Autumn Holidays
I would like to wish all students, staff and families a safe and restful holiday for the next two weeks. Term One has been a very busy period of time with many great events occurring at our school. Next term is likely to be just as hectic, therefore a good rest and recharging of your batteries sounds like a good idea. All students return to school on Wednesday 27 April ready for muster at 9:10 am. Please try to support the school march in the annual ANZAC Day ceremony. We have a proud tradition of participation in this community event and would love to see many students in attendance in full uniform on the Monday of the march - more details in the newsletter.

NAPLAN – Parental Choice
In May 2016, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted 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 Parents have the right to have their child either exempted or withdrawn from these assessments.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 Students may also be withdrawn from the tests at the request of the parent/caregiver. If you would like your child to be exempted or withdrawn from this year’s assessments please contact the Office and a form will be sent home for you to complete and return.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. Generally, interviews will be conducted between 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on the scheduled day for each class.

School Photo envelopes are being sent home this week. They need to be completed and returned on photo day Wednesday, 4 May.

David Crowe – Principal

P&C Meeting tonight
7pm in the Library. All welcome.
Boys Cricket

The boys cricket team had a successful day on Friday, 1 April against Nulkaba PS. Our boys were all out for 59, so they had a huge job in front of them.

The boys played fantastically with great sportsmanship, with Ryan Smith with 3 wickets, Ethan with 3 wickets, Jack with 2 wickets and Callum with 2 wickets. The boys won by 9 runs, a great team effort.

The boys are now through to the next round, being played in Term 2.

Good luck boys!!

Rugby 7’s

On Thursday, 31 March Singleton Public School Rugby 7’s team participated in a Rugby Gala Day held at Singleton Rugby Club. The boys played 5 matches throughout the day. Singleton Public won 3 games, drew one and lost 1. They played St Catherine’s in the final and won. The boys showed exceptional team work and sportsmanship. Well done team!

Hunter Swimming

Congratulations to Callan and Lucy on their performance at Hunter Swimming on Thursday, 3 March.

P&C Uniform Shop News

If you have ordered a Girls Winter Dress on the pre order system they have arrived and are ready for collection and payment. The Uniform Shop is open Monday and Fridays from 8.30am - 9.30am.

Uniform Shop Volunteers are needed due to changes in volunteers circumstances. We are needing some volunteers for Mondays. If you are able to help out in the Uniform Shop please contact Nicole Furness 0428 889 552.

Aladdin

Singleton Public School Years 3-6 are invited to attend the Musical Aladdin showing at the Capital Theatre on Wednesday, 19 October. Tickets will go on sale on Tuesday, 10 May on the Parsonage Verandah. First come, first serve basis. Tickets are $95 per child, cash only please.
**Uniform Shop Roster - Week 1 Term 2 2016**  
Mon 25/4/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) ANZAC Day  
Fri 29/4/16 (8.30 - 9.30 am) Julene Gunn  
Please contact someone else on the roster if you need to swap your duty.

**Canteen Roster - Week 1, Term 2 2016**  
Mon 25/4/16 ANZAC Day  
Tues 26/4/16 Staff Development Day  
Wed 27/4/16 Liz Tudor, Peggy-Anne Towns  
Thurs 28/4/16 Mary Franks, 1 more helper please  
Fri 29/4/16 Paula Stokes, Kim Carter, Maxine Kolinos  
Please advise Nicole Gray if you have any changes to your rostered day.

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**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”

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**Information from the DEC**  

**Spellcheck**  
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:  
Find out more:  

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**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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**Class:**  ………………………

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☐ VISA  
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Year 5 Opportunity Class 2017

There are 75 primary schools with opportunity classes across NSW eg, Rutherford Public School, New Lambton South Public School, etc. If your child is seeking placement in a Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2017, the application process has begun. Successful students attend the opportunity class full-time for the duration of Years 5 and 6 at the primary school with an opportunity class. It is a two-year placement program. In the majority of cases students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with an opportunity class. Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. There is no provision to apply for Year 6 placement.

Important dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 26 April 2016:** Online applications open  
**Friday 13 May 2016:** Online applications close  
**Tuesday 17 May 2016:** Principals’ processing site opens  
**Friday 3 June 2016:** Principals’ processing site closes  
**Wednesday 27 July 2016:** Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents will be able to access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

Military Museum – Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 6

Students in Year 3 and Kindergarten enjoying their visit to the Military Museum this week.
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

Student Health – Shingles

There has been reported cases of Shingles (Varicella-zoster) within our primary school community. Please see the facts below taken from the NSW Government Health website:-

What are the symptoms?
Shingles begins with painful skin eruptions that generally appear on 1 side of the body.

How is it spread?
Shingles is spread by direct contact with an infected person.

Excluded: cases should be excluded until full recovery or for at least five days after the first eruption appears and/or ball blisters have crusted.

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.

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

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! Boxes can be found near the main entry.

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 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 CANTENE 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.

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.
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 10 2016

**CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6**

**Assembly Awards**

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**Singleton Stars**

- **Early Stage 1**: Aidan
- **Stage 1**: Ruby
- **Stage 2**: Lucy
- **Stage 3**: Mikayla

**Super Citizens**

- **KS**: Violet
- **1/2H**: Ciah
- **3A**: Ella
- **4Z**: Charlie
- **5I**: Charlotte
- **S.U**: Aidan

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**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, 15th October at 3 pm. We will leave school at approximately 8:45 am, eat lunch at Darling Harbour and then attend the matinee performance at 3 pm. The bus will return to Singleton at approximately 5:30 pm/6:00 pm. The cost of the excursion will be $30, and includes the ticket and bus fare.

The children will be accompanied by teachers. Should there be a shortfall 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 Finance office from 8.30 am on Tuesday 10th May.

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

Dr Kerr
Organising teacher

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Clothes:
- T-shirt, shorts, socks, shoes, cap, under, hood

Toiletries:
- Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush

Drinks:
- Water

Snacks:
- Chocolate, chips, nuts, milk, popcorn

Causal clothes:
- Pants, top, shoes, jumper

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**Monday Diary**

Dear Diary,

On Monday we woke up really early in the morning to get ready to go to Canberra. On the bus, on the way to Canberra, I was sitting next to Shae and I fell asleep on her. When I was asleep an insect she couldn’t move.

When we got to Canberra we went straight to the Zoo and Aquarium. When we got there we split up into our day groups. At the zoo we got to hold a snake. The animals that we saw were monkeys, lions, tigers, snow leopards, meerkats, and many more.

The girls in my group were Keonna, Shae, Kahlai, and Ruby; we had a great time. After the zoo we went to Mount Ainslie Lookout and it was windy. Mount Ainslie is a big mountain and very tall. The bus was struggling to get up the mountain.

After Mount Ainslie we went to the Canberra Club for dinner. We had chicken, salad, and vegetables, and it was good. Then we went to our hotel, it was called Tall Trees Hotel and we settled in for the night.

When we got there we turned on the TV and had our showers, then went to bed.

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**Places we saw:**
- Zoo and Aquarium
- Mt. Ainslie
- Royal Australian Mint
- Questacon
- Telstra Tower
- AIS Sports Centre
- Telstra Tower
- Target Basketball
- Library
- National Capital Exhibition
- Museum
- Democracy
- Government House
- War Memorial
- Indigenous Embassy
- Embassy and High Court Tour
- CSIRO
- Electoral Education Program
- New Parliament House
- Old Parliament House

**My Favourite Place**

During our Canberra excursion, I visited a lot of places that could have easily made it into the favourite place category. But my absolute most favourite place was Black Mountain Tower (Telstra Tower). This magnificent tower has already won 2 awards. The first in 1979 for imaginative and effective use of concrete in a building and the second award was won in 1980, and it was called the 1980 Civic Design Award of the ACT Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

I’m pretty sure that if you go to the viewing deck (where we went) that you are 850m above sea level. That’s pretty scary considering we were on the 1st floor! I couldn’t imagine working in the 3rd floor (which probably would be like 2400m above sea level) since I hate high, high, high heights. The views from the open viewing deck are amazing. You can see things like the ANM, New and Old Parliament Houses, the National Library, the National Museum of Australia and loads more.

I really enjoyed our trip to Canberra but my favourite place was most definitely Black Mountain Tower.