

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 2 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

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Internet Usage

This week I have included an article about cyberbullying in this newsletter. I encourage all parents to read this article (it will only take a few seconds) and follow up for further information at the

recommended website. The internet can be a wonderful tool, but used inappropriately it can be very dangerous! As parents it is vital that we remain vigilant about our child's usage of the internet so we can keep them safe. I also encourage all parents to get their children to log on to the internet through the DET Portal. Every child in our school has their own log in name, password and email which can be accessed from the NSW DET website. If your child is unsure of what these are, please see their class teacher. The DET spends a great deal of its resources to try to make the internet as safe as possible through firewalls and security systems. In addition to the regular monitoring of internet sites all DET internet users are required to report any sites we encounter which are suspect so that a thorough evaluation can be carried out and if required, sites can be blocked. With so many users this provides quite good protection for our students.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Thanks to Mrs Drury's organisation, this fun event will be held on Tuesday 25th August. Children can make their own hats either at home or at school. Throughout Week 4 at recess and lunch the library will have materials for children to make their own hats at school. Mrs Drury will be available on Tuesday and Thursday to help. Other parents and teachers will also be available to help. We look forward to having 100% participation in this special event.

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

To avoid criticism

-say nothing

-do nothing

-be nothing

Friday 7 August	Bookclub Orders due back at school
Sunday 9 August	P&C Working Bee 10am 
Mon-Fri 10-14 Aug	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 11 August	'Mana' The Spirit of Polynesia Visiting Show Years 1-5 Wednesday Wheelie Warriors
Wednesday 12 August	Year 2 Heritage Walk
Thursday 13 August	Year 1 Heritage Walk
Wednesday 19 August	UNSW Maths Competition
Thursday 20 August	Winter Food Carnival 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
Thursday 27 August	Book Fair selling day 8.30am-4.00pm
Saturday 12 September	Power of Music
Tues-Fri 27-30 Oct	Yr 5 Aussie Bush Excursion

**This week's assembly will be hosted by 4K.
The assemblies for Term 3 will commence at
2.20 pm.**

**Stop Press: Size 8 polo shirts have arrived
at the Uniform Shop**



Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 3

Mon 10/8/09 - HELP! No Helpers on this day

Tuesday CANTEEN CLOSED
No lunch orders on Tuesdays

Wed 12/8/09 - Mrs Knox, Mrs Williams

Thurs 13/8/09 - Mrs Justen, Mrs Skillen

Fri 14/8/09 - Mrs Bell, Mrs Johnston

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 3 Term 3

Mon 10/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Grant,
Mrs Sternbeck

Wednesday NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY

Fri 14/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Watkins, Mrs Cox

REMINDER: Your assistance in purchasing uniforms at one of the above opening times is appreciated. Should you be unable to make it at one of the above times, you are able to send payment (credit card slip attached to the newsletter, cheque or cash) to the school office with your child. The order will be filled when the uniform shop volunteers come in and will be sent home with your child.

Learn to Swim Program 2009

The Learn to Swim Program will be held in Term 4 at the Singleton Gym and Swim from Monday, 2 November until Friday, 13 November a period of two weeks.

If your child is in Years 3-6 and it was decided at the conclusion of the program in 2008 more lessons would be beneficial, a separate note has been sent home with your child.

Please indicate on that note whether or not you wish your child to participate again this year.

If your child is new to the school this year, is in Years 3-6 and cannot swim 25 metres well, please inform the office so a note can be sent home with your child.

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.

All Year 2 students will participate in the program. A more detailed note for Year 2 will be sent home at a later stage.

The cost for the program this year is \$50 which includes lessons and bus. The program is being subsidised \$35 per child this year through a Federal Government grant for drought assistance. For parents of students in Years 3-6 who have already received a permission note, please note the change in cost to \$50.

Thank you,
J. Vale, Organiser

Lost Property

All unlabelled lost property will be on display for collection on Friday, 14 August 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.

Surviving cyberbullies – what parents need to know

With all the media surrounding cyberbullying, you might be wondering how to protect your child. Many kids rely on technology for their social life and won't risk telling you about cyberbullying if they think you'll restrict their access to the computer or phone.

Make it clear you won't. Also reinforce the **Stop, Block, Tell** message:

Stop: Tell your child NEVER respond to the bully. Instead, they should take some time out from the conversation to calm down and talk to you

Block: Block the bully and limit communication to close friends. Keep the evidence but contact the site administrator and ask for the abusive comments to be removed - this will stop your child re-reading and re-living the abuse.

Tell: One of the most effective things you can do is report bullying to the site administrator. Also tell the school principal. Every NSW public school has an anti-bullying plan.

Keep computers and mobiles in an open area of the house and not in kids' bedrooms. Late night messages – good or bad – don't allow kids to get enough sleep to function well at school or socially.

Read the full article at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp balance due by Friday, 18 September.
- * 'Mana' The Spirit of Polynesia Visiting Show note and money due by Friday, 7 August to class teacher
- * 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.



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 will be sent out from the list we have in the office in the next week.

If you are intending to enrol your child in 2010 and haven't put their name on our list, please come to the office so your child's details can be taken.

Book Week Celebrations

As part of Book Week Celebrations, students will be participating in two activities at the Singleton Public Library. A permission note will be sent home with full details.

Stage 3

Book Safari -

Year 5 - Monday, 31 August 10.00 am -11.00 am
Year 6 - Monday, 31 August 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Scavenger Hunt -

Thursday, 17 September
5LM - 10.00 am - 11.00 am
5T - 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Monday, 21 September
6S - 10.00 am - 11.00 am
6H - 11.30 am - 12.30 pm
5/6C - 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Stage 1

Year 2 - Monday, 24 August 11.30 am -12.30 pm
Year 1 - Thursday, 27 August 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Scavenger Hunt -

Year 1 (2 groups)
Friday, 18 September
- 10.00 am - 11.00 am / 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Year 2 (2 groups)
Tuesday, 22 September
- 10.00 am - 11.00 am / 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

Mad Hatters Tea Party

As part of Book Week celebrations, the Canteen is holding a Mad Hatters Tea Party on 25 August. This will be one of their red days.

The Canteen would appreciate any donations of small ceramic tea pots to use on the day. An invitation will be sent out separately.

Stage 1 Heritage Walk

As part of their Early Settlement of Singleton Unit, Stage 1 will be going on a walk around Singleton's main area downtown. Year 2 will be going on Wednesday, 12 August while Year 1 will be going on Thursday, 13 August. They will be following the Heritage Walk around town. Permission notes will be sent out separately.

Library News

Visiting Author - Richard Tulloch, author of Bananas in Pyjamas, is our visiting author this year for Book Week. He will be presenting three sessions to our students on Thursday, 20 August presenting three sessions. A permission note is included with this newsletter.

Book Fair - To add to our Book Week celebrations, a Book Fair will be held in the library during week 5. Leading up to the Book Fair, students will be given opportunities to view the books and make a wish list. Selling day is Thursday, 27 August from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase Christmas presents.

For any family who would also like to donate a book to the library, we have designed book plates to place in the front of the book to acknowledge your support. If a family would like to make a cash donation we can also acknowledge this.

Book Week Celebrations in the Library - Each class in our school has accepted an invitation from the library to display items of class work. There will be displays everywhere on our theme **Book Safari**. Displays will be ready for viewing in week 5 so come on in and take a look.

Mrs Forbes

Singleton Amateur Swimming Club Inc

2009/2010 Registration will be on the following dates:

Thursday, 24 September 2009	4.30 - 5.30 pm
Thursday, 1 October 2009	4.30 - 5.30 pm
Friday, 23 October 2009	4.45 - 6.00 pm

(First club night of the season)

One swimmer \$55, Two swimmers \$110, Three swimmers \$165, Four swimmers \$200.

Birth certificates must be sighted at time of registration for new members. Swimmers who have not been registered in previous years may have two trial nights prior to registration. Any enquiries please call Deidre Kay on 4930 7046.

Hunter Valley Buses Safety Information

For the health, safety and comfort of passengers and drivers please do not spray aerosols such as perfumes, deodorants and other personal care products while travelling on the bus. The spraying of these products may cause adverse health reactions in some people. For further information please contact the Safety Department Hunter Valley Buses on 02 49357200.

P&C Working Bee

To finish the work started at the recent working bee, another working bee will be held this Sunday, 9 August at 10 am. Don't be shy! Come along and help your children's school and meet some of the wonderful people who make Hunter Street School such a great place.



Safe Passage Program

Parent to Parent Australia Incorporated is a non-profit, non-political and non-religious organisation that was formed as a way of introducing the 'Safe Passage Programme' to benefit parents and Australian communities.

Safe Passage Program (Building Confident, Competent and Committed Parents) is suitable for parents of children of all ages; session times and days are flexible; and is based on 30 min DVD's followed by discussion groups.

Workshops will be run in term 3 on Tuesday evenings from 25th August - 29th September (cost \$5 for Parent workbook). To find out more please contact Ann on 6573 1177 (after 11 August 2009). 'An Introduction to Safe Passage Programme' and registration evening will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18th August at the Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall in Doyle St.

Singleton Public Library

August 07 Friday
Friday Morning Book Club 10.30am to 11.30am
Free

August 12 Wednesday
Storytime 'Farm Animals' 10am to 11am Free
State Records Family History Workshop 10am to 12noon Free
Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

August 18 Tuesday
Housebound Book Club 1.30pm to 2.30pm Free

August 19 Wednesday
Storytime 'Silly Stories' 10am to 11am Free
Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

August 26 Wednesday
Bedtime Storytime 6pm to 7pm Free
Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

August 27 Thursday
Thursday Morning Book Club 10.30pm to 11.30pm
Free

DISPLAYS @ YOUR LIBRARY DURING AUGUST

Local Studies Room Cabinet:
"Anzac" / "Mining Memorabilia"

Paying Bookclub by Credit Card??

If you pay for your Scholastic Book club orders by credit card please note the following steps to take:

To make credit card payments faster and more secure you must either pay Scholastic direct by phoning Freecall 1800 557 908 or;
Online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment;
A receipt number will then be provided, which needs to be recorded on the bottom of the order coupon and returned to the school office as normal;
The school then sends that receipt/coupon to Scholastic so they can marry up your order with the

In Front Foyer:
"NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition" / "Book Week" /
"Embroiderers Guild Display"

In Library:
"Footy Colours" / "Treasures" themed displays. (These items are for loan)

Singleton Pre-school

Now taking enrolments for 2010. A community-based non-profit organization, Singleton Pre-school welcomes parent involvement.

Singleton Pre-school offers:

- A stimulating learning environment
- Experienced, approachable, qualified staff
- A philosophy that embraces changing educational trends and reflects the new Curriculum Framework
- Inclusive programs for children with additional needs
- A beautiful, shady outdoor learning environment
- Safe, rear access from Singleton RSC car park
- Support for low income families
- A central location

Hurry as we have limited placements.

Open Days Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, and Saturday 29th August from 10am- 12pm all welcome

Enquiries: 56 York Street, Singleton, Phone: (02) 6572 1248, Fax: (02) 65711962

PCYC JUNIOR DISCO

"Cops & Robbers"

For Ages 5 To 12 Years, 28/08/09 7pm To 9pm,
\$4 Members/\$5 Non, Fully Supervised, Prizes To Win,
Canteen Open

Do you have 2 hours to spare?



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supporting families to raise children

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

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.

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, thank you!!

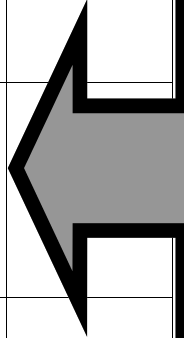


August 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Mrs Kolwald <u>MORE</u>	4 CLOSED	5 Mrs Drury Mrs Eather	6 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	7 Mrs Moore Mrs Barry
10 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	11 CLOSED	12 Mrs Knox Mrs Williams	13 Mrs Justin Mrs Skillen	14 Mrs Johnson <u>MORE</u>
17 Mrs Ward Mrs Nichols	18 CLOSED	19 Ms Poole <u>URGENT</u>	20 <u>URGENT</u> NO HELPERS ON THIS	21 Mrs Andrews <u>MORE</u>
24 Mrs Barry Mrs Cox	25 CLOSED	26 Mrs Gray <u>MORE</u>	27 Mrs Monks <u>MORE</u>	28 Mrs Waugh Mrs Clements
31 Mrs Kolwald Mrs 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.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like illnesses than in recent flu seasons because few people have immunity to the human swine flu virus.

As the number of cases of flu increases, we all need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in school communities as some staff and students are at greater risk of severe illness from flu.

Staff or students who become unwell should stay away from school until they are well to minimise the transmission of the flu.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu-like symptoms at school will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home.

Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu-like illness in your child. If they are unwell please do not send them to school until their symptoms have gone.

These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath.

Some people are more likely to develop severe illness from both seasonal influenza and swine flu. NSW Health advises that this group includes people who:

- Are pregnant (particularly in the second and third trimester)
- Have chronic lung disease (including asthma)
- Are very obese
- Have chronic heart conditions
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have chronic liver disease
- Have blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Have neurological disorders
- Have metabolic disorders (such as diabetes)
- Have weakened or suppressed immune systems (which may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (of any age).

If you or your child is in one of these categories, please seek urgent medical attention as soon as symptoms of flu appear because you may need anti-influenza medication and it works best if given early.

The department has policies in place to support schools this flu season. I can assure you that the department will continue to act on all advice received from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

Additional health information is available from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

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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