Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Singleton High School. I am sure your children had a great holiday and they are looking forward to enjoying their high school experience. We hope new students to the school and our Year 7 students have quickly settled into the routine and culture of Singleton High School. I would also like to welcome our returning students back to the school.

To appreciate how quickly our students ‘settled’ into their school routine, the whole school held an assembly in the school’s Multi-purpose Centre. It was amazing the see our students so proud of their school in uniform and standing and singing our national anthem. As Principal of your school it always gives me a great deal of pride to stand and address the assembly with all students in uniform.

I have also held a number of meetings with our senior body, about their role in the school community. I have stressed the need for a strong work ethic and being role models for our junior students in the playground. Also, the image they create in the community by being respectful and wearing their uniform with pride. Early in the term my staff will be ensuring our senior students are in correct uniform. This also includes correct footwear. Students who disregard these simple uniform rules may be sent home.

The school’s swimming carnival also provided our school with the opportunity to promote school spirit. It was very pleasing to see our staff, SRC and senior students encouraging house pride. I would like to congratulate our sports’ organisers, Liam McKechnie and Emma Redgrove for their excellent organisation of this carnival. Congratulations to the students of Elliot House for becoming the champion swimming house in 2013.

Last week the school recognised the achievements of our Higher School Certificate students for 2012. Students who received Band 6 in 2 units and Band 4 in 1 unit subjects were recognised. Students who improved on their assessment performance in their exam were also acknowledged. I would like to congratulate Brittany Long on being awarded the Peter Murphy Memorial Award.

At the start of the year I usually give our community the school’s staff changes. However the school is yet to determine our teaching staff. We have a number of vacancies and staff on leave. In the next newsletter I will give a comprehensive report of our staffing changes.

Our canteen provides an excellent menu for students and we would appreciate any voluntary assistance in the running of this facility for our students. If you have any time to spare please make yourself known to our canteen coordinators Tracey and Donna, or simply ring the canteen on 02 6572 2373 or 0468 467 471 your help would be appreciated.

The hard work of volunteers allows us to provide excellent nutrition at reasonable prices to all our young people. Additionally, the school canteen makes a significant contribution to the educational resources in the school through the P and C. Don’t forget working in the canteen provides you with the opportunity of meeting the mums and dads of Singleton High School, a great social experience.

Singleton High School is constantly looking at continuous improvement in our students’ learning, in providing better facilities by working as a whole school community in partnership with our parents. I am sure these needs will be addressed, and our school will go forward in 2013.

Tony Jarrett
Principal

Excellent Ambassadors

Dear Ms Cowmeadow

Mirranda and Hanna left from Japan yesterday. I suppose that Mirranda and Hanna have already reached Singleton.

I have to thank you for having sent your excellent students to Takahata. Everyone in Takahata High School felt sad to say goodbye, but Mirranda and Hanna have provided us with a lot of good memories and good experiences. We appreciate that we could learn many things from the. We all hope they will be able to keep contact with us.

Thank you again for having sent them to our school and thank you for everything.

Tanaka, Masaru
Takahata High School
Singleton High School is proud to have the opportunity to offer the parents of student’s **free** access to information on their children via an individualized portal to the schools online record keeping system. The portal to our Millennium system will give you **daily updates** on each of your children through one access point. Information can be accessed real time. As information is entered at the school level it is available to you through the parent portal.

- **Classes** (subjects / courses studied at Singleton High)
- **Timetable** (Day to day information relating to subject, period, teacher and room)
- **Mark book** (Every assessment task result and relative position within the course for that task)
- **Reports** (Access to Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports as they are entered by teachers)
- **Attendance** (Daily information relating to whole day absence, justified reasons for absence and identified occurrence of truancy)
- **Register** (Information that lets you know if your child has had a behavior incident, student recognition, student intervention, administrative action, etc recorded and the date on which it was actioned)

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**Return Slip:**

To receive your e-mail containing your login details to access portal information relating to your children simply complete the return slip below. Parents may be contacted to verify e-mail addresses.

The names of my children enrolled at Singleton High School are:

1: __________________________________________

2: __________________________________________

3: __________________________________________

A contact telephone number to verify these details is: __________________________________________

My e-mail address is listed accurately below: __________________________________________
Welfare Faculty News

I would like to welcome all students to Singleton High School and extend that welcome to parents/caregivers. The Welfare Team have a lot of great opportunities available for the young people of our school community. We look forward to working closely with students and community to ensure a safe, happy and productive year in education is had by everyone in 2013.

The Welfare team work very hard to provide a supportive, caring environment that helps build resilient young people. With this aim in mind Singleton High is proud to present several unique learning opportunities for both students and parents/caregivers. Programs and workshops will also be run throughout the year on such topics as Cyber Bullying and Surviving Adolescence. It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Year Advisers for 2013 to you.

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Anytime you feel that your student is uncomfortable at school or needs a little more support to ensure their time spent at school is enjoyable please contact the relevant year adviser. They are always obliging and happy to be of assistance. If you require a meeting please ensure you ring the school and make an appointment as this allows the year adviser to be prepared for a successful meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

As we enter the second week of the school year it is very pleasing to observe that the majority of our student population is wearing full school uniform with pride. The wearing of school uniforms by students assists the Singleton High School community in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community,
- developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community,
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit,
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities,
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity,
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment,
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school,
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education, and
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

The uniform at Singleton High School is noted in the table below. The uniform provides for both cold and hot weather wear. Each day, students can choose from the listed uniform items to suit conditions and personal preferences.

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If you have any questions regarding uniform please do not hesitate to call the school. If your student is temporarily unable to wear appropriate uniform please provide a note that explains this, to the roll call teacher.

Kathleen Ballard, Head Teacher Welfare
P&C Federation, Student Injury Insurance.


An application form can be obtained from the main office of Singleton High School along with an information sheet.

For more information regarding our Student Injury Product please visit our website www.pandc.org.au (click on to ‘Services’ then ‘Insurance’) where you can access the Financial Service Guide, Product Disclosure Statement and Policy Wording.

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact myself Ela Comertpay on email insurance@pandc.org.au or phone 1300 885 982.

Regards
Ela Comertpay Insurance
P&C Federation

Mobile Phones, MP3, 4.
(All mobile devices policy)

Purpose:
- To protect the Work Health and Safety of staff and students in the school,
- To reduce disruptions to lessons and school organisation generally,
- To limit bullying, harassment and other anti social behaviour among students, and
- To restrict theft and loss of mobile phones/MP3.4 players (mobile devices)

Expectations:
- Singleton High School recognises that many students bring their mobile phone/MP3,4 players (mobile devices) to school for a number of valid reasons,
- Students will have and use their mobile devices/players at school only within these guidelines,
- Parents and students will retain responsibility for all mobile devices/players brought to school, other than those confiscated by staff, and
- Students will not arrange to leave the school during school hours using their mobile phones, normal school procedures will apply. Pass outs are obtained from the main office prior to school and during breaks. Parents will not arrange for their students to leave the school by calling the student’s mobile phone. Phones with video/photo functions are not to have any material that could be considered an invasion of individual privacy, capable of being a source of embarrassment to any member of the Singleton High School community, or pornographic or offensive.

We are aware that at times due to a family medical emergency or a dire family situation it is necessary that your child maintain access to their mobile phones throughout class times.

Our mobile phone policy requires a signed and dated note from a parent/guardian stating the time frame necessary.

Ms Kathleen Ballard, Head Teacher Welfare

Welcome Year 7, 2013 Student Parents and Guardians!

The year has begun well with most students settled into their classes and starting the work for the year. We had the swimming carnival on Wednesday and it was great to see so many Year 7s swimming and cheering on their house. Well done everyone!

There are a few programs coming up in the next few weeks to put in your calendars. These include:
- World of Maths – Monday, 11 February ($6 pay at the main office);
- Cyberbullying Workshop - Wednesday 13 February (Remember parents/guardians are welcome to attend but please book a place beforehand with Ms Kath Ballard);
- Rock and Water – 13 February – 10 April (One class a week will attend on Wednesday mornings);
- Peer Support – 19 February – 7 May (Each week the classes work with their buddies from Year 10);
- Year 7 Camp – 4-6 March (at Morisset Active Education Centre; $250 to be paid at the front office) and
- Year 7 Vaccinations – 7 March.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you all. Please contact us on 02 6571 1199
Ms Ren Barnett and Mr Nathan Jones
Year 7 Year Advisors

Years 11, 12 and Parents – A date for your diary.

Coal Services Health is hosting a Drug & Alcohol Information evening to discuss the dangers and side effects related to drug & alcohol consumption.

This evening is a response to parent inquiries about how they can detect or recognise if their children are consuming illicit drugs. With the growing concern of synthetic Cannabinoids and how readily available they are we feel that education is at the forefront to inform individuals of the dangers associated with the consumption of these products.

All Year 11 and 12 students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend.

One of the guest speakers will be a youth liaison officer from the NSW Police.

The presentation will take place at the Singleton Youth Venue on 19 March 2013.

The intention of the presentation is to provide up to date information on drug and alcohol use and the related health associated with drug and alcohol use. We will have a slide presentation and workshops. A light supper will be provided at the end.

Elizabeth Bate
Deputy Principal
Home Economics Report

What a way to start the year, a busy schedule and enthusiastic students and staff.

We have had some changes in our staffing with Miss Myree Ribbons taking some leave to take up a position at Gloucester High School. We will miss Miss Ribbons’ wonderful smile and enthusiasm as well as her work and friendship within our faculty. We will be happy for her return in semester 2 2013. We wish her all the best and are pleased she was able to locate closer to her family.

Our replacement for Miss Ribbons is Miss Brianne Balfoort from Merewether High School. We welcome her to our school and wish her all the best for a wonderful start at a great school.

I would also like to thank and wish all the best to Miss Rachelle Thompson/Hoskins who has been a long term casual in our faculty. She has been wonderful and we wish her all the best in her return to the PD/H/PE faculty. Mr Daniel Mead from Glendale High will be taking Mrs Hoskins place and we wish him all the best in his new position at Singleton High School.

We have started all our classes with our students full of energy after the Christmas break. We hope this continues for the rest of the year. All classes have specific requests for equipment to ensure all students are prepared for all lessons. This includes the following for all practical home economic classes

- A4 size display folder,
- An A4 size booklet for theory lessons,
- A4 plastic sleeve for assignments,
- Enclosed black leather shoes,
- Container for practical lessons,
- All aprons/tea towels are supplied for WH&S purposes, and
- Payment of course fees by end of Term 1 2013, to enable us to finalise our budget and reduce problems at the end of the year. Invoices will be sent out soon from the school and payments can be made at the main office. Any problems with regard to payment please contact Head Teacher Welfare during school hours so we may be able to assist and organise a payment plan.

REMEMBER HOSPITALITY CLASSES have specific requirements. Please see class sheets.

We welcome all new students to our faculty and wish everyone a great 2013 full of great learning experiences.

Tracey Holloway
Head Teacher, Home Economics.

Can you help?

The library will be starting up a chess competition soon; if you have any pre-loved chess sets to give away it would be much appreciated.

Welcome Year 7 Students and Parents/Guardians to Japanese 2013!

In Japanese this year, Year 7’s will be learning about things like greetings and farewells, family and pets, school life, manga and anime, food and drinks, J pop, fashion as well as sports and hobbies. Already students are saying hello and saying their name in Japanese. Well Done!

They will be tested on their listening, speaking, reading, writing and cultural understanding.

Assessment includes:

- 10% Class participation and homework (All year)
- 20% Listening to Japanese (Term 1, Week 4)
- 10% Persuasive Text (Term 1, Week 9)
- 20% Speaking in Japanese (Term 2, Week 4)
- 20% Reading Japanese (Term 3, Week 5)
- 20% Writing Japanese (Term 4, Week 7)

Students are expected to complete 10-15 minutes of homework every night just to learn their Japanese words and phrases. They may need to do extra if there is an assignment due. Students will also need an A4 display folder to put their assessment tasks as they complete them.

Ms Cowmeadow and Ms Barnett
Language Faculty

Dancers Perform

Our Aboriginal dancers performed at Singleton Council chambers on Monday, 4 February 2013 in front of Singleton Mayor, John Martin, General Manager Lindy Hyam and other councillors to mark the historic occasion of the first Welcome to Country delivered at a Singleton council meeting.

Students from our Aboriginal dance group Banda-ra, (meaning many kangaroos) from Years 8 and 10 performed for 20 minutes and finished with a Didgeridoo solo and a brief explanation of the history of the Didj by Year 10 student, Blake G.

Our students were accompanied during the performance by their dance teacher, Adam Drylie. The students put in a huge effort and a lot of enthusiasm and certainly did their mentors, teachers and parents proud on this historic occasion.
Singleton Library
Term 1 events.

Student library event planners
The library’s seeking high school students interested in planning and staging events such as band nights, holiday workshops, fashion shows and art events. They’ll also on occasion be able to select library stock such as manga comics and have input into the selection of gaming equipment. It’s an opportunity for students to express their creativity and to develop their leadership, citizenship and event management skills.

First meeting 4.00pm Wednesday, 20 February. Pizza and drinks provided.

Library scriptwriting workshops; for budding writers and actors
The Library will be running a series of three scriptwriting workshops for high school students. Those interested in both writing and performing are invited to attend these workshops, with the intention of staging a play at the Youth Venue later in the year. No experience in acting or script writing is necessary; those interested need only bring their enthusiasm and ideas. The workshops are free and will be facilitated by renowned local scriptwriter John O'Brien, creator of the ABC TV series Fireflies. He’s also written for such shows as Water Rats, MDA and Rush.

First workshop, 4.00pm – 7.00pm Friday, 1 March.

Travelling Chemistry exhibition: Material futures
A travelling exhibition sponsored by Questacon. Rising demand and changing needs require new and improved materials which save time, energy and resources. Material futures examines 8 topics including: The use of light metals, carbon fibres, optical fibres, a greener footprint for concrete, metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), chemically diverse magnetic materials, liquid crystals (LCDs) and the use of lightweight foams.

At the library from Tuesday, 5 March to Thursday, 28 March.

Space Historian
Scott Pooke is a Space-Flight Historian and has been collecting and researching spaceflight history since the age of 12 including 6 extended study and research tours of the United States. He presents space related programs to school community, media and corporate groups around Australia and is a regular guest on ABC radio in Melbourne and Hobart. Scott will speak on the history of space flight for primary students 11.00am - 12.00pm and secondary from 1.00pm-2.00pm on Friday, 22 March.

Writing workshop
There is a 6 hour workshop on the editing and revision process for writers of narrative fiction and non-fiction. Laurel Cohn a professional and experienced editor will facilitate the workshop. Participants are asked to bring a 15,000 word extract from the draft of their manuscript, preferably the opening as well as a synopsis of their manuscript (up to 250 words).

9.30am -3.30pm, Saturday, 23 March.

Your Tutor
This is an online classroom where students in Years 4-12 are connected to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions. No bookings are required; students just need to be library members. Documents can be emailed to tutors and problems worked out online using a shared whiteboard. Available 4.00pm-8.00pm, Monday to Friday.

If teaching staff are interested in group demonstrations please contact the library.

For more information or bookings please contact Singleton Library on 02 6578 7500, library@singleton.nsw.gov.au or visit the website www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au

Singleton Junior Soccer Club.
Invites all new and returning boys and girls to come and register for the 2013 season.

TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION DAYS
AT CLUB SINGLETON (William St)

Two days only Saturday, 16 February & Sunday, 24 February 10:00am to 4:00pm

Come and register your team (U6-U11 only) or as an individual. Player Registration Fees:
- Under 6 – Under 7: $80.00
- Under 8 – Under 11: $100.00
- Under 12 – Under 18: $120.00

New players are most welcome and must bring along a photocopy of their birth certificate. Players must be turning 5 years of age in the 2013 calendar year to play.

For further information please contact:
- President Mick Dean 0417 252 354
- Secretary Gaylene Poke 0459 784 058
- Registrar Mick Croucher 0400 563 410

Note that registration with FFA MUST be completed on line by all players prior to registering with SJSC. Go to: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Full registration details, instructions and registration forms are available on the club website.

www.sjsc.sportingpulse.net

Defence News.
Hi everyone.
Welcome back to the start of the New Year.

It’s great to see all our ‘old’ Defence students and the smiling faces of all our new Defence students. WELCOME to Singleton High you will have a great time and meet new people and learn so much.

Welcome to the Mums and Dads also, I hope you have all settled into your new homes and routines.

Soon I will put on a welcome morning tea for you and your families to introduce you to other defence students in the school. I will be sending notes home soon.

I am here at the School for the Defence students and here to help them with everything from settling in to after school activities. I am also here for the parents if you have any concerns. I would also like to ask if you could inform me if there are changes at home e.g. deployments.

If there is anything else I can help you with I am available at the school Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.00am - 2.30pm. Please call the school office 02 6571 1199.

I look forward to meeting you all. Have a great time in Singleton and have a fantastic day.

Tracey Jones
Defence Transition Mentor
**SHS Canteen - Term 1 and 4**

**Hot Food**
- Nuggets (5) $2.00
- Sausage Roll $3.00
- Meat Pie $3.50
- Chicken Burger $4.00
- Beef Burger $4.00
- Sweet Chilli Wrap $4.00
- Pizza Rounders $2.50
- Sauce $0.30
- Salad Dressing $0.30

**Rolls**
- Chicken and Lettuce Roll $4.00
- Beef and Pickles $4.00
- Salad Roll (No Meat) $4.00
- Salad Roll (With Meat) $4.50

**Sandwiches**
- Chicken and Lettuce $3.80
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $3.50
- Egg and Lettuce $3.00
- Curried Egg and Lettuce $3.00

**Tubs of Salad**
- Salad $5.00
- Salad (with chicken or ham) $6.00
- Fresh Fruit Salad $3.00

**Meal deal**
- Salad sandwich, small juice and fruit $3.00

**Specials**
- Hot Dogs $3.00
- Chicken Caesar Wraps $2.50
- Nacho Dippers $4.00
- Fried Rice $4.00

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**Summer Menu 2012-13**

**Drinks**
- Large Flavour Milks 600ml $4.00
- Small Flavour Milks 375ml $3.00
- Plain Milk 600ml $3.00
- Large (100%) Juice $3.00
- Small (100%) Juice $2.00
- PowerAde $2.00
- Aroona 350ml Flavour Drinks $2.50
- Play Water $2.50
- Screw Top Bottled Water $2.00
- Litre Pop Top Bottled Water $3.00
- Cans of Drinks $2.50
- Dare Ice Coffee $4.00
- Slushies $2.00

**Snacks**
- Large Packet Pretzels $2.00
- Red Rock Deli Chips $1.00
- Smiths Chips $1.00
- Jumpy Chips $1.00
- Muffins/Finger Buns $2.00
- Bacon & Cheese roll $2.00

**Ice Blocks**
- Zooper Dooper $0.50
- TNT Sour Pops $1.00
- Lemonade Twist $1.00
- Icy Poles $1.00
- Paddle Pops $2.00
- Frozen Yogurts $2.00
- Paddle Pop Shakes $2.50

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We need your help in the SHS Canteen. Could you volunteer one day a month or even just a few hours?
Please phone: Tracey or Donna on 02 6572 2373

Check the canteen for daily specials

**Canteen Help**
Donna and Tracy are looking for new volunteers to join their small but lovely group of helpers at the canteen.

We have opened up a new timeslot of 9-12 which we hope will be more appealing and encourage busy parents to come and help.

If you are interested please phone Donna or Tracey on 02 6572 2373 or 0468 467 471.
The Welcoming Committee Singleton.
I am writing on behalf of The Welcoming Committee - Singleton NSW (TWC).

TWC was formed as an avenue for new people in Singleton to meet other locals and make friends. Our goal is to connect people and hopefully reduce the rates of depression caused by loneliness and isolation in Singleton. We started in February 2012 with about 30 members and currently have 421 members with more being added every week. We started as a group for women but have now opened our events to include men. A Welcoming Committee Facebook group has also been formed in Cessnock under our guidance. We are hopeful that other mining and/or ARMY towns will use our model to the benefit of their towns.

As you would be aware, MANY new people arrive in our town each year - especially during the Christmas holidays and at the start of the new school year - I am wondering if you would be willing to place the attached advertisement into your school newsletter for the next month or so?

For more information please call me on 0416 124 665.

Please let me know if there is a cost involved. We are entirely run by volunteers and have no budget at the moment but we can see what we can do.

Kind regards,
Rachel Furniss