



Singleton Heights Public School

Newsletter

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School Calendar

Week
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Date	Events
8/9	Zone Public Speaking Stage 2
9/9	St Caths Netball Gala Day
10/9	Little Joeys / Primary Assembly
10/9	Upper Hunter Public Speaking
10/9	Year 3 & 4 Excursion
11/9	Year 4 Excursion
11/9	Playgroup 9:15am

Week
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16/9	Mari Pizza Lunch
17/9	Little Joeys
18/9	Playgroup 9:15am

DATES COMING UP :

- 25/9/26 - Last day of Term
- 13/10/26 - Students return for Term 4
- 13/10/26 - 23/10/26 - Stewart House

Important message

We ask you please limit messages through our front office for students where possible so as not to interrupt class learning time. Change of plans for afternoon pick up arrangements only please.

Important Reminders

- No teacher supervision before 8:40am so please don't send children too early.

Principal's Report

I would like to remind parents that the school day starts at 8:40am, when teachers come on duty in the playground. Formal lessons start at 9:10am.

We have a significant number of students arriving at school well before the 8:40am bell. These students are unsupervised, and often teachers are asked to interrupt planning time or meetings, to remind students about expectations in the morning, before the supervision time starts. I would appreciate your support in ensuring students do not arrive too early before school starts.

We are going to start trialling a new system of lining up on the number lines in the main COLA, matching a students' grade, so that students aren't arriving unsupervised and playing with games, toys and sports equipment before the bell goes. Thank you for your support with this.

Book Fair



Thank you to the school community for your engagement with our Library Book Fair, which has been open over the past two weeks. We have had almost \$5000 in sales over the fortnight, meaning our school will receive over \$1000 in resources to support our library. Well done, keep your children loving reading!

Canberra Excursion

I would like to thank the staff, parents and students for what was a very memorable excursion to Canberra for Year 5 and 6 last week. There were many highlights, and core memories developed for the students, and it was so good to see the excellent behaviour expectations followed while on such a busy week of learning experiences. The Australian War Memorial was very exciting, with new exhibitions on display, and having students sit in the Senate and House of Representatives at Parliament House will be a lifelong memory for some. On the last day, we visited the snowfield at Corrin Forest and had a great morning of tobogganing and snow play. As principal, I'm not sure why I copped so many snowballs in the back!!



We hope you enjoyed some of the photos on Facebook. Look in the next newsletter for some student recounts of the excursion.

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Father's Day Breakfast

I was so pleased to see so many community members turn up for our Father's Day Breakfast this morning. To coincide it with Jersey Day made for a great atmosphere as we close in on the NRL semi-finals, and our very own Greyhounds have made the grand final again! Thank you to the staff and parents who helped organise and set up on the day. Thank you to the all of our amazing performers who entertained our community. Please check out our Facebook page for some great photos from the morning.

Thank you to the P&C for setting and running our Father's



Day Stall on Tuesday. There are many great little gifts that will be going to Dads on Sunday!

We hope you all have a wonderful Father's Day.

Little Joeys – Kindergarten 2027 Orientation

Our Little Joeys program kicked off last week, and as you are reading this, there will have been two sessions for students starting Kinder at SHPS in 2027.



The Little Joeys program is a 10-week transition for children starting Kindergarten in 2027. It will run on Thursdays, **(the next session will be 10th September)** until Week 5 Term 4, 12th November. Please contact the school to receive information about the Little Joeys program.

In New South Wales, children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July of that year. By law, children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday. To enrol your child online, please follow this link to our school website home page [Singleton Heights Public School](https://www.singletonheightspublicschool.nsw.edu.au) and click on the Enrol Now button. It is as simple as that. Alternatively, approach the office staff for support in getting your child enrolled.

Activities on the horizon:

Zone Public Speaking – Next week, on Tuesday, 8th September (Stage 2) and Thursday, 10th September, (all other stages) our school public speaking representatives will be participating in the zone finals. I would like to wish the following students the best endeavours in their speeches next week.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Muswellbrook South PS – Sadie E and Elijah M

Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) -Muswellbrook South PS – Victoria M and Elkie B

Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) - Kearsley Public School – Tuesday 8th Sept - Emily T and Michelle

Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) - Muswellbrook South PS – Bohdi A and George L

Netball



Our Schools Cup Netball team have headed to Maitland today for their next round in this knockout competition. All the best to the team.

Next Wednesday, 9th September, we will have four teams competing in the St Caths Netball Gala Day. Notes and information have been sent out for this. Mrs Feneley and Miss Manley will be the staff supervising on this day.

Stage 2 Excursion

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be travelling to Sydney next Thursday (Year 3 and 4) and Friday (Year 4) to participate in an excursion related to their history unit of work this term. Students will be visiting The Rocks Discovery Centre and the Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre, with learning connections to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Year 3 students will return home on Thursday afternoon, while Year 4 students will be staying overnight on Cockatoo Island, and participating in activities on the morning of the Friday, before returning to school on Friday. Sounds like an amazing couple of days for the students.

Assemblies

Our next Primary Assembly will be held on Thursday, 10th September.

This will be the last assembly for the term.

The next Infant's Assembly will be held on Thursday, 22nd October, from 2:30pm in the school hall.

Mari Awards

Our Mari Badge pizza lunch is now full for Term 3. All students who have or will receive a Mari Badge before the end of term will be able to celebrate Pizza Lunch next Term. We will host an early pizza lunch Term 4 and another one later in the term, to finish off the year.

Unsafe situations travelling to and from school

I recently received information related to some unsafe adult behaviour in Singleton Heights in our streets. I would like to encourage you to continue to teach your child to recognise and trust their early warning signs. Then, if someone makes them feel unsafe, they should react by using key words like "stop", "leave me alone" or "no", and get away from that person. Once the child is out of danger, they should report what happened to a trusted adult in their personal network or a police officer. Please contact the school if your child ever reports unsafe behaviour on the way to or from school.

Mr Graham
Principal



KB Visual Arts



Kaizyn



Corey



Billie



Maisie



Arlee



Sadie



Sebastian



Archie



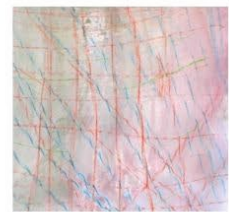
James



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Rocky



Elijah



Matilda



Allise



Brantley

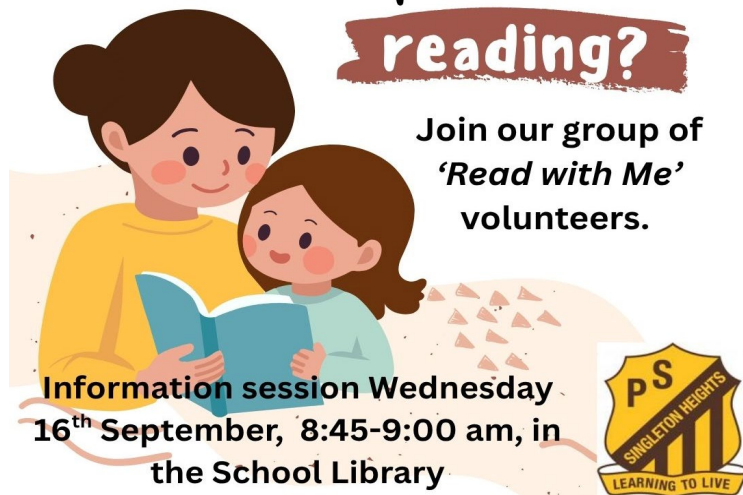
This term KB has been developing their creativity skills through our weekly Visual Arts lessons.

Students have been learning how to use lines, colours and textures to create various artworks such as portraits and continuous line drawings.





Do you have time to help our students practise their reading?



Thank you!

BOOK FAIR

We would like to send out a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair.

The Fair was an outstanding success and exceeded our expectations.

Due to your support, the Library was able to gain valuable additional resources to the value of over \$1500.

We hope the students will enjoy these new selections in the Library.

Attendance Matters

At SHPS, we truly believe that working together with our students and their families is the key to promoting regular school attendance and supporting every child's learning journey. We are excited to continue building this strong partnership with you to help your child embrace all the opportunities that school has to offer.

It's always a joy to see our students in the classrooms, eager and ready to learn. Our dedicated teachers and staff are passionate about nurturing growth and creating meaningful opportunities for every student. Together, we are committed to supporting your child to reach their full potential.

Right now, the whole school community is focused on improving attendance. We are working with students whose attendance is between 85% and 90% and we are encouraging positive attendance to move these students to 90% and above. To promote improved attendance, we are using positive attendance strategies aligned with our PBL incentives.

Your support plays a vital role in helping us build consistent attendance and fostering a strong sense of belonging among our students. Thank you for partnering with us as we work to create a bright and successful future for every child at SHPS.

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