

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 5 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

27 AUGUST 2009



What a Week!

Over the last week the children at Singleton Public School have participated in a number of activities.

Festival of Foods

Last Thursday the Festival of Foods, where the children could try a whole range of interesting, seasonal fresh foods was a demonstration of just how effective collaboration can be. The high school students prepared all the foods our children tasted. They were outstanding role models for the younger children. Our students were exemplary! They responded positively, trying many new food, happy to experiment. The anecdotal feedback we have received has been amazing. Parents have told us that their children went home talking about all the new foods and how much they enjoyed the experience. As part of our schools Healthy Active School Project, the Festival of Foods has certainly achieved the outcomes we had hoped for!

Author Visit

"Richard Tulloch was cool." These are the words that one of our students used to describe Richard's visit. He was entertaining, inspirational and a great story teller.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Again, a demonstration of collaborative work. Trish Drury and a band of volunteers worked tirelessly to provide the children with another memorable experience. The children wore their different hats to the party and were treated to "yummy" food and drink. A great time for all!

Australian Sports Commission Gala Day

This was another day where a group of children from our school participated with 900 other children in a wide range of activities. (You may have seen them on the news.) The feedback has been highly positive-our children were fantastic!

In addition, last week we had ten students attend the Newcastle Drama Festival and over forty attend the Zone Athletics Carnival. Well done!

Friday 28 August	Uniform Shop Committee Meeting 11 am Canteen Committee Meeting 12 pm
Tuesday 1 September	Stage 1 Shortland Wetlands Excursion Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Night
Wednesday 2 September	Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition Years 5 and 6 School Council Meeting 6 pm P&C Meeting 7 pm
Thursday 3 September	Stage 2 Australian Reptile Park Excursion
Tuesday 8 September	Parent/Teacher Interviews Second hand uniform sale
Friday 11 September	K-2 Athletics Carnival
Saturday 12 September	Power of Music
Thursday 17 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)
Friday 2 October	Last day of Term 3
Wed-Thurs 21-22 Oct	School Photos
Tues-Fri 27-30 Oct	Yr 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
This week's assembly will be hosted by 6H at 2.20 pm.	

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

Remember when you point your finger at someone there are three pointing back at you.

Canteen Roster - Week 6 Term 3

Mon 31/8/09 -	Mrs Kowald, Mrs Ward
Tuesday	CANTEEN CLOSED No lunch orders on Tuesdays
Wed 2/9/09 -	Mrs Drury, Mrs Eather
Thurs 3/9/09 -	URGENT, we have no helpers on this day!!
Fri 4/9/09 -	Mrs Moore, Mrs Barry

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 6 Term 3

Mon 31/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Knox
Wednesday	NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY
Fri 4/9/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Adam

Australian Sports Commission Trip

On Tuesday, 15 August the children who participate in afternoon sports had the opportunity to go to the Australian Sports Commission in Newcastle. This was a fun day for kids to try out some exciting sports which included:- netball, tennis, dancing, Frisbee, t-ball and tae kwon do. We had lots of fun. When the boys group were doing some very interesting dancing, a camera man came up and started filming, he was from NBN news. The boys are on TV, how exciting! We would like to thank all the people from the Commission for letting us have the experience and thank Mr Thorssell, Mrs Laing and especially thank Mr Holloway for organising the trip down and accompanying us.

Felicity 6S

School Disco Change of Date

The school disco's will now be held on Thursday, 17 September. Times are as follows:-

K-2 at 5 pm
Yrs 3-4 at 6 pm
Yrs 5-6 at 7-8 pm

The theme is "Colours of the Rainbow"

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

A big thank you to the following people who helped with the Mad Hatter's Tea Party held on Tuesday, it wouldn't have been such a success without you:-

Mrs Drury, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Eather, Mrs Barry, Mrs Moore, Mrs Nichols, Mrs Clancy, Mrs Sutherland-O'Brien, Mrs Browne, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Kowald

Also thank you to everyone who donated tea pots or helped in any way.

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.

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.

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 Junior Cricket Registration

Registration days for Singleton Junior Cricket will be held at Sportspower on the following dates:

- Wednesday - 26 August and 2 September 4 pm - 5.30 pm
- Saturday - 29 August and 5 September 9.30 am - 11.00 am

Singleton Junior Touch Team Registration

The Singleton Junior Touch Team registration will be held on Wednesday, 16 September at Town Square Shopping Centre from 4 pm - 6.30 pm. Forms can be downloaded from www.singletonjuniors.touch.asn.au. Players need to turn 7 by 31 December 2009 to play. Any players who need a team or teams that need players, please contact Julie on 0407 451 149.

Shoelace Fundraiser for Singleton Relay for Life

The HAGs team is selling shoelaces with all proceeds going towards the NSW Cancer Council.

LASER LACES, as worn by Vanessa Hudgens, are the latest craze and need to be PRE-ORDERED and PAID by 4 SEPTEMBER. These glowing shoelaces are offered in Multicolour, Pink, Blue, Orange, Green, Red and Yellow. \$20 each or two for \$35. (a great deal as retailers sell these for \$35 each).

Curly Laces (never need to be tied) and Neon 'Flattie' and 'Colour tips' are offered in a range of colours and can be pre-ordered or will be available for purchase during recess in the coming weeks.

Please contact Mrs Clancy for orders or leave a sealed envelope with your name, contact details, colour and quantity required along with the exact money at the school office by Friday, 4 September. (The office is only a collection point and will not have change)

Shoes laces will be available for collection from Mrs Clancy on Friday, 25 September from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm on the verandah of the Parsonage.

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 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.



Broke Fair Poster Competition: My School is Great!

Broke Public School is running a poster competition for local Public School students, to coincide with this year's Broke Fair. The poster should be entitled, *My School is Great.*

Entries should be returned to Broke Public School before the Broke Fair on 13 September.

Conditions of entry: Artwork must be of original design, on A4 paper, using any preferred media. Consideration will be given to colour, creativity and design. Judging categories: K-2, 3-4, 5-6. Artwork may not be returned and may be used for publication and display.

Broke Public School, Cochrane St. Broke
2330

Win great prizes!



SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

Agenda for Meeting

2nd September 2009, 7pm – 9pm

Attendees:

Apologies:

- Previous Minutes
- Business Arising
- Correspondence
- Reports:
- Treasurer
- School Council
- Band
- Canteen
- Uniform Shop
- Principals Report
- School Magazine
- General Business
 - Annual Review of Fundraising Levy
 - Do we keep the Levy or return to Set Fundraisers during the year. If we keep the Levy, can we still run other fundraisers such as the Cancer Council's Fruit and Veg Fundraiser?
 - School Community BBQ – 1st or 8th of November?
 - Grade Packs
 - Result of Soap Dispenser Trial

Items for October 7th Agenda. Meeting to be closed by 9pm.

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 28th August.

Dates for you Diary in Term 4

Presentation Day
Week 8, Tuesday 8 December

Class Parties
Week 9 Wednesday, 16 December

K-2 Concert
Week 7 Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th 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



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.



A big thank you to the families and friends who have sponsored MS Readathon participants during the 30th year of the MS Readathon!

As students begin to close their books on this year's program it is now time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum or dad.

Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the State Office.

Singleton Track & Field Club

We invite all returning boys, girls and new athletes, including adults to come and register for the 2009/2010 season.

REGISTRATION DAYS

ALROY OVAL

Tuesday 25 August 2009, 5pm – 7pm
Tuesday 1 September 2009, 5pm – 7pm
Saturday 5 September 2009, 10am - 12pm
Tuesday 8 September 2009, 5pm – 7pm

Fees: Tiny Tots - \$60, U/6 - \$70, U/7 – seniors - \$80
\$10 discount if registering before 9 September 2009
Proof of age is required at time of registration

Contacts:
President John Watson 6573 4812
Secretary Lyndal Barry 6571 5121

All Saints' Church Garage Sale and Market Day

On Saturday, 5 September 2009, All Saints' Church will be holding a Garage Sale and Market Day on their grounds from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. There will be stalls, food and lots of fun.

SINGLETON SHOW IS COMING..... FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

Start cooking...start painting....get your vege gardens going....

As in previous years K-2 will be visiting the show in the morning. However there are many categories that students can enter at the show. Produce – eggs(6), vegetables, unusual fruit or vegetable, bunch of herbs. Displays of plants, roses, sunflowers, knitting, sewing, lego, paddlepop stick craft and much more. Cooking of biscuits, muffins, pikelets or iced cakes too!

Check it all out on www.singletonshow.com.au

Children in K-2 have a colouring in competition. 3-6 can design a poster for the show. Some teachers may do class activities in the weeks leading up to it.

School coordinator for information only is Miss Moon. Children will need to organise getting their individual entries there themselves. Children do not have to pay any entry costs.

School Magazine 2009

Due to the success of last year's magazine we are having one this year as well!

BUT I NEED YOUR HELP!

When families attend school events such as excursions,

sporting carnivals etc could you

please email some photos to me.

Also, you could get your child to do a report.

The more the better!

In particular I need photos of

Fun Run, Athletics Carnival, Scone School Boys Rugby League, Netball

Thanking you - Lyndal Barry

jsio@optusnet.com.au

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER

So that we are not carrying an over excess of uniforms in stock we are asking parents to order summer uniforms (including polo shirts). As School photos are early in fourth term many people will be looking to purchase new uniforms, ordering will prevent long queues and people missing out.

Please return order and payment to office by 11th September 2009.

Name..... (of eldest child at school) Class.....

Description	Price	Qty	Size
Polo T-shirt – unisex short sleeve	\$20.00		
Shorts - Navy Rugby Knit Unisex (suitable for sports)	\$20.00		
GIRLS - Check Uniform sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16)- - (special size orders) - \$50.00	\$42.00		
Shorts - Girls' –navy surfer style longer leg	\$30.00		
BOYS - Shorts - Boys' - navy gaberdene - 'Scags' brand longer leg	\$22.00		
<i>Also for sale:-</i>			
Headband– Reversible for summer and winter(small, medium, large)	\$8.00		
Bucket Hat – navy with gold trim (various sizes)	\$8.00		
Microfibre Hat - various sizes	\$14.00		
SOCKS - Navy short	\$5.00		

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES: Mondays AND Fridays 8.30 - 9.30 am

The office staff are unable to sell uniforms at other times. Mastercard, Visa and Eftpos are now available (Minimum purchase on credit card - \$20).

Payments to school

Credit card payments (Visa and MasterCard only) can be accepted at the school office, over the phone or by mail. This facility can be used to pay school contributions, excursions, uniforms, P&C levy, etc. The minimum payment amount is \$20.00. EFTPOS is also now available over the counter (minimum \$20.00).

Building Fund and Library Fund cannot be paid by credit card.

Student's Name: Class:

What are you paying for?

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

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

Credit Card Number _____

Expiry Date ____ / ____ Signature of Cardholder

Canteen Corner

HELP!

We urgently need more volunteers to keep the canteen operating at the current 4 days a week. Even if you are only able to come in from 9 until 11.30, please contact the canteen to give your details. Our students love to see their parents in the canteen and it is a great way to show your kids that you care about their school.

Canteen Profits go towards such items as air conditioning units and new technologies. The canteen benefits all school students, even those who never order canteen lunches.

Dads to be the Star Attractions at Fruit and Vege Week!

Imagine how excited your children will be to see their father serving them their lunches, snacks and drinks during week 9 this term for Fruit and Vege Week! Dads, please book your morning/afternoon off work or check your shift rosters now for the week 7th—11th September. Come for whatever time you can give. Grandfathers, Uncles etc more than welcome!

Parent/Teacher Interview Day Canteen Café

Following the success of the last café on Parent/Teacher Interview Day, the canteen will again be serving free tea, coffee and baked treats to parents on Tuesday 8th September. Please come along before or after your interview appointments or anytime just for a chat and some socialising with other parents.

If you can go on the roster to help serve tea and coffee or if you can bake something for the day, please contact the canteen on 6571 2250. We would love to see some new faces.



Dads in the Canteen for Fruit and Vege Week

I _____ can come into the school canteen to help on

Monday 7th / Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th / Friday 11th of September.
(Please circle)

I can come from _____ until _____ .

(Lunch begins at 11.10, and afternoon recess at 1.20. Lunch preparation starts at 9am.)

THANK YOU!!