please
Wed 6/4/16 Claire Elgar, 1 more helper please
Thurs 7/4/16 2 more helpers please
Fri 8/4/16 Carmen-Lee Williams, Renee Mouser, Kate Howe

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:-

“Have a go”

Information from the DEC

School calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

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 $………………………….

Cardholder Name (as shown on card) Please print in capitals ……………………………………………………………………………

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CSV ___ ___ ___ (last three digits on back of card)
Signature of Cardholder ……………………………………………………………………………    Contact Number: ……………………………
Swimming Age Champions

Congratulations to the Age champions for 2016: -

Junior Boys Champion - Joseph
Junior Girls Champion - Lucy
11 Years Boys Champion - Brock
11 Years Girls Champion - Lucie
Senior Boys Champion - Callan
Senior Girls Champion - Ruby

Kinder Easter Craft

Pictured above is Emma and Addison from Kindergarten creating some lovely Easter craft last Thursday, 24 March. The Kinder classes rotated through different activities during the middle session.

P&C News

The P&C are considering online ordering for the Canteen and Uniform Shop. We would like to gather your opinions and are sending out a survey to each family. Please see the survey for further information.

Canteen News

Thank you everyone who supported the Hot Cross Bun Event. Your support is much appreciated.

We are still in need of a few more volunteers. Grandmas/pas, dads, mums, aunties, uncles - we are happy to have you all! If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact Nicole in the Canteen.

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C have organised a Movie Ticket Fundraiser. Order forms have been sent home with students. The forms and correct payments are due back to the Canteen by Tuesday, 5 April. Payment can by cash, cheque made payable to Singleton Public School P&C or direct deposit. An order form can also be found in this newsletter.

Whooping Cough Alert

There has been a reported case of Whooping Cough within the school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:

What are the symptoms?

• Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
• The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
• Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
• Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

• Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
• Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.
School Photos

School photos will be taking place on Wednesday, 4 May for Kinder to Year 6. Family photos and group photos, eg, Student Leaders, Student Council and House Captains, will also be done on this day.

Personalised photo envelopes will be been sent home to every child in the near future.

The photos will be taken by MSP Photography who use a pre-pay system for their photographic services either cash (correct money only), cheque (payable to MSP Photography) or you can now also make online payments (see the instructions on the photo envelope for full details).

The personalised photo envelope will give you the opportunity to order and pay for your children's photographs. Please do not misplace this envelope. MSP Photography offer a 100% money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied with photographs. This envelope needs to be filled in correctly and returned to school on Photo Day Wednesday, 4 May for Kinder to Year 6.

The correct money for each student can be placed in their individual envelope. However the payment for all students in a family can also be placed in one envelope providing ALL envelopes are handed into their class teacher with it clearly marked on each envelope the name and class of the child who has the money enclosed. The photo envelopes have a section towards the bottom of the envelope to include this information (eg “This envelope is empty, payment is enclosed with Joe Smith, 6M”). The school office or canteen does not handle money or change. If paying for the whole family in one envelope, only one cheque is required for the total amount.

Family envelopes will be available from the school office, a message will go out on the App once they have arrived. These envelopes will also need to be returned to school on the day. The family photos are for Singleton Public School students only.

Other group photos will be taken on the same day eg Student Leaders. Parents and carers will be able to order these later in the Term. A notice will appear in the newsletter when they are available to be ordered.

Please note that the school office will be closed from 8.30-9.00 am on Wednesday, 4 May while the staff photo is taken.

Full school uniform must be worn by all students, including navy socks and black shoes.

Zone Soccer Trials

On Wednesday, 23 March the following students trialled for the PSSA soccer team:- Troy, Lucy, Ruby, Sofia, Angus and Logan. Congratulations goes to all of the students who represented Singleton Public School. A big congratulations goes to Sofia who was selected for the PSSA team. Well done Sofia!!

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.
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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.
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. All money raised will go to Stewart House.

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

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.

GRADES WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT:

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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.
Cross Country
2016 Sporting Schools Program

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

Signed ……………………………………      Date ………………………………
Order form can be returned with cheque/cash to canteen or if direct depositing can be texted to 0430 187 927 or emailed to rebecca.hobbs@msn.com

**Fundraising Movie Packs**

**ORDER FORM**

Help raise funds for your school or community group!

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1 x Fundraising Ticket

See overleaf for full terms and conditions. For a group to be eligible for the Majestic Cinemas Fundraising program they must fulfill the minimum requirements of 100 tickets and be a registered not for profit organisation. All prices include GST. Prices are current as at 1/2/2011. All Fundraising Tickets have a 12 month validity date from time of purchase by group. Groups are responsible for the distribution and pricing of their tickets and all enquiries should be made through your group coordinator for information on these issues.

Please note - 3D charges apply per ticket to all purchased vouchers. Current 3D surcharge is $2 per ticket as at 1/2/2011.

Please return to School or Group Coordinator by **Tuesday 5th April** (date)

Please send me: (Total cost equals number of tickets ordered multiplied by Price above)

- Fundraising Tickets for $_________ which is enclosed

**Purchase Information**

- Name
- Contact Phone Number

**Payment can be made by**: (indicated on left. Please choose one of the indicated methods.)

- Cash  (Please find enclosed amount as per above)
- Cheque (made payable to: Singleton Public School P&C
- Direct Deposit: BSB 032-620 Acct 199-336. Please ensure you put your name as the reference so that we can identify that you have made payment.

Your personal information is being collected by your School or Organisation in order to fulfill this fundraising initiative. Your name and number of tickets purchased (but not credit card details) may be disclosed to Majestic Cinemas for these purposes. If you choose not to provide us with certain information we may not be able to co-ordinate your movie voucher purchase.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The following limitations apply to these fundraising tickets:
   (a) Tickets valid for all public, ordinary sessions scheduled, prior to the expiry date of the voucher. Not valid for special events or movie marathons. Special Events are any such session so designated by Majestic Cinemas and may include, but not limited to, any sessions where prices may vary from regular ticket prices, or where special promotion is conducted.
   (b) Tickets cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.
   (c) Ticket may be used by any patron from 3 years of age and older.
   (d) A surcharge applies to all 3D films and is charged upon redemption of the ticket at cinema.

2. Redemption for admission to any particular cinema, movie or session is subject to seat availability.

3. These tickets cannot be redeemed for cash, must not be on-sold without written permission from Majestic Cinemas, are not refundable and are not available for exchange, unless required by law.

4. Movie tickets are made available subject to classification of the relevant film given by the Attorney Generals Department under the National Classification Scheme.

5. Majestic Cinemas Fundraising tickets are open to Schools and other non-profit organisations only ("Fundraisers"). Fundraisers may distribute Order Forms to members, collate the forms and submit the Group Order Form to Majestic Cinemas. Fundraiser tickets are sold at discounted pricing to permit fundraising to occur, therefore "for-profit" organisations and companies are not permitted to purchase these tickets. Should Majestic Cinemas suspect that a "for-profit" organisation or company has purchased tickets through this fundraising scheme, Majestic Cinemas may at its discretion refuse to fulfill the relevant Group Order or Order forms and may not redeem these tickets for movie admission at the box office. The Fundraiser agrees to cooperate with Majestic Cinemas and provide information regarding Orders received in any investigation in this regard.

6. The expiry date displayed is not extendable or changeable and any other/additional marks on the ticket will render it void for use.

7. Majestic Cinemas takes no responsibility for the security of cash, cheques or credit card information provided for payment of tickets other than that cash, cheque or credit card information as provided for the total payment made by the group to Majestic Cinemas. Individual groups must assume security measures appropriate to their situation for the collection of any monies from their group members and in relation to these tickets.
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Mobile Blood Service visiting: Singleton
Gowrie St Mall

Monday 18 April
Tuesday 19 April
Wednesday 20 April
Thursday 21 April
Friday 22 April

10.00am – 3.00pm
1.30pm – 6.30pm
1.30pm – 6.30pm
1.30pm – 6.30pm
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
Here is my little mum.

I can see a dog

I can see a cat

My dad is big.

I can see a cat

Hannah