

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 9 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

24 SEPTEMBER 2009



### School Starting Time

Our official school starting time is 8.40am. We cannot provide supervision for any student prior to this time. Understandably there will possibly be teachers on the

school premises prior to our official starting time, but there is no guarantee that there will be any staff here. Sometimes teachers like to arrive at work earlier than their official starting time at 8.40am, but there is no compulsion for them to be here any earlier than this. At 8.40am teachers are rostered morning duty and begin supervising children. We ask that if children arrive around 8.40am and there are no children playing in the playground, they sit on the seats next to the library where the teacher on duty is able to pick them up to go to the playground for morning play.

### Lunch Orders

We have a lot of children who arrive at school and go straight to the playground, even if they have a lunch order. As a result, the children then go to the canteen to put in their order after the bell-they are missing important school time! Over a period of time, they can miss quite a substantial amount of learning. If you send your child to school with a lunch order, please assist us by stressing the importance of putting their order in when they first arrive at school. It also helps if you can send the lunch order in, already written up on a paper bag. (These are cheaply available from the supermarket.) The canteen price list is also available to parents on the school's website. Otherwise your children can often spend time standing around waiting while lunch orders are being taken. If a child forgets to put their lunch order in, it is not always possible for the canteen workers to make up their required lunch (they may not have the time or the necessary ingredients). In this case, your child will get a vegemite sandwich.

Mrs Montgomery  
Principal

*One can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.*

Friday 25 September	K-2 Singleton Show Visit
Monday/Tuesday 28/29 September	Young Teen Talk Year 6 only
Tuesday 29 September	Fete Meeting at 9am in the Parsonage
Friday 2 October	Last day of Term 3
Monday 19 October	First day of Term 4 for students and staff
Wed-Thurs 21-22 Oct	School Photos
Friday 23 October	School Fete
Monday 26 October	After School Sports resumes Mondays and Thursdays
Tues-Fri 27-30 October	Year 5 Aussie Bush Excursion
Wednesday 28 October	Year 2 to Newcastle Harbour
Thursday 29 October	Year 1 to Newcastle Harbour
Mon-Fri 2-13 November	Intensive Swimming Program
Tuesday 3 November	Second Kindergarten 2010 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 4 November	School Council Meeting 6 pm P&C Meeting 7 pm
Thursday 12 November	Open Morning for Kindergarten 2010 9.30-11.30 am
Friday 13 November	"Aladdin" Pantomime
Monday 16, 23, 30 November	Kindergarten 2010 Transition Mornings 9.15-11.00 am

**This week's assembly will be hosted by 5LM/5T at 2.20 pm. UNSW English Certificates will be presented.**

### Canteen Roster - Week 10 Term 3

Mon 28/9/09 -	Mrs Barry, Mrs Cox
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> <b>No lunch orders on Tuesdays</b>
Wed 30/9/09 -	Mrs Williams Urgent - another helper needed
Thurs 1/10/09 -	Urgent - NO HELPERS!
Fri 2/10/09 -	Mrs Moore, Mrs Barry

### Uniform Shop Roster - Week 10 Term 3

Mon 28/9/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Marcheff Mrs Barry
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### Wednesday NOT OPEN ON THIS DAY

Fri 2/10/09 (8.30 - 9.30)	Mrs Adam
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### Fete News

With the arrival of this beautiful spring weather our minds turn to the school fete. Class stalls have been organised and people are busily preparing. 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

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

### Fete Meeting

We will have another meeting on Tuesday, 29 September at 9 am in the Parsonage to complete our planning for the school fete.

### Horses Needed

If anyone is able to bring along a pony for rides at the Fete could they please contact the school.

### Kindergarten Fete News

Kindergarten are collecting donations for their lucky dip. All toys and stationary would be greatly appreciated. All items can be left at KH, KP or KM.

### Head Lice

There have been cases of head lice reported within the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and if you suspect anything please see your local pharmacist for advice on the correct treatment. Head lice are a regular occurrence in all schools and are not a problem if treated quickly and efficiently.

### 2010 Kindergarten Enrolment Forms

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2010 should have been handed in to the school office by now. The second information evening for parents will be held on Tuesday, 3 November at 7.00 pm.

### Shoelaces are here!

**Reminder-** Pre-ordered shoe laces will be available for collection from the verandah of the school office on Friday afternoon, 25<sup>th</sup> September, until 3:30pm. Please telephone Mrs Clancy on 65712117 if you wish to make alternative arrangements.

There are still a limited numbers of Laser Laces, Curly Laces, Flatties and Colour tips available but they are selling out fast (200 sold already!). Please leave a sealed envelope with your order and exact money at the school office or telephone Mrs Clancy on 65712117.

Thank you for supporting Singleton Relay for Life.

### Computer skills for parents

Has your child left you behind in the technology stakes? Update your computer skills easily online now with video tutorials and classes, many of which are free. Video tutorials, vodcasts and webcasts are the easiest way to learn about technology because you can watch example tasks being performed on screen while you listen to the explanation.

Get started now at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)

### Whooping cough alert

Whooping cough is serious, with younger children most at risk, but there are steps you can take to prevent getting it. Watch the latest School Parents' vodcast with medical experts giving the low down on this bacterial infection and how a simple immunisation can stop it in its tracks. Go to: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine).

### Young Teen Talk

As part of this school's Personal Development program, Year 6 student have been invited to take part in a presentation called "Young Teen Talk". Young Teen Talk is a multimedia presentation which runs for two 80 minute sessions and is presented by Susie Blackwood. Permission notes were sent home earlier this week.



## UNSW English Results

Congratulations to the following students from our school who obtained the results below in the University of New South Wales English Assessment:-

### High Distinction

- Bridget, Year 6

### Distinction

- Kristina, Year 5
- Blake, Year 5
- Eliza, Year 4
- Thomas, Year 4

### Credit

- Isabella, Year 6
- Tarryn, Year 5
- Rizina, Year 4
- Imogen, Year 4
- Phoebe, Year 4
- Samuel, Year 4
- Drew, Year 4
- Hannah, Year 4
- Jacinta, Year 3
- Andrew, Year 3
- Harry, Year 3
- Kate, Year 3

The certificates will be given out at this week's assembly.

## UHPSSA (Zone) Athletics Carnival Results

Congratulations to the following students from our school who obtained a place at the 2009 Zone Athletics Carnival:-

- Harry, 1st place 8 yr 100m
- Michael, 3rd place 13 yr 100m
- Mark, 3rd place Junior 200m, 3rd place Junior High Jump, 2nd place Junior Long Jump
- Samuel, 2nd place Senior 800m, 3rd place Senior Long Jump
- Cooper, 3rd place Junior Long Jump
- Rhianna, 1st place 9 yr 100m, 3rd Junior High Jump
- Emma, 1st place Junior 800m
- Kristina, 3rd place Junior 800m, 3rd place Junior Long Jump
- Lily, 3rd place 11 yr Discus, 2nd place 11 yr Long Jump, 3rd place 11 yr Shot Put

## Cybercrime

This week Constable Sheree Gray the Police Youth Liaison Officer has spoken to all the children in Years 3-6 about Cybercrime.

The issue of children inappropriately using chatrooms, emails, msn, sms and phone messages is serious with the possibility of long term harm to the recipients of the messages.

If the victim of these messages feels threatened or intimidated then a crime has been committed. "Only joking" is no excuse. There are legal consequences for children over ten years of age as they are deemed to be responsible for their own actions. All messages are able to be traced by police, even those sent privately.

Constable Gray also stressed the importance of children never giving ANY personal details to anyone on the internet. This includes sites such as Facebook.

The implications for parents are huge. Our school will be offering workshops for parents next term. Please keep an eye out for these as we are sure that you will find them valuable.

### 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.

### ***Dates for your Diary in Term 4***

Presentation Day  
Week 8, Tuesday 8 December

Class Parties  
Week 9 Wednesday, 16 December

K-2 Concert  
Week 7 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Singleton Public School Fete

2009

Friday, 23 October

10am- 2pm

**LEGO EXPO**

Free entry for exhibits

## ENTRY FORM

Dear Student Exhibitor

We are holding our second LEGO EXPO in conjunction with the Singleton Public School Fete on Friday, 23 October 2009.

My Own Creations (MOC) LEGO are encouraged, LEGO 'kits' are welcomed for display.

**LEGO ENTRIES**

FREE ENTRY, Entry Forms to Singleton Public School Office by Tuesday, 21 October

**LEGO DELIVERIES**

Thursday, 22 October 8:30am- 9:30am  
2:30pm-3:30pm.

**PRIZES**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> for MOC LEGO in each Stage  
People's Choice Award (MOC and 'kit' LEGO)

**ENQUIRIES**

Penny Clancy 65712117

## LEGO EXPO ENTRY FORM

NAME

First

Surname

CLASS (eg. 6S) \_\_\_\_\_

STAGE:

(circle one) Early Stage 1  
(Kindergarten)

Stage 1  
(Years 1 & 2 )

Stage 2  
(Years 3&4)

Stage 3  
(Years 5&6)

Item No.	Title/Description	Size mm x mm	MOC or KIT
1			
2			
3			

I have read and will abide by the Conditions of Entry

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

Maximum of 3 entries per person

Each entry is limited to a floor size of 400mmx400mm (a LEGO base plate)

All entries must be labelled with Student's Name, Class and Stage and MOC or kit

All items must be stable and secure

*The greatest possible care will be taken of all entries, but no responsibility will be accepted for either the loss or damage to exhibits whilst in Singleton Public School's control*

**COLLECTION OF LEGO**

Friday, 23 October after 2pm or  
Monday, 26 October 8:30- 9:30am, 2:30-3:30pm