Welcome back to Term 4. It is one of our busiest terms. At first glance at the staff calendar we have to congratulate Mr Tony Jarrett, Mr Mark Dyball and Mr Tim Horstead for their dedication to education, excellence in learning and vision in leadership. Our students have been served exceptionally well and enjoyed their company. All have now moved to the world of retirement and our best wishes go to them.

In the last week of Term 3 the preliminary students completed their final examinations and moved to the HSC courses early this term. They are to be inducted as seniors on Friday 17 October at their Well Done Assembly.

The final assembly for Year 12 2014 was a wonderful one. The audience of parents and friends plus students and staff could only applaud the efforts of the year group. They conducted the assembly with dignity, respect and humour. One grandfather who had travelled a distance to see his granddaughter graduate complimented the school, for the welcoming feeling, the warmth of respect toward students, parents and visitors as well as the manner in which the outgoing cohort celebrated the occasion. Congratulations to all involved and especially Year 12 2014.

Year 12 commenced their HSC on Monday 13 October. When I spoke with them at the Civic Centre they were confident and a little nervous. All candidates arrived on time and were engaged when I left the centre. As a school community we wish them every success. This term we are moving in the direction of the yearly examinations and reporting process; setting up the Strategic Direction for 2015-17; analysis of programs 2014; preparation for the commencement of 2015 school year.

It was a privilege to have Gareth Nichols, Year 12 2001 visit our senior students on Wednesday. Gareth told his story of being a Singleton boy growing up, attending Singleton High and how over time he arrived at becoming a Mechanical Engineer and a Winter Olympian. Gareth spoke at length about how he came to be a Bob Sled team member. Gareth is an impressive young man and we are keen to have him return over the next year.

Other wonderful activities to have occurred so far this term are: the Meeting of the Minds Challenge; hosted by SHS and participated in by our feeder primary schools. A wonderful display of talent was on show and congratulations to Mt Pleasant PS in taking out the overall prize. The Max Potential Program for Year 10/11 information session re personal development was conducted on Thursday. Clubs NSW conducts this program and it is highly sort after as it lays strong foundations for future career and community paths.

Ian Skilton, Principal (Rel)
Singleton High School Welfare News
Welcome back to Term 4. The Welfare Team look forward to the busy term ahead as we support our students in preparing for their yearly examinations and helping them celebrate their 2014 successes.

**End of Year Excursions**
The Welfare Team are in the process of finalising end of year excursions. These excursions provide each year group to not only build upon their positive and supportive relationships within their cohort but also be rewarded for a fantastic year of schooling. For students to participate on these excursions the payment of their school fees is required. Payment of school fees can be made at the front office at recess or lunch breaks.

**Uniform**
Our school community takes pride in the fact that we are a uniform school. We acknowledge that difficult circumstances may sometimes hinder a student’s wearing of correct uniform. Our school has support in place to provide assistance to those who may require it. As we approach the end of the school year and as your child grows and/or transitions into the senior years I would like to encourage the donation of pre loved uniform. Please see either myself, or Tracy in the canteen. Thank you.

**RUOK Day?**
On Thursday 11 September a large selection of staff helped promote ‘RUOK Day?’ by wearing the bright yellow shirts. This assisted in spreading the simple message of taking the time to ask someone if they are OK which in turn can encourage a conversation that may indeed help a person in need.

Dayna Cowmeadow, Head Teacher Welfare (Rel)

Year 7 Advisor News
Welcome back to the final term of 2014!!!
On Wednesday 10 September, Year 7 participated in the Adidas Fun Run held at Rose Point Park. The day was a great success with great weather and lots of fun had by all. A big thank you must go out to the PE faculty for organising this fabulous event and well done to all those who took part.

This term is already shaping up to be a very busy one with exams fast approaching. All Year 7 students will be completing yearly examinations during Weeks 4 and 5. Exam schedules will be handed out in the near future. If any student is unable to complete an exam on the specified date they must see their classroom teacher, complete a misadventure form and organise to sit the exam at an alternate time. If there are any concerns regarding the completion of exams please contact year advisors or class room teachers.

Just a heads up - the Year 7 end of year reward excursion will take place towards the end of this term. It is anticipated that Year 7 will spend the day enjoying a movie at Rose Point Cinemas as well as spending lunchtime together. The details of this excursion, including cost, are still to be organised however all school fees, including any outstanding payments for the Year 7 camp, must be paid in full prior to participation in the reward excursion. More details will follow later in the term.

Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Mullen, Year 7 Advisors
Technology Faculty

Mr Bonelli’s Year 7 Term 3 Technology class displaying their electronic flashing signs.

Meeting of the Minds

Meeting of the Minds is a GATS initiative which was presented by Year 10 Orien on Wednesday 15 October 2014.

It was managed by the students for Enrichment Day for students from all the feeder primary schools. It consisted of six rounds and the overall winner of the event was Mt Pleasant Public School. Thanks to Year 10 and to Mrs Mullen for her excellent organisation and to Mr Mead and Early Stage 6 Hospitality for the catering on the day.

Mrs Holloway

Year 12 Major Works

Sean P completed a restoration of a ride on lawn mower as a replica of an International Harvester Tractor.

Joselin McK
multi coloured dress

Brittany W
Blue Cushion

Tanna W
Screen
Quilt
Tayla P
Futsal

Darcie B is going to be wearing the green and gold when she departs for Spain in November to compete in the Australian Under 15’s Women’s Futsal side.

She will travel to Barcelona for three weeks which will include some top coaching from the world’s best players, touring the famous Nou Camp and watching the Barcelona FC team at work whilst playing in the tournament against the best in her age group.

When Darcie arrives home, she will be then preparing to play in the Australian National Championships in January 2015 and is hoping for another successful season there.

Equestrian

During August Tameeka W riding her horse ‘Woodburys Lost in the Memories’, attended the Hunter Valley Grammar School’s horse sports show jumping day. The day proved to be a very successful one for her winning the 1.05m Champion, 95cm Champion, Secondary Showjumping Champion, Showjumping Champion and the Overall Champion of the day. A great effort.

Meanwhile, Jake H of Year 12, represented Australia at the Youth Olympics in China as part of the equestrian team. He competed in the teams and individual showjumping events. Riding a horse he had been allocated, a seven year old mare called “For the Star”, he managed to win a bronze medal in the individual event after having two clear rounds and a rail down in the jump off. Well done Jake and your family.

Bruce Withers, Horse Sports

Singleton town library is currently holding a membership drive with the aim of reaching 10 000 card carrying patrons. All the school libraries in Singleton are getting on board. If you are not already a member of the local public library, please visit today and sign up, if you are already a member, go to their website and see which new services are available.

Martin Gray, Teacher Librarian
Singleton High School Presents

Two Nights only
Thursday 30 and Friday 31 October

Tickets: Adults $15, Students and Concession $10. For best seats book tickets through the front office or buy at the door.
Students from Singleton High School have been selected to compete in the Lake Macquarie International Children’s Games being held in December.

The team are holding a fundraising family night with the help of McDonald’s and hope that everyone can come down and help raise funds with them.

Students selected are: Elliott E, Issac B, James B, Nick W, Noel W, Chantelle S, Maddison B and Emma W.

Singleton High School wishes them all the best in December.
Roster for 2014
Tracy Johnson  on 02 6572 2373

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**PRICE LIST 2014**

Normal Opening Hours:
Monday – 8.30am to 10.00am and 4.00pm to 5.00pm

**Girls’ Items:**
- Skirt – Checked grey 8 - 20 $46.00
- Skirt – Checked grey 22 - 26 $52.00
- Blouse – Blue or White $23.00
- Polo shirt – Blue or White $27.00
- Pants – Navy Hipster $40.00
- Pants - 3/4 $38.00

**Boys’ Items:**
- Polo Shirt – Blue or White $27.00
- Shorts – Grey Longer length $35.00
- Shorts – Grey Longer leg (old style) $25.00
- Shorts – Grey Short leg (elastic waist) $27.00

**PE/Sport:**
- Polo Shirt $27.00
- Shorts – Navy $22.00

**Jumpers – Girls’ and Boys’:**
- Polar Fleece jumper $37.00
- Woollen Jumper 12 - 14 $63.00
- Woollen Jumper 16 - 22 $70.00
- Woollen Jumper 24 – 28 $76.00
- Track suit jacket $50.00
- Track suit pants $30.00

**Other items Girls’ and Boys’:**
- Aprons white or navy $ 8.00
- School Tie $20.00
- Safety Glasses $ 5.00
- Socks (football) $ 8.00

**Second Hand Clothing Available**

**Location:** On the eastern side of the school between MPC and staff common room.

**Parking:** Outside the school grounds and enter through main office gates and sign the visitors’ book at office.

**Payment:** Cash or cheque, EFTPOS and credit card facilities.

The uniform shop would like to thank everyone who has donated second hand clothes. All second hand clothing money raised is donated to the school.
Do you have a spare bed?
Can you welcome an exchange student into your home as a volunteer host family with AFS?

Can you host Airi from Japan?
Age: 16
English: Fair
Interests: Tennis, Playing the piano, skiing and playing the flute

“I decided to study abroad in Australia because living in different cultures makes me broaden my horizon. I will be able to solve a lot of problems from various perspectives by myself.”

Can you host Rafael from Brazil?
Age: 15
English: Good
Interests: Traveling, photography, trekking, swimming, walking

“I'm very curious, I enjoy making new friends and learning about different cultures. I really admire the potential and the life quality of the developed countries, and want to be a part of it.”

Can you host Hanna from Germany?
Age: 17
English: Good
Interests: Music, dragon boating, swimming, Zumba and cooking

“I applied because I want to learn about different cultures, meet people from all around the world, make experiences that will stay with me forever, and of course get much better with my English.”

Somewhere in another country a young person has the opportunity of a lifetime to come to Australia. Imagine that student becoming part of your family.

Each year hundreds of Australian families volunteer to open their home and hearts to an AFS participant. They are rewarded with precious long-lasting friendships.

On February 6, 2015, AFS will be welcoming over 70 students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life and either attend a local high school or volunteer at a local community organisation.

Can your family host one of the above students? If so, we’d love to hear from you!

For more information on how you can become an AFS Volunteer Host Family please contact the AFS Hosting Team:
Phone: 1800 023 982 Email: aus.hosting@afs.org
Website: www.afs.org.au/host