

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 4 Term 3

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20 AUGUST 2009



### Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Last week I attended the establishment meeting of the Singleton AECG. The purpose of this group is to represent the local Aboriginal community in

decision making around the many Aboriginal students in Singleton's educational institutions. It is exciting to see the formation of this group who will have an important role in providing a forum and real community consultation in our provision of quality education for all our Aboriginal students. At this meeting a number of Aboriginal people were elected to executive positions. The next meeting is on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at Ka Wal, at Singleton High School and I encourage all Aboriginal members of our school community to attend and have an input!

### Parent Teacher Interviews

These have been advertised in last week's newsletter. Again, this is an important event in the school calendar and the school makes a large commitment to allowing all class teachers to be released for a whole day to meet with parents. We think it is important enough to invest our time into the day! All non class based staff work with all the children for the day, with Stage 3 students providing peer support programs. We realise that many parents work, but if it is possible for parents to work around their work commitments and come to school some time during the day, this is greatly appreciated by all staff. The ones who will benefit the most are your children! Communication between parents and teachers is an important part of providing a quality education for all.

### Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Night

On the 1<sup>st</sup> September we are having an information night for all parents of Kindergarten children in 2010. This is the first night we hold for our parents of Kindergarten children. At this meeting we will inform parents of the many programs our school offers and provide parents with an overview of education in 2010 at Singleton Public School. If you are a new parent or even an "old" parent, please come along and learn more about your child's school.

Mrs Montgomery  
Principal

*Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on. Samuel Butler*

<b>Thursday 20 August</b>	Winter Food Fair 10am—1pm Richard Tulloch visiting author
<b>Friday 21 August</b>	Zone Athletics Carnival at Scone
<b>Tuesday 25 August</b>	Mad Hatter's Tea Party - come out of uniform and wear a decorated hat
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b>	Band Meeting 6-7 pm The Parsonage
<b>Thursday 27 August</b>	Book Fair selling day 8.30am-4.00pm
<b>Friday 28 August</b>	Uniform Shop Committee Meeting 11 am Canteen Committee Meeting 12 pm
<b>Tuesday 1 September</b>	Stage 1 Shortland Wetlands Excursion Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Night
<b>Wednesday 2 September</b>	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition Year 6
<b>Thursday 3 September</b>	Stage 2 Australian Reptile Park Excursion 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)
<b>Wednesday 5 September</b>	Student Council Meeting 6 pm P&C Meeting 7 pm
<b>Tuesday 8 September</b>	Parent/Teacher Interviews Second hand uniform sale
<b>Friday 11 September</b>	K-2 Athletics Carnival
<b>Saturday 12 September</b>	Power of Music
<b>Friday 2 October</b>	Last day of Term 3
<b>The assemblies for Term 3 will commence at 2.20 pm.</b>	



**Canteen Roster - Week 5 Term 3**

Mon 24/8/09 -	Mrs Barry, Mrs Cox
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> <b>No lunch orders on Tuesdays</b>
Wed 26/8/09 -	Mrs Gray Another helper needed please
Thurs 27/8/09 -	Mrs Monks Another helper needed please
Fri 28/8/09 -	Mrs Waugh Mrs Clements

**Uniform Shop Roster - Week 5 Term 3**

Mon 24/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Marcheff  
Mrs Barry

**Wednesday NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY**

Fri 28/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Smith

**Thank You Mrs Forbes**

It was with great regret that we received Mrs Forbes's resignation from her position as Canteen Supervisor. Mrs Forbes did a superb job during her time in the canteen and will be sorely missed. Thankfully we will still see her in the canteen as a parent volunteer, and she will stay on for 2 days a week until her replacement is appointed. Ms Eveleigh has agreed to work the other 2 days during this interim period. I know that the students, staff, parents and the wider school community will congratulate Mrs Forbes on a job very well done and wish her the very best for the future.

Mrs Kowald  
Canteen President

**Lost Property**

Unclaimed and second-hand 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.

**Stage 2 Walk to Town Library**

Please note that the date that Stage 2 have been invited to participate in Book Week activities at Singleton Town Library is **Friday, 28 August**. The incorrect day appeared on the note.

**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 at available at the school office.

**Environmental Report**

The water usage for this week is 2112 megalitres. We received \$12 from scrap metal and \$72 aluminium cans.

On Tuesday we had a visitor come in for environmental work in the playground. The environmental team was split into groups and assisted her.

**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.

**From the Library****Author Visit – Richard Tulloch- Thursday August 20**

Richard Tulloch will be a guest in our school this Thursday. All students will be going in one of the three organised sessions. During library lessons this week Years 3 – 6 have enjoyed listening to his books.

On sale at his show he will have 2 books:-

For younger readers (5-8) *Stories From Our House* (hardcover) \$10

For older readers (8-13) *Freaky Stuff* (paperback) \$10

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party- Tuesday August 25**

Hat making has been busy in the library this week. This is an opportunity to make a hat for those students who will be unable to make one at home. Hat making will only be done this week.

**Book Fair Selling Day –August 27**

The library will be open for selling from 8 am to 4.30 pm.

Two companies are supplying books –Central and Scholastic.

CENTRAL: payment by cash, credit card and personal cheques (made out to CENTRAL BOOK SUPPLIERS) will be accepted.

SCHOLASTIC: Payment by cash, credit card and personal cheques (made out to SCHOLASTIC) will be accepted.

**Class Displays in the Library during Book Week August 24-28**

As part of Book Week celebrations each class has organised a display for the library. These will be set for viewing by the Monday. Please come and have a look.

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## 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. Any parent/carer help would be appreciated. Please contact the Canteen to make arrangements or for more details. Please remember this is an out of uniform day and for children to bring their Mad Hatters Hat.



### Time Table- Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of August

|                          |                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:40                    | KP, KM, 1ZD, 1G                                                                                       |
| 11:50                    | 6S, 6H, 5/6C                                                                                          |
| 12:20                    | 3B, 3E, 2E                                                                                            |
| 12:50                    | 5L/M, 5T/L, KH, 2M                                                                                    |
| 2:00                     | 4K, 4S, 1/2V                                                                                          |
| 24/8/09<br>12:00<br>1:00 | Special Unit<br>Children who will be at<br>Australian Sports Com-<br>mission on Tuesday, 25<br>August |

## 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.

Christine Lauanders

## 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.

## 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 information below outlines further details and dates.

Parent Information Evening: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 at 6.00 pm at 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2009. Details regarding this interview will be available at the High School's Parent Information Evening.

## Cardiff High School Reunion

The Year 12 Class of 1989 from Cardiff High School is organising a 20 year reunion. Details are below:-

A reunion has been organised for those students who attended Cardiff High School and were in Y12 of '89 (Y10 of '87 or Y11 of '88 numbers permitting). If this is you and you would like more information please contact Nerissa. Phone 0420 341 554 or e-mail letsreunite@gmail.com for more details.

## Canteen Supervisor

Singleton Public School is inviting applications for a Canteen Supervisor for up to 20 hrs a week. Casual award rates apply. We are looking for a positive person with flexibility, organisational and team player skills who enjoys working with children. The successful applicant will need to undertake a Working With Children check.

A Safe Food Handling certificate is desirable or can be undertaken (1 day course). On the job training will be provided.

Please contact the school office for a full job description on 65712250.

Written applications to be directed to P&C Secretary, Singleton Public School, 8 Hunter St, Singleton NSW 2330. Applications close 12pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

## 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, Stage 2 note due by Wednesday, 26 August.
- \* Stage 1 Shortland Wetlands note and money due by Friday, 28 August.
- \* Stage 2 Australian Reptile Park Excursion note and money due by Monday, 31 August
- \* **Medical Forms** - Students **cannot** leave school for sport or excursions unless we have the completed form.



**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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