

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 4

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

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Parking

We have had several complaints from concerned citizens about our parents parking illegally outside of the school. No-one should park in the flagged "Children Crossing" areas at any time. Also parking across driveways is very inconsiderate of our neighbours' needs. The driveway at the school office must be kept clear at all times for emergency and ambulance access. Our students' safety is our main concern at all times.

Congratulation to Mrs Daley

On Tuesday evening, Mrs Daley, received a Certificate from the Australian Council of Education for Outstanding Teaching and Contribution to the children at Singleton Public School. A special congratulations to Mrs Daley who is a most deserving recipient of this award.

Mrs Montgomery
Principal

Beware of what you become in pursuit of what you want.

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 9.30-11.00 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 will be hosted by the choir. The starting time of the assembly is 2.00 pm with entry via the Elizabeth Street gate.	

Reminders!

- Family BBQ Day - this Sunday, 8 November
- School Magazine Order Form in this newsletter
- Aladdin tickets on sale now

~ Week 2, Term 4 ~

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Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 4

Mon 9/11/09 -	Urgent!! No helpers this day
Tuesday	CANTEEN CLOSED No lunch orders on Tuesdays
Wed 11/11/09 -	Mrs Knox, Mrs Williams
Thurs 12/11/09 -	Mrs Justen, Mrs Skillen
Fri 13/11/09 -	Mrs Bell, Mrs Johnston

Uniform Shop Roster - Week 3 Term 4

Mon 9/11/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Grant, Mrs Sternbeck
Fri 13/11/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Watkins, Mrs Cox

Family BBQ Day

If you have not yet sent in your RSVP for the BBQ day, please do so ASAP for catering purposes. You are very welcome to come along on Sunday and if you have not replied, please bring a picnic lunch and join in the fun.

Canteen - Fete Thank You

Vicki Eather and her canteen volunteers worked very hard on Fete Day and had a very successful day. We want to thank the MacIntosh family of Eagle Boy Pizzas for their very generous donation. The pizzas were delicious and very popular. Our heartfelt thanks to Vicki Waugh who worked the entire day in the canteen without complaint. Vicki is always cheerful and willing to lend a hand.

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 are available from the school office.

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

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.

Talent Quest

Do you have a secret talent that you don't want to hide anymore? Well, now it's your time to shine! The talent quest final is on 11 December which is Friday, Week 8. Three acts from each stage will be chosen for the finals by their stage teachers which means there will be twelve brilliant acts in the finals. All entries are free.



Ideas for acts could be: singing, dancing, comedy acts, musical instrument/s, magic tricks, mimes and any other talents you have. So put on your dancing shoes and lets have some fun.

Just have a go!

Student Council

From the Library....be quick!

Scholastic Book Fairs have sent extra copies of:

PURR-FECT THOUGHTS the lock up diary

that was on display at bookfair. At the time they were unable to fulfil our order but have since managed to obtain some copies.

If anyone would like to purchase a copy please come to the library. The cost is \$10 per book.

Dates for your Diary in Term 4

K-2 Concert
Week 7 Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December

Presentation Day
Week 8 Tuesday, 8 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

Class Parties
Week 9 Wednesday, 16 December

Year 5 at Aussie Bush Camp

Do you think the school playground was a little empty last week??

On Tuesday, 27 October, Year 5 left for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. When we arrived we met our instructors Sandy and Dave (Disco or Davo). They showed us to our camp site and tents. We had lots of fun doing the activities. The camp had a pet cockatoo whose name was "Cocky". He would say "Hello" and "Hello Cocky".

For our afternoon tea each day we had snow cones and some times pancakes with jam and whipped cream. YUM!!

Each night we had a special activity. On our three nights there, we did commando, games night and county fair. We had all our meals at the rock except for one lunch and dinner where we had it at the beach. We all had a great time there but were happy to be back with our family (our mothers wouldn't let us go) on Friday, 30 October. We all had great fun!

A big thank you to Mrs Lauenders, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Merrick and all the parents for looking after us and making this possible.

Courtney 5/6C

Cook & Eat Sessions - Last Chance!!

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

A Day At Newcastle Harbour

Yesterday all of Year 2 went to Newcastle Harbour.

Year 2 went on the ferry from Stockton. It was named the Hunter. The trip was rocky.

After we hopped off the ferry we sat on the wharf and we talked about the harbour. We watched the dredge suck up the sand from the bottom of the harbour so the ships could go past and the water would be deeper. We saw lots of boats. Miss Moon took lots of pictures.

Everyone went to the fish co op. next. We split up into 2 groups at the fish co-op and went with 2 guides. We looked at a big tuna. We looked at all the fish and crabs. Everyone looked at the sea animals at the fish co-op. The two groups swapped places in the freezer. We saw fish being filleted. Miss Moon and Mrs Taylor bought some fresh fish and prawns.

A short time later we went to the Maritime centre. We saw the old railway track outside the museum. We saw the real Victoria, a boat that could not sink. Then we saw lots of interesting things including rusty old boats. The man wound up the foghorn. Year 2 saw a scary movie about shipwrecks. We saw lots of model ships at the museum. Out of the big window we saw ships being loaded up. We saw ships getting loaded with coal and wheat.

Last of all we had lunch at the park and then we watched a movie on the bus on the way home.

The harbour excursion was very interesting and exciting. We all want to go back!

Introduction of the Human Swine Influenza vaccine

The pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza (Human Swine Influenza) vaccine is now available through General Practitioners in NSW. The vaccine is available to everyone who wishes to protect themselves against pandemic influenza.

The Department encourages staff to consult with their treating doctor regarding the vaccine. Through vaccination, staff can help to protect themselves and others from contracting the pandemic influenza.

It is important that people at increased risk of severe illness from influenza, and those who care for them, are vaccinated. Included groups are:

- Healthcare workers
- Pregnant women
- Aboriginal people
- People with moderate to severe obesity (BMI>35)
- People with chronic medical conditions including:
 - Chronic kidney or liver or lung disease (including asthma)
 - Chronic heart conditions
 - Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
 - Neurological disorders
 - Metabolic disorders (including diabetes)
 - Weakened or suppressed immune system (may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Community care workers or family carers providing direct care to vulnerable groups
- People living in remote or isolated communities
- Carers of children 0-6 months of age.

As at 9 October 2009, the vaccine is available for adults and children 10 years and over. Once the vaccine is registered for younger children by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, children will also be eligible to be vaccinated.

The World Health Organisation has recommended that the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 strain be included in the annual influenza vaccination next year. The vaccine offered through the pandemic vaccination program covers the pandemic strain alone.

With the continued transmission of Human Swine Influenza occurring within the Australian community, regular hand washing, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and staying at home when unwell are still appropriate measures to encourage amongst staff and students.

The NSW Health website continues to be updated and now provides information about the pandemic vaccine roll out, including information for consumers. The website address is <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu>

NSW Health is preparing resources in other languages, which will be available later this week.

The Department's guidelines to help schools can be located at: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/index.htm>

For further advice on how to manage a situation at your school, please contact the Occupational Health and Safety Directorate on 9266 8958 or email influenza@det.nsw.edu.au

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

Buzz Day Sellers

As mentioned in previous newsletters, many people helped to make our Buzz Day a success. Below is a picture of some of our dedicated sellers.

What's on in November at Singleton Public Library

November 03 Tuesday

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club 1.30pm to 2.30pm Free

Tuesday Evening Book Club 6.30pm to 7.30pm Free

November 04 Wednesday

Storytime 'Music and Dance' 10am to 11am Free

Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

Young Adult Book Club 4pm to 5pm Free

November 06 Friday

Friday Morning Book Club 10.30am to 11.30am Free

November 07 Saturday

Singleton Writers' Group 9.30am to 11.30am Free

November 09 Monday

Monday Evening Book Club 6.30pm to 7.30pm Free

November 11 Wednesday

Storytime 'Cats' 10am to 11am Free

Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

November 12 Thursday

Author Talk Kate Forsyth 6pm to 7pm Free

November 13 Friday

Writing workshop with author Kate Forsyth 12pm to 1pm

Free

November 17

Tuesday Housebound Book Club 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Free

November 18 Wednesday

Bedtime Storytime 6pm to 7pm Free

Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

November 19 Thursday

Author Talk Don Tate 6-8pm \$10 booking fee.

November 24 Tuesday

Bookbeat 6pm to 7pm Free

November 25 Wednesday

Storytime 'Elephants' 10am to 11am Free

Scrabble Club 1pm to 4pm Free

Summer Reading Program begins

November 26 Thursday

Thursday Morning Book Club 10.30pm to 11.30pm

Free

Author Talk Sharyn Munro 6-8pm Free

Singleton Public Library / Bulga Coal Summer Reading Program

25th November 2009 28th January 2010

Sign up - anytime from Wednesday 25th November 2009. It's free! (join the library, it's free too) There are categories for everyone from babies to adults.

Read - it doesn't have to be a library book.

Record - your reading in the log provided.

Redeem - you collect tickets for the reading that you do until Thursday 28th January 2010. Make sure you redeem all your tickets by Monday 1st February.

Prize draw - Friday 12th February 2010 from 4pm at the library. Prizes will be drawn for each category at random. The more tickets you have in the box the more chances to win.

Thanks to our sponsors, we have thousands of dollars of prizes on offer.

Change of Address and/or Bus Number:-

Please complete and return to School Office if at any time you have change of address and/or bus.

Name _____

Class _____ Bus No _____

New Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mum Mobile _____

Dad Mobile: _____ Other: _____

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 School Magazine

ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!

Due to the success of last year's magazine we have produced another one this year. The magazine is a year book which covers sporting events, excursions, special events, class photos and nearly everything that has happened in 2009 at Singleton Public School.

Orders are now being taken (magazine due out early Dec)

Cost is only \$11.00

If you would like to purchase a copy, please return the below order form with money enclosed to your child's teacher by Friday 20th November.

(to avoid disappointment please place an order - only printing what is ordered!)



Please return to class teacher with money by Friday 20th November.

Name Class Qty

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Name Class Qty.....

Total Number of Magazines Total enclosed \$

If paying by cheque please make payable to Singleton Public School