



# Singleton Heights Public School

## Newsletter

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### School Calendar

Week  
10

Date	Events
16/12/25	Year 6 Surf Lifesaving Day
17/12/25	PBL Celebrations/ Class Parties
19/12/25	Year 6 Clap Out
19/12/25	Last Day of Term

Week  
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27/12/26	Staff return to school for Term 1
2/2/26	<b>All Students start Term 1</b>

### DATES COMING UP:

- Swimming Carnival 9/2/2026
- 2026 School Photo Day 16/03/2026

### Are you moving

**We ask that if you are moving or changing schools at the end of year, please let the office know as soon as possible.**

### Important Reminders

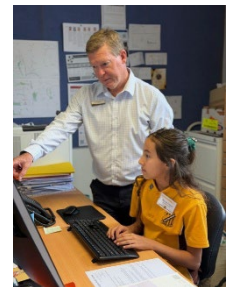
- No teacher supervision before 8:40am so please don't send children too early.

### Principal's Report

As you would be aware, this is our final newsletter for 2025, as the last day of school approaches, being Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for all the donations for our Singleton Neighbourhood Centre Christmas hampers. A great community effort!

Today, I have the pleasure of hosting Jovi M, in Year 3, as the last 'Principal for the Day' for 2025. I look forward to watching Jovi in action, as she performs my duties throughout the day.



It was great to host the last Mari Badge Pizza Lunch on Tuesday last week. We had over 30 students celebrating, and I was also lucky to present several Mari badges to students on this day. Congratulations to the large number of students who received one, and sometimes two types, of our Mari badges this year. A great achievement. Xavier in Year 1 (Year 2 next year) will be the first "Principal for the Day" in Term 1 next year.

Thank you to Mrs Winsor for her work with music students and the school band again this year. The work culminated in a visit to the Singleton Heights Pre-school and Alroy house on Friday, performing for both ends of the life timeline! If you would like your child to learn an instrument in 2026, please contact the office for an expression of interest form.

You may also have been able to catch a glimpse of our mascot, Mari, 'in the flesh' at our recent Presentation Day. Mari will be making guest appearances over 2026, and maybe a special appearance this week, before we break for the summer holidays.

## Presentation Day

Congratulations to all of our award winners from our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Day assemblies last Wednesday. Congratulations, also, to our newly elected 2026 student leaders, including our sports House Captains and Aboriginal Education Team.

Major award winners:

### K-2:

Principal's Award – Samuel J

Citizenship – Leah D

Creative Arts – Ava F

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award – Indianna-Rose V

### 3-6:

Principal's Award – Joseph B

Citizenship – Ella Mc

Creative Arts – Felicity A

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander award – Harloh K

DUX – Joshua S

Sportsperson of the Year: Ruby T

### 2026 School Larders

School Captains – Roy P and Zander P.

Vice Captains – Lily D, Summer J, Isla J and Bohdi A.

100% Attendance 2025 – Brydie M Year 4, Adalyn M Year 4, Elizabeth C Year 4, Nissi B Year 6, David P Year 3 and Marqus P Year 5.

I am including a little snapshot of the opening of my Presentation Day speech from last Wednesday:

When I returned to SHPS this year, my intention was to slowly absorb the culture of this school and to ease my way back into this great school community by observing and finding my way. My intention was not to get slimed, or break my arm, but nevertheless, stuff happens.

What I have been able to observe and absorb I will share with you now.

Here are a few verbs to describe what our students do at SHPS on a daily basis:

Our students deliver, adjust, identify, apply, ask questions, experiment, reflect, record, represent, describe, analyse... and they do it while continuing to uphold our school values of respect, responsibility and excellence every day. And I really mean that they walk the walk around these three expectations for positive behaviour. We have the best students at SHPS!

Our school has a vision statement: Positive Relationships, High Expectations and Authentic Learning. What I have seen, heard and felt this year is as follows:

### Positive Relationships

Looks like: Students and teachers engaging warmly with one another through smiles, eye contact, and open body language.

Sounds like: Friendly conversations, active listening, and respectful dialogue.

Feels Like: Safe, welcoming, and valuing all members of the school community.

### High Expectations

Looks Like: Students actively engaged and focused on tasks that challenge their abilities.

Sounds Like: Constructive feedback aimed at improving performance and understanding.

Feels like: Empowering, fostering a growth mindset among students and staff.

### Authentic Learning

Looks Like: Opportunities for students to explore interests and apply knowledge creatively.

Sounds Like: Students expressing curiosity and ownership of their learning.

Feels like: Empowering students to be active participants in their own learning journey.

### Year 6 Celebrations

I had the pleasure of attending the Year 6 Farewell last Thursday night. It was such a wonderful atmosphere to walk into the main COLA to see families and friends celebrating with their children, in what was a very memorable evening. The students in Year 6 had so much fun and the camaraderie amongst the group was very special.



This week, Year 6 are heading off on their annual Beach Safety Day in Newcastle, on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We will hold a 'Clap out' ceremony for our departing Year 6 students on Friday at 2:50pm, in the main COLA. Please encourage your child, if they are in Year 6, to bring their Year 6 shirt (the blue one) in for signing, as you may want to 'recycle' your child's school uniform, as a donation to the school in future.



## Staff Movements 2026

Mrs Erica Elloy will be taking leave in 2026. Miss Chelsea Drury will be departing SHPS, to pursue her career closer to home. Mrs Rebecca Power will also be leaving SHPS, as her family are relocating. I would like to thank Mrs Power for all her hard work in our school over a number of years. She has been a stalwart for our staff and has a very strong relationship with all students across the school, she will be missed!

Several of our staff will be in part time positions in 2026, so we are actively seeking to recruit several new teachers into temporary positions for next year. I will keep the community posited about these roles as they are finalised.

Ms Huntley will be working in the APCI role five days a week, meaning she won't be committed to a class, rather she will be coaching and mentoring staff and overseeing the regular focus on student growth in reading and numeracy. Mrs Partridge will continue in her role as APCI three days per week.

Our school recently recruited a new Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Emma Kelly, for 2026 and beyond. Mrs Lana Mulholland will be joining our school as the Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) Assistant Principal next year. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Mulholland to the role.

More information will be provided on the Sentral Parent Portal about teachers and grades, but there will be some significant movements of staff across stages and grades, from what they are teaching this year.

## Week 10 Celebrations

Monday – Students in defence families will have an afternoon tea to farewell students leaving, as well as celebrate the year that has been. Stage 3 teachers' planning day.

Tuesday – Year 6 BEACH DAY

Wednesday – All class parties, PBL celebrations and PBL Bingo. THIS IS A MUFTI (out of uniform) DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Thursday – class movements

Friday – class movements, Last Day of School for 2025, Year 6 'Clap out'.

## 2026 Start to School

In Term 1 2026, staff will participate in four Staff Development Days, from Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

All students will start back at school on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

Kindergarten students and families will receive a note stipulating the time that their child will start school, with minor staggering of student arrivals, to avoid a crowded classroom, and to give time for students to settle.

Students in Year 1 to 6 will line up in their class lines from 2025, in the same place they would meet in 2025. Students moving from Year 2 to Year 3, and Year 4 to Year 5, will then be escorted by staff to the new area for them to be allocated their 2026 classes.

## A final word for the year

Thank you to our administration, support and teaching staff for the work you do on a daily basis to improve the social, emotional and academic ability of our students, and to provide supportive customer service. You honestly are the best group of staff to work with and for.

I want to acknowledge and thank our awesome P&C and parents and grandparents, particularly in the work you have done this year to fundraise and also support your children in turning up to the many special events we hold each term and across the year. Your support, no matter how big or small, is appreciated by all of us, in particular your child!

Thank you all for supporting our school community. Together, let us continue to inspire learning, growth, and success for every student in the year ahead.



Mr Graham  
Principal



# Mari has spotted...



Indie C (1F)  
Excellence – Always demonstrating her PBL values at school.




# Mari has spotted...



Arie M (4/5A)  
Respect – Always demonstrating kindness to others.




## PBL Assembly Awards K-2



Class	Name
KC	Ruby G
KH	Elodie B
KM	Luka C
1D	Billy K
1F	Jandi L
1J	Aubrey T
1R	Campbell R
2B	Zara M
2E	Winston P
2H	Charlotte P





**PBL PODCAST**




**PBL Podcast Joke of the Week**

**Week 9**

Why was Cinderella so bad at netball?

A Because she ran away from the ball.  
Summer SS

**Week 9**

What do you call a really smart owl?

A Owlbert Einstein.  
Joslin 4T

Respect

Responsibility

Excellence

[tinyurl.com/SHSPBLPodcast](http://tinyurl.com/SHSPBLPodcast)





**PBL PODCAST**




**PBL Podcast Joke of the Week**

**Week 10**

Why was the dog sweating?

A Because he was a hotdog.  
Liam KC

**Week 10**

Knock knock who's there Santa Santa who You don't know who Santa is?

Audrey 3B

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RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



EXCELLENCE



## Roll up your sleeves, Singleton.

Flex that community spirit and  
get ready to give blood.

12 - 13 January



Look for the big red bus  
Singleton Square  
1 Gowrie Street, Singleton



Book a  
donation ☎ 13 14 95

Life IS THE REASON

## SINGLETON TOWN BAND STARTERS

Did you have fun playing in the  
Combined Schools Band at our Concert?

### STARTERS IS FOR YOU

The Starters group is open to all  
who are just starting on their musical journey.  
Whether with their first ever instrument  
or a new addition to their musical repertoire!

**Brass, Woodwind and Percussion  
ARE ALL WELCOME  
with little to no experience required.**

Our rehearsals are a time  
to have a go, develop musicianship,  
challenge and encourage each other to the next level.

Even if you've never played in a band before,  
come along and have a go!  
We're here for the love of music  
and the community that it brings!

**No matter how young or old, all are welcome!**  
**Contact us to let us know you'll be there!**



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BRIGHT START  
**KIDS CLUB**  
JAN 13<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>,  
20<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> 9 AM - 3 PM

ACTIVITIES:

- SOCIALISING
- ARTS & CRAFT
- GAMES

AGES 6-16

7/11 ELLSMERE AVE, MCDUGALLS HILL 2330 0431544949 WWW.BRIGHTSTARTSUPPORTS.COM

#AOKIDS  
**Holiday Tennis**  
for kids 4-16 years

Camp 1	Camp 2	Camp 3
Mon 22/12 Tues 23/12	Tues 13/1 Wed 14/1 Thurs 15/1	Tues 20/1 Wed 21/1 Thurs 22/1

8:30am to 11:30am  
\$39/day or \$100 3 consecutive days  
(applies only for camps 2 and 3)  
Book online  
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