

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

13 AUGUST 2009



Fence Update

The planning for the construction of a security fence around the school is progressing. When finished the whole school will have a fence similar to the ones around each of the other

public schools in Singleton except it will be black in colour. We are looking forward to its completion as this will provide us with a safer and more secure environment for our children. It should also lead to a decrease in the vandalism which regularly occurs on Thursday nights and over the weekend.

Communication with Parents

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading the newsletter every week. This is our main form of communicating with parents. A lot of exciting events are happening right across the school over the next four weeks and the best way to keep track of everything is to check the newsletter out thoroughly! The newsletter is the most effective way for us to keep you informed. Alternatively if you misplace the newsletter or a particular permission note we also put a lot of this information on to our school's website, the address is on the top of this newsletter. (You might like to add this to your favourites on your computer.)

In this weeks newsletter is information about our Parent Teacher Interview Day. This is also an important event in our school calendar as it is another way we inform you about your child's progress and an ideal opportunity for you to get to talk with your child's teacher too. Having an opportunity for formal two way communication between parents and teachers is an effective way to support each child's progress at school.

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

Credit and Distinction Certificates for the UNSW Science competition for Years 3-5 will be handed out at this weeks assembly.

If you don't believe it's a great day, just try missing one!
Zig Ziglar

Friday 14 August	Lost Property on display outside office 8.30 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 3.30 pm
Friday 14 Aug	Yr 6 return from Canberra **Buses due back at 8 pm at Elizabeth Street - any time changes will be on school noticeboard after 3 pm**
Wednesday 19 August	UNSW Maths Competition
Thursday 20 August	Winter Food Fair 10am—1pm Richard Tulloch visiting author
Friday 21 August	Zone Athletics Carnival at Scone
Tuesday 25 August	Mad Hatter's Tea Party - come out of uniform and wear a decorated hat
Wednesday 26 August	Band Meeting 6-7 pm The Parsonage
Thursday 27 August	Book Fair selling day 8.30am-4.00pm
Tuesday 1 September	Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Night
Thursday 3 September	Discos in the school hall K-2 at 5 pm Yrs 3-4 at 6 pm Yrs 5-6 at 7-8 pm (more info later)
Tuesday 8 September	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Saturday 12 September	Power of Music
Friday 2 October	Last day of Term
Wed-Thurs 21-22 Oct	School Photos
Tues-Fri 27-30 Oct	Yr 5 Aussie Bush Excursion

This week's assembly will feature K-2 Singing. The assemblies for Term 3 will commence at 2.20 pm.



Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 3

Mon 17/8/09 -	Mrs Ward, Mrs Nichols
Tuesday	CANTEEN CLOSED No lunch orders on Tuesdays
Wed 19/8/09 -	Ms Poole Another helper needed please
Thurs 20/8/09 -	Urgent! No helpers
Fri 21/8/09 -	Mrs Andrews Another helper needed please

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 4 Term 3

Mon 17/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Ms Johnstone, MrsDrury
Wednesday	NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY
Fri 21/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Lamph

Lost Property

All unlabelled lost property will be on display for collection tomorrow from 8:30 to 9:30am and 2:30 to 3:30pm outside the Parsonage.

After this time any non-school uniform items remaining will be donated to charity, any school uniform items will be sold in a pre-loved sale on the canteen verandah on Parent Teacher Interview Day.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2010

The initial Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Evening will be held in the School Library on Tuesday, 1 September 2009. Both local and non-local enrolment forms will be available on the night. Invitations have been sent out from the list we have in the office. If you haven't notified us your intention to enrol please do so immediately, so we can add you to our mailing list.

PLEASE NOTE Term dates are as follows:

Term 3 - Mon 27/7/09 - Fri 02/10/09

Term 4 - Mon 19/10/09 - Fri 18/12/09

The first days of Terms 1, 2 and 3 as shown above are staff development days (pupil free). The last 2 days of Term 4 are also pupil free.

SCHOOL TIMES

Class Time	9.10 - 11.10
Lunch	11.10 - 11.50
Class Time	11.50 - 1.20
Recess	1.20 - 2.00
Class Time	2.00 - 3.10

Office Hours:

The office is open from 8.30 am until 3.30 pm. All payments must be made before 1.00 pm each day.

Mad Hatters Tea Party

As part of Book Week celebrations, the Canteen is holding a Mad Hatters Tea Party on 25 August. The Canteen would appreciate any donations of small ceramic tea pots to use on the day.

Environmental News

On Sunday, 9th August we had a working bee. It was very successful as we got lots of plants in gardens around the school.

Congratulations to 4K's Healthy Money Tree, which was the winner of our school's tree decorating competition, celebrating National Tree Day. The playground looked wonderful as it was covered in colour.

Don't forget to recycle!

**Collection of children after school**

I would like to remind all parents who collect their children in Hunter Street that the kerb area near the crossing is a no parking zone. Please respect this as parked cars obstruct the view of the teacher on duty and all those who are crossing the road.

Mrs Lauanders

Thank you

A very big thank you to Mr and Mrs Bailey for their donation of a wooden kitchen to Kindergarten play area.

Also, thanks go to Sadie for her donation of books to the Special Education Unit.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp balance due by Friday, 18 September.
- * Stage 3 - Activities at Singleton Town Library Permission Note due Friday, 28 August to class teacher, Stage 1 note due by Friday, 21 August
- * **Medical Forms** - Students **cannot** leave school for sport or excursions unless we have the completed form.



Exemption from Attendance at School

If a student will be absent from school for 15 days or more due to an overseas or interstate holiday or serious health issues, the parents may apply for special exemption from attendance at school. Applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Application forms may be collected from the school office.

Accident at School Insurance

A reminder that if a student has an accident at school, our P&C has taken out insurance for you to claim out of pocket medical expenses. Application forms are available at the school office.

Bedtime Storytime at your Town Library

This is an opportunity to enjoy stories as a family—a once a year special Children's Book Week 'Book Safari' puppet extravaganza. This will be held at Singleton Library, Large Meeting Room, 8-10 Queen Street, Singleton on Wednesday, 26 August from 6-7pm.

Take your teddy! Wear your PJ's! Bookings can be made at the library on 65787500.

Food Fair Invitation

Parents and community are invited to our Food Fair next Thursday, 20th August from 10 am until 1 pm.

Bendemeer Horse Sports

This will be held on Friday, 11th September. Application forms are available at the school office.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at school on Tuesday, 8 September. Please mark your most convenient time on the slip attached to this newsletter and return it to the class teacher. Your child's teacher will confirm your allotted time and return the slip via your child.

Singleton High School Enrichment Class 2010

Singleton High School aims to identify gifted and talented students and to maximise their learning outcomes. With this in mind a *GAT'S* enrichment class has been proposed for Year 7 in 2010. The class is selected based on a student's performance in:

- An externally marked independent examination.
- A placement interview with members of the Gifted and Talented Committee.
- A portfolio prepared by the student's about themselves
- Year 6 Teacher information and recommendations

Enrichment refers to the broadening of the curriculum to develop knowledge, application, thinking skills and attitudes to a degree of complexity appropriate to the student's developmental level. Allowing students to achieve their potential in an environment where acceleration and working at an individual pace is encouraged and nurtured.

The information below outlines further details and dates.

The Enrichment Class at Singleton High School will provide a unique educational setting for students with high academic ability and motivation to succeed. In this class students will be able to develop and extend their talents in all aspects enabling them to maximise their learning outcomes.

Parent Information Evening: Thursday 20th August, 2009 at 6.00 pm
Singleton Youth Centre, Cnr. Bathurst & Pitt Street, Singleton

As part of the student selection process for the Enrichment Class, a **Placement Test** will be held at Singleton Youth Centre in Week Six, Term Three. Thursday the 3rd September from 9am to 10am.

Students who wish to sit for the placement test are to complete nomination forms, obtainable from the Principal reception area of Singleton High School by Monday 31st August (Week Six Term Three). Upon completion, payments are to be made at the front office. A surcharge cost of \$12.00 will apply. (This cost covers external examination and marking)

The process will also involve a **Placement Interview** held at Singleton Youth Centre at an allocated time, on Wednesday 23rd September, 2009. Details regarding this interview will be available at the High School's Parent Information Evening.

Parent Teacher Interview Return Slip - Use a separate slip for each child

Please return all of this note to your child's teacher)

Teacher's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Please tick the most suitable time slot for your interview:

[] 8.30-10.30am

[] 12.00 - 2.00 pm

[] After 4.00 pm

[] 10.30-12.00noon

[] 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Parent's Name: _____

DO NOT DETACH - THIS PORTION FOR TEACHER TO RETURN TO PARENTS

Dear _____

Child's Name: _____

Your allocated time for your Parent/Teacher interview is: _____ on Tuesday, 8 September. Could you please go to your child's classroom to meet with the teacher at this time.

Class Teacher: _____

If you are unable to make the interview please let the school know well in advance.

...and remember to come along to the Canteen to enjoy free tea, coffee and slices before, while you wait or after your meeting with the teacher.



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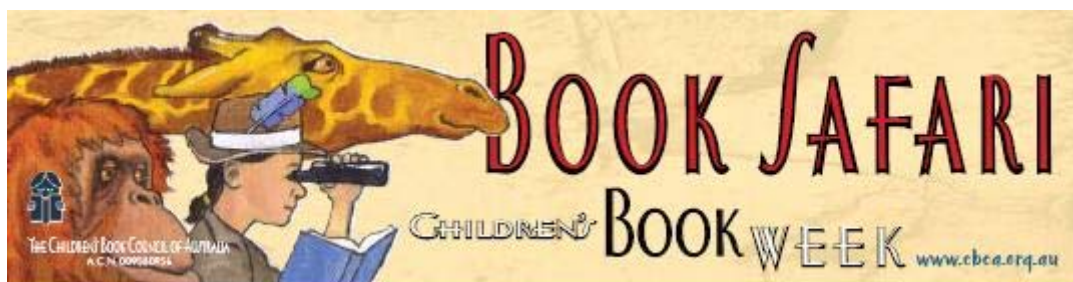
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Children's Book Week – Book Safari – 2009 - from the Library **Monday August 24 – Friday August 28.**

- Planning for Book Week is well underway.
- Classes have been visiting the library this term and are becoming familiar with the short-listed books for 2009 Book Safari.

Leading up to Book Week there will be lunch and recess activities available.

Dates to remember leading up to and including Book Week.

Visiting Author – Richard Tulloch Thursday August 20

Richard Tulloch is one of Australia's most prolific and popular writers of books, plays, film and television for young audiences. His television career spans 150 episodes of *Bananas in Pyjamas* as well as episodes of *Playschool*, *The Magic Mountain* and stories for *New Mc Donald's Farm*.

Of his 60 children's books, many of them have been published in a number of languages.

His 50 plays have been performed in many countries.

His performance – **Story Man** is a delightful hour of storytelling. Richard Tulloch uses mime, music, audience participation and his unique storytelling style to bring his original stories magically to life. Each performance involves a range of stories, selected from his popular children's books, chosen to suit the age of the audience. This performance is being paid for by the school.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Tea Party day is Tuesday August 25. This had been kindly organised by Trish Drury. Every student has been asked to decorate a hat for the tea party. Dressing up is not required. The children can come to school out of uniform.

Hats can be decorated at home or materials will be available in the library in the week leading up to Book Week (week 4) at lunch and recess time.

Book Fair - Selling Day – Thursday August 27, 8.00 – 4.30 of Book Week

Classes will visit the library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If they want, each student will be given a Wish List to jot down items of interest. Selling day is STRICTLY on the Thursday because we don't have the people power to do it on any other day.

If any family would like to donate a book or make a contribution towards a book, the offer would be kindly accepted. A book plate will be attached in the front to acknowledge this kind deed.

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME OF 8.00.

Singleton Relay for Life

31st Oct/1st Nov 2009

We are looking to recruit teams who are interested in having a great time while raising money for Cancer Council NSW.
Team information session on

Wed 19th August—7.30pm @Singleton Heights RSC.

For more information www.relayforlife.org.au

11th Aug 2009
Next meeting:
Wednesday 2nd Sept
7–9pm in the Library

Meet the Team:

President:

Rebecca Williams

Vice President:

Sarah Johnstone

Secretary:

Andrea Kowald

Treasurer:

Kathy Lamph

Vice Treasurer:

Jane Watson

School Council:

Debbie Carson

Kim Sutherland-O'Brien

Uniform Shop:

Melinda Grant

Canteen President:

Andrea Kowald

School Magazine:

Lyndal Barry

Next Month's Agenda

- Annual review of fundraising levy
- School BBQ afternoon—1st or 8th November
- Soap Dispensers—result of trial

To add items to the September agenda, please contact any member of the executive directly, email us at singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or leave a note for us with the office staff. The deadline for September's agenda is Monday 25th August. The agenda will be published in the newsletter one week before the meeting. Items not on the agenda will be carried over to the October meeting.

Hunter St Happenings

Your P&C at Work

Fundraising Methods on the Agenda

The P&C reviews the fundraising levy annually, and the time has come for the annual review.

Earlier in the year we had a submission from a school parent to suggest that we return to running several fundraising events during the year rather than having the fundraising levy.

It was suggested that we miss out on opportunities to enhance our school community spirit by not taking part in school community fundraising events like Mother's Day stalls.

The fundraising levy was introduced because many working parents are unable to help during the school week. The burden of the organising and volunteering would then fall on a small group of parents.

Please give some thought to this matter and come along to the meeting to help decide. Please note that in order to take part in any voting, you must be a financial member of the P&C (this involves paying a gold coin).

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to put an opinion forward, please email your suggestions to singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P&C Social Night—16th August

We are looking forward to having dinner together at the Central Hotel this Sunday night for an informal evening of just chatting and relaxing with each other. Keep watch for the next opportunity to come and join the fun.

Soap Dispensers

Some soap dispensers have been sourced which are supposed to be fairly tough and which are designed to resist more than one or two shots of soap being pumped at a time. Hopefully this will minimise vandalism and wastage. The P&C decided to purchase two of these dispensers to trial, but the soap will be quite expensive and we are as yet unsure how this will be funded if the trial is successful.

Canteen Crisis

The canteen now has such a shortage of volunteers that we are forced to consider closing for another day a week, possibly Thursday.

Please, please, sign up to volunteer in the canteen. We will take whatever time you can offer and would love to have some Dads come and help out.

Please come into the canteen to find out what volunteering involves.

Canteen profits help pay for P&C items such as airconditioning units and technology.

P&C email address

singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Please be aware that the P&C email address can be used to address questions or suggestions etc to the Uniform Shop and to the Canteen.

The email address can be found on the school website in the P&C area, or you can add it to your address book.

Canteen News

August is set to be an exciting and busy month for the canteen.

We have a NEW re-vamped menu that includes DAILY SPECIALS which will be changed each term. For term 3 these items include a Chicken & Gravy Roll, Soup, Fried Rice, Potato & Gravy, Nachos and a Meatball Sub. If you do not have the new menu please collect one from the canteen.

WEEK 3 - WE ARE CELEBRATING HEALTHY BONES

WEEK

Calcium rich foods such as dairy products play an important role in the development & maintenance of healthy strong bones

Healthy Bones Specials

Custard.....	0.60
Warm Milo.....	1.00
Fruit Cake and Custard.....	0.80
BUY 1 FROZEN GO-GURT GET 1 FREE	
Frozen Go-Gurt.....	0.80 and receive 1 free

Attention All Dads: We need you to work in the canteen for Fruit and Vege Week 7th to 11th September. Slot this week into your diary and contact the canteen if you can do even an hour or so during this week to help promote healthy food for your kids.



thank you!

Thanks So Much: The P & C and Canteen Committee would like to send a huge 'Thank You' to the Knox family who have very generously donated their mix master to the canteen so that we can make lots of yummy mousses and cakes. Thank you, thank you,

August 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Andrea Kolwald <u>MORE</u>	4 CLOSED	5 Trish Drury Natalie Eather	6 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	7 Natalie Moore Kim Barry
10 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	11 CLOSED	12 Leanne Knox Rebecca Williams	13 Janine Justin Sharron Skill-	14 Jo Johnson <u>MORE</u>
17 Toni Ward Sandi Nichols	18 CLOSED	19 Emma Poole <u>URGENT</u>	20 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	21 Kylie Andrews <u>MORE</u>
24 Lyndal Barry Susan Cox	25 CLOSED	26 Nicole Gray <u>MORE</u>	27 Anne Monks <u>MORE</u>	28 Vicki Waugh Tracey Clements
31 Andrea Kolwald Kerrie Burns				

AS YOU CAN SEE OUR ROSTER LOOKS RATHER SAD. CANTEEN NEEDS 2 VOLUNTEERS EACH DAY TO OPERATE. IF THE ROSTER REMAINS EMPTY CANTEEN WILL NEED TO CLOSE ON THESE DAYS.

Maybe you have not been able to commit to the roster in the past or you have been thinking about returning. If you are able to help for an hour in the morning or for the day we would love to hear from you.

Date: 16/08/09

Time: 5:30pm

Hunter St Social Dinner

*For Parents, carers, teachers, staff
and friends*

*Join us at 5:30pm for drinks,
followed by a great meal.
\$15 per head plus drinks*

***It's not a fundraiser, it's
not a P&C meeting, it's
not work...just plain
and simple FUN!***

***Bring your partner,
bring a friend, bring a
neighbour if you want,
but make sure you join
us for a night in which
we just take the time to
enjoy each other's com-
pany. You do not have to
be a P&C member to join
us so don't be shy.***

**Central Hotel
August 16**

RSVP: August 9

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