

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

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Welcome Back!

It was wonderful to see all of the children return to the school on Tuesday. They all look refreshed and ready for Term 3.

We have a very busy term planned. Please read the newsletter to ensure that you know what is happening and that your children do not miss out on anything over the next nine weeks.

The school receives funding from the NSW Department of Education and Training which we must expend in the year we receive it to support families so that all children can participate in all educational experiences. There are many activities where parents are asked to pay money and we realise that some families may be finding it financially difficult to meet these payments. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact the office and request financial support. This information is kept confidential.

Thank You

A special thank you to Mrs Floyd who has done an outstanding job managing the school during my eight week absence. Mrs Floyd easily slotted in to the position of Relieving Principal and in her short time here gained the respect of students, parents and staff. Mrs Floyd has shared with me how much she enjoyed her time here at Singleton Public School.

BER (Building the Education Revolution - Federal Government Funding to Schools)

During the last week of the school holidays I met with the Contractors who are managing the building of our six new permanent classrooms. This two-storey building will be constructed where the demountables are currently situated and will be a huge bonus to our school when finished. Their construction will however mean that there will be some disruption to our school's routines but the gains in having permanent classrooms will far outweigh the short term inconveniences. The project is planned to start towards the end of this term and will mean the temporary relocation of the demountable classrooms for approximately eight months while building is in progress. Throughout this time the school will be coordinating and

Friday 31 July	Aussie Bush Camp excursion deposit due Uniform Shop Committee Meeting 11am Canteen Committee Meeting 12pm
Tuesday 4 August	UNSW English Test
Wednesday 5 August	School Council Meeting 6pm P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday 7 August	Bookclub Orders due back at school
Sunday 9 August	P&C Working Bee
Tuesday 11 August	'Mana' The Spirit of Polynesia Visiting Show Years 1-5
Mon-Fri 10-14 Aug	Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
Thursday 20 August	Winter Food Carnival Richard Tulloch visiting author
Tuesday 25 August	Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Thursday 27 August	Book Fair selling day 8.30am-4.00pm
Tues-Fri 27-30 Oct	Yr 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
This week's assembly will be hosted by KM. The assemblies for Term 3 will commence at <u>2.20 pm.</u>	

working closely with the Project Manager to ensure that our children remain safe at all times. Watch this space for further information and updates as they come to hand.

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." Robert Kennedy



Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 3

Mon 3/8/09 - Mrs Kowald,
Mrs Phoenix

Tuesday CANTEEN CLOSED
No lunch orders on Tuesdays

Wed 5/8/09 - Mrs Drury, Mrs Eather

Thurs 6/8/09 - Mrs Eveleigh, Mrs Ryan

Fri 7/8/09 - Mrs Moore, Mrs Barry

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2 Term 3

Mon 3/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Duff

Wednesday NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY

Fri 7/8/09 (8.30 - 9.30) Mrs Adam

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.

Fun Run Results

The Fun Run proved to be a very successful event raising \$11,880.35. The school will keep a percentage of that amount. Congratulations to Gary, Year 5, on being the highest amount earner in the school. Well done 3E for being our top fundraising class.

The top fundraisers in each grade will be receiving a certificate at Friday's Assembly.

All classes will be receiving an Apple Slinky Machine and the purchase of more playground equipment will be looked into this term.

Fun run prizes will be distributed in the next few weeks.

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.

2009 Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the following children:

- Junior Girl Champion - Rhianna
- Junior Boy Champion - Mark
- 11 year Girl Champion - Lily
- 11 year Boy Champion - Claude
- Senior Girl Champion - Lili
- Senior Boy Champion - Samuel
- Champion House - Kendall

Well done to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival. Please see further results in this newsletter.

The Zone Carnival will take place on Friday, 21 August. Notes will be given to those students who will be attending.

Mrs Scoles

Healthy Active

Over the next two weeks all children and staff will be given a quality pedometer as part of the Federal Government's Healthy Active Grant Programme. The children will wear their pedometers at school to encourage exercise and healthy living and they will record their progress as part of other school activities. The children will not be allowed to take the pedometers home.

Our winter food carnival will take place on Thursday, 20 August. Any parents who would like to drop in and have a look would be most welcome.

After School Sport

After school sport will commence on Monday, 4 August and run for seven weeks.

Monday 3.10 pm - 4.20 pm

Thursday 3.10 pm - 4.20 pm

Parents are reminded that children should be picked up at 4.20 pm sharp. Also that ALL school rules apply at After School Sport.

Mr Holloway
Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp deposit due by **Friday, 31 July**; balance due by Friday, 18 September.
- * 'Mana' The Spirit of Polynesia Visiting Show note and money due by Friday, 7 August
- * **Medical Forms** - Please return your child's completed medical form immediately if you have not already done so. Students **cannot** leave school for sport or excursions unless we have the completed form.



Working Bee

To finish the work started at the recent working bee, another working bee will be held on 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.

P&C Meeting Agenda

As school has only just resumed from school holidays, the agenda deadline for the P&C Meeting has been extended to Monday, 3 August. Agenda items can be left at the office or emailed to the P&C at singletonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

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. Times and cost will be advised with a permission note closer to the date.

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

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.

Samaritans

Samaritans is a non-profit organisation providing early childhood services in the Singleton area to meet the needs of children and their families. Samaritans Five Star Family Day Care provides quality care in a registered carer's home while In Home Care provides a registered carer in the children's own home.

For more information on becoming a carer or to register for care please contact Karen Lewis on 02 6572 3810.

Singleton Scout Group

Singleton Scout Group will be holding a Jamboree Fundraiser Sydney Warehouse Bus Trip on Sunday, 23 August 2009. The tickets are \$30 and include shopping at Birkenhead Point, Victorias Basement, handbags, shoes, sportswear, swimwear warehouses and more. Call and secure your seat for a great day shopping with great company. Trisha Davies 6573 3114 or Susan Ferguson 6571 5039.

Singleton Family Support Scheme Inc.

Singleton Family Support Scheme Inc would like to invite parents or caregivers of young children to a Free..fun..fascinating.. 6 week group program "Keeping Your Cool!!" (most of the time).

When: Tuesdays (6 weeks), 4 August - 8 September 2009

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Where: Singleton Family Support, Old Nurses Home Boonal & Doyle Streets, Singleton

Free childcare available on the premises, limited number, so you need to book in. To make a booking or further enquiries, please contact Singleton Family Support Scheme on 6572 4288.

PCYC

Junior Disco Jungle Fever

For ages 5 to 12 years

31 July 2009 7pm to 9pm

\$4 MEMBERS/\$5 NON. Fully Supervised, Prizes To Win, Canteen Open

PCYC Junior Members Saturday Club

Ages 5+ 9.30am - 11.30am \$5

Every Saturday PCYC has art'n'craft activities to keep young people busy and meet new people while having fun! We'll provide drinks, snack & supplies, activities include scrapbooking, beading, painting, drawing, photography + heaps of other stuff. COME CHECK IT OUT!!!.....

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.