

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 1 Term 4

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### New Fence!

Wow! What a difference a new security fence can make. Over the holidays the new fence was constructed and I am sure you will agree that it is an improvement on the old

fence! The funding for this fence came from the Federal Government under one of the economic stimulus packages. Money well invested in the safety of our children and our property!

There will now be a number of changes to entry to the school once we distribute keys (shortly). During the school day the middle gate on Elizabeth Street will be closed but not locked. It will be opened in the morning and afternoon. The other two gates will remain locked. On the Hunter Street side the main entrance gate at the police station end of the school will be opened in the morning and then remain locked through the day until the teacher comes out on crossing duty. The gates at The Parsonage end of the school will remain open throughout the day. Parents and visitors will be asked to enter and leave the school through these gates. We realise that some parents will have to change their routines, but I am sure you will agree that this is worthwhile for the better safety of our children!

### Exciting News

This term there will be a number of changes to staff because Mrs Bunnemeyer and her husband have adopted a beautiful little boy. Special congratulations to their family. Mrs Bunnemeyer will be on leave and she has been replaced by Mr Thorssell. Mrs Thorssell has been replaced by Miss Hobden, who will continue teaching STLA and RFF along with working in the Special Unit.

### Surprise Visitor

Yesterday we had a lovely visit from a wonderful young lady, Ms Fisher who entertained the children with a lunch time concert. A special thank you to Ms Fisher for dropping in and giving the children an impromptu concert.

### Farewell

Mrs Forbes finished up as canteen supervisor on the last Friday of Term 2. A special thank you to Helen who has worked tirelessly at our canteen for the past two

<b>Friday 23 October</b>	School Fete - children in <b>school uniform</b>
<b>Monday 26 October</b>	After School Sports resumes Mondays and Thursdays
<b>Tues-Fri 27-30 October</b>	Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
<b>Wednesday 28 October</b>	Year 2 to Newcastle Harbour
<b>Thursday 29 October</b>	Year 1 to Newcastle Harbour
<b>Mon-Fri 2-13 November</b>	Intensive Swimming Program
<b>Tuesday 3 November</b>	Second Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Evening
<b>Wednesday 4 November</b>	School Council Meeting 6 pm P&C Meeting 7 pm
<b>Friday 6 November</b>	First band rehearsal for Singleton Town Band Annual Concert at KSPS
<b>Thursday 12 November</b>	Open Morning for Kindergarten 2010 9.30-11.30 am
<b>Friday 13 November</b>	"Aladdin" Pantomime
<b>Saturday 14 November</b>	Singleton Town Band Annual Concert featuring Singleton Public School Band at the Civic Centre at 7 pm
<b>Monday 16, 23, 30 November</b>	Kindergarten 2010 Transition Mornings 9.15-11.00 am
<b>There will be no assembly this week due to School Fete</b>	

This term the school assemblies will start at 2.00 pm. Entry via Elizabeth Street will be through the middle gate near the COLA.

years. Mrs Forbes has given above and beyond and has dedicated herself to the betterment of our school. Thank you Mrs Forbes, it has been a privilege to have you work with us.

### Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Eather who was successful in attaining the position of canteen supervisor. Mrs Eather is a new member of our school community and I am sure that everyone will join me in welcoming her to Singleton Public School as canteen supervisor.

Lynne Montgomery

Principal

*The thing to try when all else fails is again.*

### Canteen Roster - Week 2 Term 4

Mon 26/10/09 -	Mrs Barry, Mrs Cox
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> <b>No lunch orders on Tuesdays</b>
Wed 28/10/09 -	Mrs Gray, Mrs Clements
Thurs 29/10/09 -	Mrs Bell, Mrs Johnston
Fri 30/10/09 -	Mrs Moore, Mrs Brock

### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 2 Term 4

Mon 26/10/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Marcheff Mrs Barry
Fri 30/10/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Knox

### Fete Information

As you will be aware, our annual fete is being held tomorrow. The fete will start at 10 am. The planned stalls are:-

- Kinder - lucky dips, showbags, games
- 1G / 1ZD - lollies / fairy floss / toffee apples
- 1/2V / 2E - bottles
- 2M - teddy bears/soft toys/raffle
- 3E / 3B - cake stall
- 4K - baskets
- 4S - books
- 5LM / 5T - bbq / drinks / Singstar
- 5/6C - trash and treasure
- 6H - haunted house / plants and produce
- 6S - craft stall
- Garage Sale - Mr Kirchen

There will be other attractions including the High School Concert Band who will perform at 12 pm.

**Please note: Children will need to wear school uniform.**

### Parents coming to the Fete

As all teachers will be busy supervising their stalls on Fete Day next term, we recommend that an adult accompany Kindergarten children for their first Fete Day. Teachers will still be supervising all of the children in the playground but they will not have time to help individual children make purchases on the day. Parents are reminded that if they are taking their children home early, they must notify their classroom teacher. Signing them out at the office is not necessary on this day.

### November 8 - Save the Date

Following the success of the last school community BBQ, there will be another one held on Sunday, November 8th from 11am. The purpose of this BBQ will be to welcome new families and students for 2010,

and farewell those families leaving SPS. An invitation is attached to this newsletter.

### 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 will be available in schools from 26 October 2009.**

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

### UNSW Mathematics Competition

Each year parents can nominate their children to participate in a number of the UNSW competitions. From the test the children can receive a certificate of Participation, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

This year the following children received the following awards in the mathematics competition:

Distinction: Julia, Claude, Samuel, Bridget

Credit: Kate, Harry, Andrew, Jacinta, Thomas, Eliza, Samuel, Phoebe, Rizina, Jack, Blake, Charlie, Lachlan, Rachael.

Certificates will be presented at the next assembly.

### After School Sport

After School Sport will recommence on Monday, 26 October.

Day: Monday and Thursday

Time: 3.10 pm - 4.15 pm

Children must be picked up from the COLA gate in Elizabeth Street at 4.15 pm sharp.

Mr Holloway  
Co-ordinator

### Wanted!

Mulch, old hay or woodchips are wanted for the school gardens. Please contact Mr Holloway if you are able to help out.

### Woodchip Spreaders

I would like to publicly thank the boys and girls who helped me this week to spread a vast pile of woodchip. They worked very hard and did a great job to enable the planting of new trees, shrubs and grasses that will be donated by Xstrata Coal next week.

Once again thank you very much - you are awesome!

Mr Holloway



## Aladdin Panto Time!

A reminder that the Aladdin Pantomime will be held on Friday, 13 November at 6.30 pm. The cast have been working extremely hard and it is sure to be a fantastic night. Tickets will be available for sale in the coming weeks. We hope to see you on the night!

## Cook & Eat Sessions

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 overs 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

## Website for parents

A new website is available to help you better understand the reports about your child's and their school's performance in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat these tests in May. We urge you to read your child's report and access the website and if you would like to know more about how your child is performing, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. For more information go to: [www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au](http://www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au)

## Help with 'that' talk

Inevitably your child will want to know where they came from – and more. For a lot of parents this can be an uncomfortable conversation, but help is at hand. There are great books, websites and even telephone help lines to help you have this chat. Read all about it in the latest issue of the School Parents ezine at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine)

## Fruit and Veg winners!

The Cox family were the lucky winners in the Fruit 'n' Veg Week competition held in Term 2. They are pictured below with their very generous prize from McNamaras Fruit Shop.

## Blandford Horse Sports Day 2010

Mark your calendar for Monday, 8 March 2010. This is the date of the 2010 Blandford Horse Sports Day.

## Next PCYC Junior Disco

Theme: Halloween  
For ages 5 to 12 years  
30/10/09 7pm to 9pm  
\$4 Members/\$5 Non  
Fully supervised, prizes to win, canteen open

## SINGLETON JRL

PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday 25th October

King Street PS Hall

Under 6 to Under 11 (10.00am – 11.30am)

Under 12 to Under 16 (11.30am – 1.00pm)

Free BBQ for all players



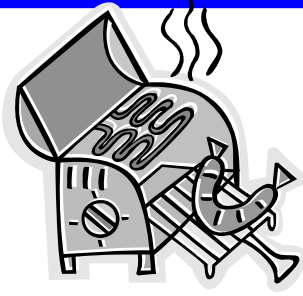
### PLEASE NOTE Term dates are as follows:

Term 4 - Mon 19/10/09 - Fri 18/12/09

Term 1 - Wed 27/1/10 - Thurs 1/4/10

Kinder 2010 will start on Monday, 1 February

***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.***



# Family BBQ

Bring your family, your deck chairs and hats and have some fun as we

***WELCOME*** families of new students enrolled for 2010, and  
***FAREWELL*** families who are moving on at the end of 2009.

Sausages, bread and sauce will be provided and cans of drink will be available for purchase.

There will be sports equipment for all and craft activities for the junior students.

Date: 08/11/09

Time: 11am – 3pm

Where: Singleton Public School Playground

Cost: \$2 per person OR \$5 per family



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*RSVP with money to the school office by Monday 2/11*

**Yes, we will be there!**

**Family name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of People attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I can help cook the sausages**