

Newsletter to Parents

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Week 2 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

29 OCTOBER 2009



Thank You

A very big thank you to all those people who participated in the fete. A special mention must be made of the teamwork evident throughout the day-students, parents and staff working together to make the day a success along with Chris Launders, the organiser.

P&C

There are many ways parents can become involved in their child's education. One of these ways is to become a P&C member. This organisation is open to all parents and members of the wider Singleton community. Each month a group of between 15 and 20 parents meet for a couple of hours. This is a wonderfully easy way for any parent to contribute to their child's school. Then there are some of these members who contribute further (often around their own work commitments) by being on the canteen committee, organising and assisting in events such as the fete, following up on matters brought up at the meetings, etc. Even though you are a small group, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

We would love to see more parents involved in P&C activities. If you would like to do so, please come along to our monthly meetings and join in. We guarantee that you will learn something new and have some fun as well.

The P&C is organising the family BBQ day on the 8th November. This is a first and promises to be great fun. Come along and welcome new families to our school while we farewell those who are leaving us.

Singleton Stars

The schools PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team has introduced the Singleton Stars program. Each week there will be a focus on a particular behaviour. Staff members will give out awards for children who are doing the right thing. These awards will go into a box and each week one child from each stage will be drawn out of the box, to be the star. Watch out in next week's newsletter!

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

If you're not looking for a solution, then you are half the problem.

Friday (tomorrow) 30 October	Bookclub Orders/Money due by 1 pm
Mon-Fri 2-13 November	Intensive Swimming Program
Tuesday 3 November	Second Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Evening 7 pm
Wednesday 4 November	No School Council Meeting this month P&C Meeting 7 pm
Friday 6 November	First band rehearsal for Singleton Town Band Annual Concert at KSPS
Sunday 8 November	Family BBQ Day
Wednesday 11 November	Second band rehearsal for Singleton Town Band Annual Concert at SHPS
Thursday 12 November	Open Morning for Kindergarten 2010 9.30-11.30 am
Friday 13 November	"Aladdin" Pantomime
Saturday 14 November	Singleton Town Band Annual Concert featuring Singleton Public School Band at the Civic Centre at 7 pm
Wednesday 18 November	Band Meeting 6 - 7 pm
Thursday 19 November	Food Taste Testing Carnival
Saturday 21 November	Community First Aid Training - Book Now! ***See Page 5***
Friday 27 November	RSC Raffle tickets/money due to school
Monday 16, 23, 30 November	Kindergarten 2010 Transition Mornings 9.15-11.00 am
This Friday's Assembly include a preview of the Pantomime Aladdin. The starting time of the assembly is 2.00 pm with entry via the Elizabeth Street gate.	

Please note that money will not be accepted at the school office after 1:00 pm any day.

All excursion/show permission notes and money must be handed to the class teacher at least two days before the event OR the due date shown on the note.

Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 4

Mon 2/11/09 -	Mrs Kowald, Ms Phoenix
Tuesday	CANTEEN CLOSED No lunch orders on Tuesdays
Wed 4/11/09 -	Mrs Drury, Mrs Eather
Thurs 5/11/09 -	URGENT!!! No helpers this day
Fri 6/11/09 -	Mrs Moore, Mrs Barry

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 3 Term 4

Mon 2/11/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Duff
Fri 6/11/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Adam

School Contributions

This week we posted family invoices for outstanding "voluntary" school contributions and "voluntary" P&C levy. Thank you to everyone who has already paid these amounts.

P&C Levy

A reminder to new families that the P&C levy was introduced to replace fundraising events such as mother's and father's day stalls, Easter raffles, etc. Because so many of our mums and dads are busy with work and other family commitments, it was very difficult to get enough volunteers to organise fundraising events throughout the year. Therefore the P&C Committee decided to introduce a fundraising levy of \$10 per term per child, to a maximum of \$100 per family per year. Even though this is a voluntary levy it is invoiced by the school on behalf of the P&C. All moneys received are forwarded on to the P&C at the end of each term.

So far this year families have paid \$7,140. Thank you to those who have paid the levy. Unfortunately this amount is well short of the potential \$15,860 which is the amount if every family paid the levy.

School Contributions

The school contribution remained at \$60 per family for the year. This is a small amount to ask each family to pay towards their children's education. Although it is a "voluntary" contribution many of our families do pay every year—we thank you for your generosity.

So far this year we have received \$8,323 which is \$7,787 short of our potential total of \$16,110.

We ask that you consider paying the \$60 per family before the end of November, which is the end of the school's financial year.

RSC Christmas Raffle Tickets

Once again the Singleton RSC is having a Christmas Raffle in which all Singleton schools have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to their communities. All money raised by each school is kept by that individual school. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for

each of the schools, as well as being a great opportunity for families to win some great prizes.

Raffle tickets and money must be returned to the school office by Friday, 27 November. We will then get the ticket stubs to the RSC for the draw on Sunday, 5 December.

Please forward all unwanted tickets to the school as soon as possible.

Singleton Town Band Annual Concert

On 14 November at 7 pm the Singleton Town Band will be hosting their annual concert at the Singleton Civic Centre. Members of Singleton Public School band along with other schools will be performing. There are two rehearsal dates. The first rehearsal is at King Street Public School on Friday, 6 November from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. Ms Heagney will be walking the children to King Street leaving the school at 9.15 am. The second rehearsal is at Singleton Heights Public School on Wednesday, 11 November from 6 pm to 7.30 pm with children needing to arrive at 5.45 pm. There will be no teacher attending this rehearsal and parents will need to organise transport for their children. A permission note was sent home last week.

Selective High School for 2011

Parents with children seeking placement in a selective high school in Year 7 in 2011 are required to submit an application form to their current primary school by 13 November 2009. Generally students are in Year 5 in 2009 when applying for Year 7 entry in 2011.

Application packages will be available in schools from 26 October 2009.

Details of application procedures are available in the information which accompanies the application form.

Bookclub Orders

Bookclub orders are due back to the school office before 1 pm on Friday, 30 October.

Dates for your Diary in Term 4

Presentation Day
Week 8 Tuesday, 8 December
Class Parties
Week 9 Wednesday, 16 December
K-2 Concert
Week 7 Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December
K-2 Recognition Ceremony
Week 8 Wednesday, 9 December
Yr 6 Farewell
Week 8 Thursday, 10 December
Yr 6 Farewell Assembly
Week 9 Monday, 14 December

Family BBQ - Sunday November 8

We have exciting news! There will be 2 Jumpy Castles and a Giant Slide from 11am til 2pm at the Family BBQ . Please make sure you return your RSVP by Monday, 2 November so we know how many sausages to buy. Come along for a day of fun and join in to welcome next year's new students and their families.

Agenda for P&C Meeting - 4th November 2009 - 7pm – 9pm

1. Meeting Opened:
2. Attendees:
3. Apologies:
4. Previous Minutes
5. Business Arising
6. Correspondence
7. Reports:
 - 7.1 Treasurer
 - 7.2 School Council
 - 7.3 Band
 - 7.4 Canteen
 - 7.5 Uniform Shop
 - 7.6 Principals Report
 - 7.7 School Magazine
8. General Business
 - 8.1 Second Major Fundraiser for 2010.

In addition to the fundraising levy, the P&C holds 2 major fundraisers a year. One is the fete. We need to decide what our 2nd major fundraiser will be next year (family movie night for example?), and work out a time frame.
 - 8.2 Result of Soap Dispenser Trial
 - 8.3 Volunteering/helping at school functions
 - 8.4 School Community BBQ (Nov 8th)
 - 8.5 Items for December 2nd Agenda

Meeting to be closed by 9pm.

Cook & Eat Sessions

Do you want to learn new recipes to increase your family's fruit and veg intake? Then come along to the Cook & Eat sessions - hands-on cooking classes that will teach you how to prepare quick, cheap and healthy meals for your family.

In each Cook & Eat session you will learn:

- * how to prepare 2 tasty meals with lots of veg
- * ways to add extra fruit and veg to your meals at home
- * ways to cut the cost of your food bill and still prepare healthy meals

There are 4 Cook & Eat sessions in total – attend as many as you can. Each session runs for 2 ½ hours and you will eat what you have prepared. Bring some

containers to take home any left over's too. Parents are asked to pay \$5 for each session to cover the cost of ingredients. Please pay at the school office by Friday 6th November. Places are limited to the first 7 parents to pay. If there is significant demand for these sessions more will be run in early 2010.

Sessions will be held on 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December from 11.30 at our school canteen. To reserve your place put your name down on the list held at the school office by Monday 2nd November. We look forward to seeing you there. Please be advised that children can not be permitted into the kitchen under any circumstances. Closed in shoes must be worn for OHS regulations.

Eat It To Beat It is an exciting project in the Hunter run by the Cancer Council which aims to increase the amount of fruit and vegetables that families with primary school aged children in the Hunter eat. Most families in the Hunter do not eat the recommended 5 serves of veg and 2 serves of fruit each day.

Miss Moon
Good For Kids, Good For Life coordinator

LEGO Expo a great success!

The LEGO Expo surpassed all expectations with over 100 entries from 81 children within our school. Mrs Moore, Mayor of Singleton Shire Council, kindly agreed to open the Fete and Judge the LEGO Expo.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Early Stage 1

- 1st Logan
- 2nd Sophie
- 3rd Ian

Stage 1

- 1st Otto
- 2nd William
- 3rd Torben

Stage 2

- 1st Nick
- 2nd Katie
- 3rd Cayton

Stage 3

- 1st Brandon
- 2nd Jarret
- 3rd Meghan

People's Choice Award Winner—Sam

All 1st prize and People's Choice winners receive LEGO, 2nd prize winners receive 5 x buy 1 get 1 free tickets to the cinemas and 3rd prize winners receive one free tenpin bowling session.

Thank you to LEGO Australia Pty Ltd for donating the 1st prizes and the two Barrels of Bricks which many children used to create their LEGO entries. Also thank you to Majestic Cinemas, Top Shot Tenpin and Sports Centre and Startrack Express (for returning the barrels free of charge).

A great big thank you to: Mrs Forbes for the use of the library and all her support; Mrs Smith for printing all the certificates; Mrs Kenaly and her class for counting the People's Choice votes; and Mrs Walters, Ms Tewhata, Mrs Drury, Ms Johnstone, Mrs Carson, Mrs Goodsir, Mrs Kowald, Mrs Browne and Mrs Watson for offering their time to make the LEGO Expo such a success.

Mrs Moore will present the prize winners at morning assembly on Monday, 2nd November. Participants will be recognised at assembly on Friday, October 30.

I look forward to seeing even more entries next year!
Mrs Clancy

Nutritionist at Singleton Heights Public School

Singleton Heights Public School presents Cyndi O'Meara - International Guest Speaker & Author - from 9.30 am -11.00 am on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at Singleton Heights Public School Hall. \$10 entry fee. Additive free morning tea will be provided.

Not your typical nutritionist, Cyndi O'Meara disagrees with low-fat & low-calorie diets and believes that chocolate can be good for you. Cyndi is a lively & inspiring health expert & lifestyle coach, who is the author of Changing Habits, Changing Lives & Changing Habits, Changing Lives Cookbook. Cyndi will address the benefits of butter verses margarine & the types of foods that allow our children to excel & concentrate at school. If you are interested to know how food affects our mood, then this is a presentation not to be missed.

Tickets available at the school office or Singleton Organics, hurry as seats are limited. For more information please contact Tanya Winfield 65732286 or 0414263789.

Tamworth District Horse Sports Day

Due to a second postponement of the Tamworth Horse Sports Day, the new date is Monday, 2nd November.

Monster Garage Sale

The Singleton Rugby Juniors will be holding a Monster Garage Sale to fundraise for the Under 16s Tour in 2010.

Saturday, 31 October
8 am to 12 noon

Rugby Park, Howe Street, Singleton
BBQ, Cakestall, Drinks, Bric-a-Brac, TVs,
Bargains to be had
"Side of beef" drawn at noon

St Patrick's Parish - Preparation Confirmation, First Holy Communion & Reconciliation

Enrolment for the formation programme for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion 2010 will be held in St Patrick's Church, Singleton at 4.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 and Thursday, 12 November. If you wish to enrol your child/children please attend one of the above dates. For more details please contact the Parish Office on 6578 9600.

Who will you Relay for?

Singleton Showground will be awash with purple passion this weekend as the Singleton community comes together for the 2009 Relay For Life. With a record 43 registered teams and over 650 participants, this year's event is shaping up to be the biggest ever and the organising committee is thrilled with the overwhelming public support.

There are a number of important ceremonies planned for the weekend and even if you are not in a team, you are welcome to come along and take part in the ceremonies or just enjoy the jam-packed entertainment program.

Registrations are still being accepted and if you are not already in a team, you are welcome to register at the event to do a few laps and get a Relay For Life shirt. Please come along, we'd love to see you there!

Credit Card Payment Slip

Our school office is now able to take 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, P&C levies, 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?

Credit Card Type (*please tick one*) VISA Mastercard Amount: Paying \$.....

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

Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____

Signature of Cardholder

Singleton Youth Venue

Break dancing lessons at Singleton Youth Venue.
FREE! On Tuesdays from 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm. Ages 10 to 13 years. Instructor - Tori Cochrane.

Girls Stuff - including craft, fashion, design, cooking at Singleton Youth Venue. On Tuesdays from 4 pm. All girls aged 11 to 16 are welcome to attend.

Phone 02 65714687 for more information.



Community First Aid Training

Have you been thinking about undertaking First Aid Training? On Saturday, 21 November the school, in conjunction with Safety Plus Training Pty Ltd has organised the delivery of a First Aid Course called "Apply First Aid - HLTRA301B" from Parasol EMT.

This course is WorkCover approved and would also be a suitable course for employees or volunteers who require a first aid qualification in the execution of their duties. It also meets the requirements under the Australian Quality Training Framework.

The cost of the course is the reduced price of \$100 per participant. Participants must be 14 years or older. This includes the an Active First Aid manual, CPR resuscitation face shield, A4 certificate (on successful completion) and a plastic wallet card certificate (on successful completion). For each person attending, Scott and Tracy Sands will donate \$50 of the course fee back to the school.

The course will be a 'mixed mode' training which will be 8 hours of classroom training and assessment combined with the completion of a workbook, hard copy or online.

Should you wish to undertake this valuable training, please register your name and make payment at the school office.

Soccer - Andre Gumprecht

Book your place NOW!

Soccerpro, Futurepro & Goalkeeper Clinic

Starts Wed October 21st. Clinics in the Newcastle and Cessnock areas.

For more info:

Andre Gumprecht SoccerPro
Mobile: 0422578954
Email: info@soccerpro.com.au
Web: www.soccerpro.com.au

Our scarecrow came third!!

Last term Hunter Valley Gardens ran an open competition to all schools to create a scarecrow.

Our school submitted "Xamp Jaskin" which was created by the Special Education Unit children.

Xamp Jaskin then made the journey to Hunter Valley Gardens where he was judged by the public and voted upon, where he came third!

Our prize of a wheelbarrow full of flowers was donated by the Special Unit to our garden club.

"Xamp Jaskin" is now enjoying his new home.

2009 Fete

Thank you to the staff, parents and children of Singleton Public School who ensured the 2009 Fete was a success. A profit of \$7,185 was taken on the day. Many thanks to Mrs Launder who spent numerous hours ensuring the fete was well organised for all to enjoy.

The following details the profit made by each stall:-

Stall	Class	Profit \$
Bottle Stall	1/2V & 2E	\$ 603.90
Show Bags / Sea Creatures	KH, KM & KP	\$ 1,193.40
Lolly Stall	1G & 1ZD	\$ 383.95
Teddy Bear Stall	2M	\$ 366.70
Cake Stall	3E & 3B	\$ 925.90
Baskets	4K	\$ 283.00
BBQ & Singstar	5LM & 5T	\$ 1,164.25
Trash & Treasure	5/6C	\$ 364.90
Craft Stall & Balloons	6S	\$ 1,129.05
Book Stall	4S	\$ 332.15
Pony Rides	Angela Johnston	\$ 63.60
Lego Display	Penny Clancy	\$ 59.55
Plant & Produce / Haunted House	6H	\$ 203.15
Special Ed. Cow	Special Ed.	\$ 33.70
Garage Sale	Gary	\$ 77.80
Total Profit		\$ 7,185.00

A big thank you to Mrs Johnston for providing pony rides, your dedication was wonderful on such a hot day.

Thank you to the following businesses that made donations to the fete; Brumby's Bakery Singleton, Singleton Apex, BIGW, Franklins, & Woolworths. Many thanks also to Mrs Watson, Mrs Mullen and our wonderful office staff member, Mrs Thomas for assisting with counting money on the day.

Donations of both goods and time by the entire school community contribute to a successful fete. Any comments on how the fete may be improved can be directed to the P&C email singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Mrs Lamph
P&C Treasurer

**JUMPY
CASTLES**

**GIANT
SLIDE**

Family BBQ

Bring your family, your deck chairs and hats and have some
fun as we

WELCOME families of new students enrolled for 2010, and
FAREWELL families who are moving on at the end of 2009.

Sausages, bread and sauce will be provided and cans of drink will be
available for purchase.

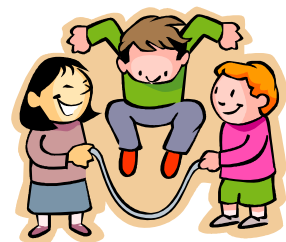
There will be sports equipment for all and craft activities for the junior
students.

Date: 08/11/09

Time: 11am – 3pm

Where: Singleton Public School Playground

Cost: \$2 per person OR \$5 per family



RSVP with money to the school office by Monday 2/11

Yes, we will be there!

Family name: _____

Number of People attending: _____

Yes, I can help cook the sausages