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2014 in Review
Principals Report

Education has been at the forefront of conversations between politicians and in the public arena this year. We at Singleton High School have embraced change, made significant inroads in areas such as literacy and numeracy, Aboriginal education, curriculum development, strategic planning, welfare programs, technology, sporting arenas and in cultural endeavours. One of the key educational changes is the implementation of the Local Schools Local Decisions initiative. This policy enables our school community and the principal to address the learning needs of our students in the best ways possible. With a fairer model for public schools that addresses our school's socio-economic levels, Aboriginality, isolation and our students with special needs and continue to ensure all students have the same educational opportunities. It also has enabled us to provide personnel, support and resources to enhance every child’s learning experiences.

Other initiatives within the DEC reform that have been and will continue to be a part of your child’s future are:

- Great Teaching Inspired Learning
- Rural and Remote Education
- Every Student, Every School
- Connected Communities
- Early Action for Success
- Teaching and Principal Standards
- School Excellence Framework
- Aboriginal Education
- Learning Management and Business Reform
- Australian Curriculum

As this year has progressed the journey we have shared has had a very changing landscape. It is not without notice that there have occurred a number of unprecedented changes in staffing. Whilst the school student population was steady at 1230, staffing from this time last year has seen the retirements of the Principal Tony Jarrett, HT Admin Mr Mark Dyball, Mr Tim Horstead English, and Mr Alan Russell Science (arrived at the beginning of this year, retired and is currently on a contract replacing himself). Other changes have been Deputy Ms Bate who took up the position of Principal at Muswellbrook High School, Mrs Sharon Kenally HT VET, Mrs Judith Hartcher HT Special Education Rel, Mrs Barker HT Science moved to further her career, Mrs Neech History, Ms Joanne Smith Special Education, Mrs Jacqui Simpson transfer.

We welcomed Mr Yates DP, Mrs Strachan, HT Special Education, Ms Clemma Bendeich, HT PDHPE, Mr Mead, TAS, Ms Meagan Smith, History and Ms Maddison Valentine and Mr Don Edwards English, Mr James, Science and Mr Luke Davis Special Religious Education Teacher. The ability of the staff at Singleton High School to adapt, stay focussed and provide a quality of expansive education to our students in such changing times is remarkable. A side note is that of the 19 executive 11 are currently in a relieving capacity.

To add drive, stability and enthusiasm from 2015 Mrs Joanne Gray will be our new Principal. She is passionate about public education, about bright futures for all and community engagement. Please look to meet Joanne in the New Year; a good avenue is through the P & C Association.

I applaud the volunteers who have served our students well. In particular those parents who worked in the canteen and the clothing shop, who have come to school for early childhood classes, participated in learning experiences, been mentors or tutors. All assistance is appreciated at any level, so if you have a few hours spare over a month we could use additional support.

Several areas of progress to mention for 2015 are:

- The Strategic Plan for 2015-17 is in its final touches. Three directions have been formed and they are raising the expectations of students in a 21st Century Learning Environment, have staff that provide personalised quality teaching and to facilitate new and better ways of doing business. These are a result of a collaborative approach between community, parents, students and staff. Mr Hookway and his team are to be complimented for their ongoing work.

The new BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy is to be implemented in 2015. This is a significant document because of its broad ranging implications in a 21st Century learning environment. Thank you to Mr Norris and his team for its concept and development.

Finally I thank you for your ongoing support of public education. It has been an honour to have headed the school this Term. We wish all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Ian Skilton, Principal (Rel)
Semester 2 is drawing to a close and it is time to reflect on the lessons learnt and celebrate the hard work that we have done.

I have just finished reading through the Semester 2 reports for Years 7 and 9 and only recently the Preliminary HSC reports for our Year 12, 2015. It was pleasing to see the large number of students in all these years achieving at such high levels. Almost as importantly, there was also an overwhelming number of teacher comments reporting on students working at their personal best. Congratulations to all of those students who have tried their best and gained their own P.B’s.

The year is now rapidly winding down, but there are still so many things happening. The Year 7 lifesaving course was well attended and it was great to see so many students in the water participating. Many thanks to those supporting staff and Year 9 PASS students who helped with the running of this most valuable course.

Enjoy a well earned Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all, fit and well, at the start of 2015.

Glenn Yates, Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 and 11

We have seen excellent result in our Aboriginal Education Programs in 2014. A special thank you to our Norta Norta teachers who worked with our students resulting in above the state average in the in numeracy and literacy. Thank you to our students who worked very hard and our staff who should be rewarded for their great efforts in this process. Well done to all involved.

Aboriginal student mentors were provided with further training by the Dare to Lead trainer Mr Peter O’Beirne. This resulted in staff gaining further knowledge of mentor training and working with personalised learning plans for our students. Mr O’Beirne made remark on the amazing work being achieved at Singleton High School and the enthusiasm and application that our staff has for their students and how they want to provide the highest level of education.

Farewell to our Year 12 students. It has been an honour to work alongside these fabulous young adults and see them grow over the past six years. It truly shows that they have all achieved their best throughout their schooling due to the great level of experiences the student have had in their public school education. I wish them well in their future, a happy healthy life full of amazing memories and adventures. They have the world at their feet. I encourage them to make the most of what you have and remember you can do anything you set your mind to achieving.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff at Singleton High School. We are very fortunate to have such a great team that enables our large school to run so smoothly on a daily basis. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and without each member the school would not be the great institution it is.

Special thanks to my fabulous Home Economics / Languages and Aboriginal Education Faculty for all your hard work all year. Special mention must be made of Mr Brian Means for his work as head teacher during Term 4.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a very safe holiday and I will see you all again as Head Teacher Home Economics for 2015.

Tracey Holloway, Deputy Principal Years 8,10,12 (Rel)
Formal student reports for Year 7 were produced at the end of Semester 1 and at the end of Semester 2. Year 11 receive a formal end of course report at the end of Term 3. Singleton High School also provides information about a student's progress throughout the year by interviews and meetings. Singleton High School hopes students and parent/carers found this feedback useful and that it provided a basis for discussion at home about your child’s progress.

**Online Parent interviews:** Singleton High School commenced the capacity to book Parent Teacher interviews online via the Millennium Parent Portal.

**Assessment Tasks** are available for download via [https://www.millenniumschools.net.au/portal/](https://www.millenniumschools.net.au/portal/). Assesments appear in the Activities tab two weeks before the due date, which is the same time that students receive their formal notification of assessment task requirements. Other elements such as critical student information, notification information, and marking criteria / guidelines have also been made available to assist. Examinations for obvious reasons were not available until the exam had been completed and catch up period expired.

**Assessment Schedules:** Students are e-mailed a digital copy of their respective assessment Schedule. The document contains a wealth of information about assessment task policy, notification of assessments, assessment calendars, and the appeal procedure for missed or late tasks. It is a must for every student and a great aid for parents to assist their child in mapping and planning to complete tasks effectively. The schedules are available for parents and community members on the School's Parent Moodle [http://web1.singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/] as featured in the full page advertisement in this newsletter.

**Sport Review**
Singleton High School students and staff participated in a review of school sport. Recommendations for 2015 have been made. The first recommendation of moving Year 8 students back into traditional Thursday sport from their current integrated sport model has been made already. Look out to see other improvements to sport as 2015 progresses.

**Shane Hookway, Deputy Principal Strategic planning**
2014 has been a busy year for the Welfare Team. There have been numerous programs that have run successfully in our school across year groups (Seasons for Growth, Be Your Best, Beautiful, Pit Stop, Lift, Motivational Media, Love bites, Peer Mediation and Peer Support). I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the teachers, and outside service providers who have ensured that healthy mental wellbeing of our young people is supported at Singleton High School. The Dental Van was also in our school during the last two weeks of November. This provided students the opportunity to have their teeth checked by a dentist. Approximately 400 students took advantage of this free service.

During the strategic planning process, it was clearly visible how important Year Advisors are in providing student support at our school. I would like to say thank you to the Year Advisors for their hard work in 2014. I also wish Ms Jo Radcliffe (Year 8 Advisor) all the very best in her new adventures beyond Singleton High School.

The Welfare Team are looking forward to the 2015 school year and continuing providing a positive, safe and supportive learning environment for our young people. A focus for 2015 will be on building resilience skills. This creates good mental health which in turn has a positive impact on our ability to achieve in our learning and in our goals. In order to achieve this we will be using Sensibility - a program developed by Beyond Blue.

Congratulations to our students, staff and community on another busy, but successful year at Singleton High School. I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Take care.
Dayna Cowmeadow, HT Welfare (Rel)
Wow – what a busy year we have all had! From the first few tentative days of Term 1 until the last few exhausting days of the year, we can well and truly say that Year 7 have transitioned successfully into life at high school!

Throughout the year we have experienced many great events – from camp to sports days to fundraisers. These events have not only allowed our special cohort to develop friendships that will last for many years to come but has given us the opportunity to interact with the students on a level outside of the classroom environment.

We have watched our little darlings begin their journey into the teenage years with many smiles and laughter as well as a few tears and tantrums (mainly from the Year Advisors!!). We have all grown closer throughout the year and we feel privileged to be a part of this wonderful group.

So the next part of our journey begins in 2015 with the start of Year 8. We hope that we all have an equally great year as we have had this year.

We wish all our beautiful, wonderful darlings and their families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to continuing our journey together next year.

Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Mullen, Year Advisors

For your viewing pleasure, here are the following happy snaps from Year 7 2014 – we hope you enjoy!
Year 8 Report

Congratulations Year 8 on yet another fantastic and successful year. Well done to all of you for your hard work and efforts. It has been really great to see your many academic achievements as well as extra-curricular involvement such as sporting and cultural events.

Year 8 have been involved in many programs this year including Tommy’s Day. Students volunteered to make cupcakes to sell and raise much needed funds for cancer research. It is great to see our students getting involved in such important whole school events.

Students have also been involved in welfare programs such as Cyber Shorts, Seasons for Growth and Be Your Best. These programs have been on throughout the year and have been most beneficial to our student’s wellbeing and awareness.

This time of year showcases a series of big, exciting and important with a list of events on the Year 8 calendar. During Week 10, students had their final Well Done assembly for 2014. The assembly acknowledges the efforts of our students in the classroom. Students received their yearly reports and Well Done Certificates for students who have put in that bit of extra effort. These students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Week 10 also saw Year 8 going to The Toboggan Park and Tomaree Aquatic Centre for our end of year excursion. It was a fast and fun packed day with a huge range of exciting activities including toboggan rides, rock climbing, ice skating, putt putt golf and to finish the day with a cool off on the water slides.

Additionally some Year 8 students have been involved in other exciting end of year activities including the Japanese classes going to Newcastle to enjoy a Japanese feast. The GATS class enjoyed Laser Tag and also for the adventurous camping trip to Upper Allyn. Wow!

Finally Mr Jones and I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Jo Radcliffe and Nathan Jones, Year Advisors
There were many wellbeing programs run throughout the year such as Pit Stop, Beautiful, NRL Anti-Bullying, Lift, Cyber Shorts, Cartoon Drawing and many more. Every organization that came into the school to present were overwhelmed with the maturity, respect, responsibility, pride and excellence in learning of the Year 9. I had the privilege of hearing on many occasions positive praise and people saying that this was the best group that they had worked with in a long time. You should all be proud of yourselves.

Our final Well Done Assembly was held on the 12 December. It was great to see so many students rewarded for their good efforts.

Thank you Year 9. Keep up the good work and we look forward to an even better 2015.

Daniel Mead and Nikki Scott, Year Advisor
2014 has been a wonderful year for Singleton High School Year 10. The year group participated in the Year 7 camp as peer support leaders where they worked with the new Year 7 students and had an amazing time.

Students were involved in work experience where many students found their feet in the work force and where they are going for their futures.

The year ended with the Year 10 formal, and although not a school activity, our students showed just how handsome and beautiful young men and woman they have become.

Our end of year excursion was a definite highlight of 2014. We departed on 8 December for a week in the Gold Coast. Here students enjoyed the theme parks with friends and made new connections with classmates.

We wish Year 10 all the best as they commence their senior studies in 2015, and also wish all our parents and carers a safe and healthy Christmas.

Daniel Higgins and Megan Smith, Year Advisors
Year 11 Report

It was a little disappointing that, because of a lack of student support, an end of year excursion could not be organised to celebrate moving into Year 12 this term. However we must move on and hopefully the new year will bring renewed enthusiasm from students and allow this to happen.

The progression into Year 12, during this time, should be a wake up call to all students that their final months at school are looming, and bring home a sense of responsibility that will see them achieve a successful outcome to their high school experience.

The new school captains have settled in well to their roles and are doing a great job fulfilling their responsibilities. Samuel, Brayden, Eliza and Teagan have taken the helm at whole school assemblies and begun their regular Monday meetings with the principal.

As well, regular meetings with year advisors, planning ahead for the new year, have commenced. The Year 12 magazine, a venue for the formal and initiatives year 12 will undertake, are part of a strategic plan that will be established early in the year to guarantee success and ensure a smooth transition from school.

A number of new faces from Year 12 have joined the student council and gives us hope that their input as seniors will be influential in inspiring some of their junior peers to achieve and work hard for the greater student body.

There is a great deal to look forward to in the new year with high expectations for all year 12 students to commit themselves to their work and plan for the months ahead culminating in their final exams.

Christmas Raffle Gratitude

Kacie-Leigh from Year 11 was the person behind the successful Christmas hamper raffle this year. The money raised went to Mrs Brown and Kacie-Leigh wanted to do something for Mrs Brown because she is a friend of the family.

We would like to wish all year 12 students a Merry Christmas and hope they all enjoy a safe and enjoyable holiday period and look forward to seeing them all once again at the commencement of the new school year.

Bob Collins and Lee Ellis, Year Advisors
Year 12 have ultimately reached their goal of completing their schooling and are planning for the future.

The Year 12 Formal was a great night of celebration and it was lovely to see the effort that the young people made to look wonderful and enjoy the evening at the Lovedale Wedding Chapel and Reception Centre. Things haven’t changed. The Macarina and Nutbush had everyone up on the dance floor. Singleton High School is proud of all our students as the management and all staff at the function centre were impressed by the exceptional politeness and behaviour of our young people and were glowing in their praise of the school. Quite a few students had received notification of early entry into university on the evening which made for more rejoicing.

This year we decided to cut costs on the photographer and asked Sam Cockerill, who is a photographer, to take the photos on the evening. She kindly donated her time for this and the students who attended the formal will be receiving a copy of all the photographs taken on the evening on a USB stick.

Some of our students are already overseas and our talented Timothy Dunne is in England playing clarinet with the London Symphony Orchestra. We wish all our students success in their future ventures.

Judy Schmitt, Year Advisor Year 12, 2014
It has been a busy year for our incoming Year 7 students for 2015.

The year began with a parent information session, where parents and students were able to meet us, their Year Advisors and learn about what they can expect when they start at Singleton High School. The information session was followed by the Singleton High School Road Show, giving us the opportunity to showcase some of our many talents, to the smaller school communities. The event was well received by all and a big thank you needs to be extended to Mrs Rebecca Luscombe for ensuring its success.

Orientation of Year 6 into Year 7 came to a climax on 3 December 2014, when all students came together at Singleton High School for their formal Orientation Day. The day was jam packed with activities, information and excitement, and proved to be a huge success thanks to Mrs Judith Schmitt and our Year 9 Peer Support students.

Both Mr Tristan Chapman and Ms Cindy Koletsis-Tatt are looking very much forward to the coming year and more importantly, working with such a wonderful group of young people.

Mrs Kotesis—Tatt and Mr Chapman, Year 7 Advisors 2015
Ready for high school checklist

Tick each item when it has been done (not all tasks will apply to you).

This year

☐ Allergies, medical condition or special needs? Talk to the high school principal early.
☐ Encourage your child to participate in any transition to high school program offered to them.
☐ Watch videos about high school at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/highschool

AT HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Find out about:
☐ school uniforms (including sports uniform), where and when to buy them
☐ map of school
☐ school start and finish times
☐ transport to and from school – forms for travel pass or subsidy if applicable
☐ programs offered in the school
☐ book packs and school supplies lists
☐ ways to become involved in the school
☐ the name of the Year 7 adviser.

Next year

JANUARY

☐ Buy school uniforms, books, stationery, school bag, drink bottle, house key, etc.
☐ Label everything.
☐ Break in school shoes to make them more comfortable.
☐ Practise travelling to and from school with your child using the transport they will use. Let your child buy travel tickets, if applicable.
☐ Teach your child how to read the timetable for the bus, train or ferry as appropriate.

AT HOME

☐ Talk positively to your child about the move to high school.
☐ Ask them what’s exciting about high school. Does anything worry them?
☐ Make sure your child has a quiet work area and extra stationery supplies.
☐ Organise personal hygiene items in school bags.
☐ Decide what your child will do before and after school, and what time they need to be home.
☐ Discuss emergency and safety issues with your child.

Tips for the first week of high school

☐ Photocopy school timetables for school diaries, the inside of locker doors and on the fridge.
☐ Remind your child to note all assignments, homework and events in their diary.
☐ Check through the timetable each night while your child packs their bag – including sports uniform. Encourage your teen to eat healthy food and get a good night’s sleep.
☐ Give the school your current contact details.

THE FIRST DAY

☐ Help set your child’s alarm. Encourage them to get themselves ready on time.
☐ Provide your child with money in case of emergencies and your contact numbers.
☐ Make sure you have the school’s phone number with you.

Watch videos about high school at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/highschool

For more information: www.schools.nsw.edu.au
www.schoolatoz.com.au
Singleton Libraries Association, a model for best practice

The partnerships between the Singleton schools and the town library is being shown as a model for best practice by the NSW Department of Education and Communities journal, SCAN. The Term 4 edition will feature Singleton High School and the Singleton Public Library and discuss the model as an example for all schools in NSW.

Summer Reading Program

NSW’s favourite library—Singleton Public Library, is once again running the Bulga Coal Summer Reading Program. Anyone can sign up and for every 2 hours of reading, gain entry into the raffle for great prizes. First prize this year is an iPad.

Stock up on books for your holiday break

With Summer holidays quickly approaching, you may want to make sure you have all the books you need for your vacation. Visit the friendly library staff for all your literary loans.

Have a great Christmas and a safe new year.

Martin, Sally and Anne

Holiday fun at Singleton Library

Fizzics Education Curious Kids Science Show
Thursday 22nd January | 1pm - 2pm | $8
Ages 6+
An interactive science show guaranteed to stimulate curious minds. The many hands-on experiments include the Vertex, Mirror Images, X-Ray Skull, Tomato Twister, Fantastic Fountain and Slopping Rockets.

Wacky Water Workshop
Wednesday 21st January | 11.30am - 1pm
Free | Ages 10+
Have some fun whilst learning about our most precious resource - water.

Join up, join in and help us reach 10,000 members to celebrate our building’s 10th birthday

Summer Reading Club at your library

Singleton Library’s Summer Reading Club encourages and rewards reading with prizes including iPad minis and eReaders. Readers of any age can participate simply by picking up a reading log from the library, recording the time they spend reading, then returning the log to the library for the chance to win a prize at the February 13 prize draw.

The Summer Reading Club is sponsored by Gencore Coal.
Since this is the final report for 2014, we should take a look at the year in review. I am fortunate to have this opportunity to congratulate the retiring school captains and senior executive of the student council who are presently anticipating their results in the HSC exams.

The 2014 student council has been fortunate having such a dedicated group of senior students who were prepared to sacrifice their time and enthusiasm to the cause of leading the greater school community. I believe a special mention to all the captains and especially Simone is appropriate. Because of their leadership and commitment, the student council maintained its focus on its key objectives, These were set at the SRC workshop at Glenrock Lagoon the previous November. From my experience with the student council over the past six years we have never before had this level of leadership within the group. Simone, Tenisha, Amy, Daniel, Sean and Tim: congratulations and thank you all so much for a job well done.

A number of highlights throughout the year have become a fixture on the school calendar. These include “Green Day”, an environmental initiative where the focus is on conservation of energy and an awareness of our shortcomings relating to reducing our carbon footprint and being creative in our everyday use of resources we all take for granted. Inclement weather unfortunately caused the event to be deferred until Term 1, 2015.

Depression and anxiety are a significant issue within the school community and it was determined by the student council not to have a prolonged program of events to highlight the problem because of the many varied and excellent initiatives already running in the school. For this reason a series of awareness videos shown at whole school assemblies and awareness through the “DAAW” program were the focus in Term 2. Homophobia was an issue the SRC wanted to address in Term 2, however time, the nature of the school calendar and a commitment to focus on planning for “Tommy’s Day”, meant there was little opportunity for students to focus on so many tasks.

“Tommy’s Day” was a huge success and once again the Children’s Cancer Council of Australia-Medical Research were the beneficiaries of a very successful day of fundraising. The whole school was involved with many year groups and faculties organising activities on the day. Simone Burrows deserves credit for her hard work and organisation on the day, she was well supported by both her senior and junior peers on the student council.

We look forward with expectation to a new year and a new student council.

Bob Collins, SRC Coordinator
**School Captains Report**

It is with pride that we as the elected school leaders for 2015 eagerly begin our role within the school, working to develop personal relationships with the students and teachers, implement the school’s policies and values, and strengthen our community relations.

We are honoured to accept the responsibilities that accompany the role of school captains. We hope to maintain the positive reputation of the school in respect of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our predecessors.

As school leaders we aspire to build and improve already existing relations within our school, with both student and teachers. We believe this is achievable due to our approachable nature and find we are easy to engage in conversation.

We understand the importance of the school’s positive behavior for learning expectations. As the school leaders, we would like to make it our duty to role model these expectations by encouraging and inspiring fellow students to embrace the current culture within our school.

By encouraging a transparency between the school and the wider community we aim to strengthen our community relationships.

As the school leaders we have a responsibility within the SRC to ensure the objectives established on our recent SRC camp at Glenrock Lagoon are achieved.

2015 will be a big year for all of us and we wish everyone luck with their schooling endeavours.

_Sam, Eliza, Brayden and Teagan,
School Captains 2015_

**Support Unit**

**Staff Changes 2015.**

2015 will see some teaching staff changes. We welcome Kristen Strachan from Muswellbrook High as our new Head Teacher Learning Support/Special Education. Mrs Strachan will bring a fresh face and renewed energy to our faculty; she has already met with staff and students.

Meagan Parish is happy to hand over the reins and return to what she loves best, classroom teaching. Mrs Susan Gittoes will remain teaching at Singleton High. However Ms Joanne Smith will be leaving Singleton High and joining our team will be Vicki Lindsay who worked in our unit Term1 2014 and now returns from Mountview High to assume a temporary contract at Singleton High for 2015. Mr Craig McLean’s temporary position at our school is uncertain, but he is keen to retrain as a special education teacher after his time in our unit. Mr McLean has provided excellent student wellbeing and care in this role and we wish him all the very best for his future.

Our beautiful Ms Smith has been successful in gaining hard sought NSWDEC scholarship to retrain as a special education teacher and next year will be studying her Masters, which will secure her permanency as a special education teacher. Joanne will be greatly missed by our team, her dedication and commitment will be hard to replace, but we wish her well on her career path. Who knows?, we may see Ms Smith again one day.

Our dedicated teacher aides: Jasmin Bown, Louise Cuttriss, Jodi Hay, Virginia Horadam, Jenny Means and Jayne Williams are irreplaceable; thank you ladies for being the wind beneath our wings.
Support Class News

K2 Year in review

The staff and students of K2 have had a wonderful year. We have implemented gardening projects around the school. The students have engaged with many aspects of gardening, the fruit of their endeavours. They have been watching flowers develop and bloom, eating the vegetables we have grown and developing teamwork and seeing what can be achieved with hard work.

We have introduced into our school week, Fun Friday where we experience foods of the world, in a semi-formal dining arrangement. We learnt to set the table and the etiquette required in this setting. While doing this we have all contributed to interesting and captivating conversations. We all have developed an understanding of each other whilst having fun in an inclusive learning environment.

K4 Class Report 2014.

Another successful year has been completed in K4. Many activities outside the classroom have seen the students put their knowledge and skills into practice in the real-world. Our community access visits ranged from shopping expeditions, library visits, a stop in at Hungry Jacks and a tour of the bank.

IM Class Report 2014.

The IM class have had quite a busy and different year. The class has a mix of students from Year 7 to Year 11 and we cover all the basic subjects. The class has been able to undertake a wide range of learning activities and opportunities within the class as well as at the various elective subjects they all attend.

Possibly the focal point for the middle of the year was the inaugural Christmas in July which was held late July. It was a day of festivities, food and fun which all the students contributed to with food and drinks and even Santa left a pile of gifts. This may just have to become an annual event. The afternoon was reminiscent of many spent at home, where we have all had too much to eat and drink and just want to relax. Thank you to the parents for their amazing support of this event.

Within the classroom our practical activities have been just as varied which we all enjoyed and many goals reached. I would like to thank the students, parents and caregivers for making this year flow so seamlessly and wish each of you a happy holiday and a merry Christmas!

Joanne Smith - Classroom Teacher K4
Late Term 3 we had a fire in the storeroom, so the class relocated initially to D1 and eventually to T5 but now we are back in T14. A big thank you to the Maths and TAS faculties for being so supportive of us and allowing us to use their rooms. A high point of Term 3 was our participation in the annual event of Tommy’s Day. The students set and manned our stall and provided me with many proud moments as they were able to translate skills learnt in the classroom to serving others.

The class had an amazing day with the other Support Unit classes when we had an excursion to the Hunter Valley Zoo. Many thanks to Craig McLean for his organisation of the day. We have also had the opportunity to meet the new Head Teacher, Mrs Kristen Strachan who takes up her position next year and it was a pleasure for the students to be able to meet her earlier this term.

A final thanks to my amazing SLSO Mrs Jodi Hay. A lot of what happens in the IM class is thanks to the support that Jodi provides to both myself and the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the parents and students a very merry Christmas and I will look forward to being with you all again in 2015.

Mrs Susan Gittoes - Classroom Teacher T14.

Fire Cadets graduation of Kimberley, Luke and Tallis
School excursions: Ski Excursion, Hunter Valley School Leavers Expo, Hunter Valley Zoo, Ag Quip, Tocal and end of year excursion yet to happen.
School activities: school photos, Fun Run and annual lifesaving
Large number of student nominations as PBL student achievers, merits and PBL postcards
Subject selections

Our student organised end of year excursion to Newcastle was a great way to top off a great year with great young people. Thanks K1 students for the roles that you played in organising a fun day out. Next year we might even make it to the beach.

Thank you for a memorable 2014. A special thanks to all the staff who work in our support unit. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff who supported me this year while I was in the relieving role of Head Teacher, we have a fantastic staff who have the best interests of students in their hearts and minds. For those who kept me sane, you are forever in my heart.

To my brilliant K1 students, Darcy, Ella, Jayden, Kimberley, Tallis, Jaimey, Tayla and James, it has been my absolute pleasure to work alongside you all this year. What an amazing time we have had and the good news is there will be no ‘Crazy Thursdays’ timetabled in 2015. Woo Hoo!

Next year Singleton High celebrates 75 years of schooling. What an amazing feat. Keep posted next year for some celebratory events.

To all... have a fantastic festive season! Looking forward to an even better 2015.

Meagan Parish - Classroom Teacher K1

K1 Class Report 2014

What an amazing year! It is hard to believe it is December already but I can understand why it went so quickly. This semester was chock-a-block, with some of the highlights being:

- Tommy’s Day Head Shave saw our class raising significant funds for cancer research, with both Tallis and I sporting new hairdos.
- Our athletes: Darcy, Samantha, Ella and Jaimey were amazing sport representatives and recognised at our sport’s presentation night. IOTAS athletics in Newcastle was a great day with Singleton High proudly representing our school.

- Fire Cadets graduation of Kimberley, Luke and Tallis
- School excursions: Ski Excursion, Hunter Valley School Leavers Expo, Hunter Valley Zoo, Ag Quip, Tocal and end of year excursion yet to happen.
- School activities: school photos, Fun Run and annual lifesaving
- Large number of student nominations as PBL student achievers, merits and PBL postcards
- Subject selections
We made it.....again to the Christmas break...phew.
The ladies in the front office have had another busy, busy year. But are looking forward to a good break and then an exciting 2015.

For our new students (and those of you who just know us as the curly haired office lady or the cranky print room lady, let us introduce ourselves. Mrs Richardson, Mrs Furness, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Harris and Mrs Solman are our permanent SASS staff in the front office. They are beautifully supported by our casual staff of Mrs Ford, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Hurtardo. Mrs Gallegos is the cranky print room lady and Mrs Duncan is our IT expert. Mrs Marr is in the principal's reception area and our Library staff of Mrs McTaggart and Mrs Edwards are the ones you will see when you use the library. But did you know we have hidden worker bees who are the people that enable all the students to complete their lessons in Science and Home Economics?. Mrs Crabb and Mrs Hume are the ones shopping and preparing practical lessons for cooking and Mrs Standen and Mrs Fisher are in the science labs preparing all those Bunsen burners and beakers for experiments....but sometimes we may trick you and could pop up anywhere in the school if we are needed.

So now you know us all let us tell you a little about a typical day in the front office......

8am   Phones are a ringing
8.30am  We are all here ready to start the day
8.35am  The first of a million bags are brought to the office for us to babysit for the day....do you have your name on it.?
8.40am  Cash register starts ringing...first arrivals to the pass out line arrive
9.00am  Pass out line is now stretching down the corridor and Mr Bonelli or Mr Henderson arrive to issue on average of 30 pass outs.
9.25am  Bell goes and for one moment the coffee cups are quickly filled
9.45am  Rolls start..rolling in to the office and these are processed and the first of the late arrivals to school sign in.
9.50am  The first bunch of flowers arrive, followed by six balloon posies and more flowers.....
9.55am  Our first sick student needs to go home and so we start the first of several calls home to mums or dads to come and collect some very pale and sick munchkins.
10 to 11.25  We don't do much really...have a chat, a coffee, maybe look at face book.......NOT!
11.38am  Bell goes and we are off again, the two-way radio is abuzz with playground activities
12.07pm  Phew we made it...get back to class everyone
12.07 till 2  Is our staggered lunch break and when everyone that needs to call the high school does so, every child that falls over needs first aid and when the computers break or some other craziness.
2.00pm  Lunch time....crazy time again, more monies being paid, someone brings in some lost property and we add it to our growing pile of drink bottles, pencil cases, jewellery and glasses awaiting their owners to claim.
2.29.  Last period. We are almost there
3.25pm.  Bell sounds, a thousand bag owners descend on the office to pick up their belongings...several kids miss the bus and have to call mum or dad to pick them up.

Bottom line  we love our jobs...wouldn't have it any other way.

From all the SASS staff at Singleton High School we wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and can't wait to do it all again in 2015.
It’s been a very busy year this year in our Aboriginal School To Work Program.

We have been working hard on assisting students to gain qualifications and become skilled up and work ready. We have supported students to complete driving lessons, white cards, RSA, RCG and first aid training. Students have attended Outward Bound Experiences, University Stay/Visit sessions and Career Information days. We have held career inspiration sessions in Kawi-wul where various speakers presented to groups of students, information on specific career paths.

Students have been supported through specific training courses, such as Cert III in Aged Care, and assisted to develop a working timetable so that there was a balance between schoolwork and study.

We have partnered with Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation to provide critical training sessions on uses of social media and work readiness workshops on budgeting and money management and have seen senior students complete school based traineeships this year so that along with their HSC, they leave Singleton High School with real qualifications and a direct pathway to their chosen vocation.

In between all this we have had a lot of fun experiences as well. Trips accompanied by Elders to view Aboriginal Art on the Wupa Art Trail and a trip to the Biame Cave with York Street Pre-school to share some cultural experiences. Our students have stepped up each time, conducting themselves in a manner that made Mr Kolatchew and myself really proud to be associated with them. A very busy, enjoyable and highly productive year for our Aboriginal School to Work Transition Program.  

Merry Christmas all and a safe and prosperous new year.

Jo Vinson, YINPI Coordinator
Wow, what a year. It has gone so fast. Congratulations to all of the Year 12 students in 2014 and in particular the eight Aboriginal students who successfully completed their HSC here at Singleton High School.

Reconciliation Week

The High School had three students represent the school at the Reconciliation Week celebrations at Singleton Youth Venue. Students gave an Acknowledgement of Country and then assisted with raising the flag.

NAIDOC

NAIDOC celebrations started off with an art workshop conducted by Uncle Les Elvin a Wonnarua Elder. The art work was then hung at Singleton Library during NAIDOC and was judged by local Aboriginal people.

NAIDOC celebration at school was a whole school assembly with local dignitaries and the Aboriginal community invited to the assembly and then a feast afterwards that was catered for by the Singleton High Schools hospitality faculty and students. Celebrations started with Tayla P giving —Welcome to Country, then a performance from Banda-ra Aboriginal dance group lead by A Drylie.

Awards were handed out from every year advisor to one boy and one girl for their academic success throughout the year. Our special guest this year was Corporal Rhys Vinson from the Air Force. Rhys was a past student of Singleton High School and he spoke about what NAIDOC meant to him and about his time in the Air Force. The assembly was followed by a feast in the common room prepared by our hospitality students. The morning was well supported by teachers, students and the wider community both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community.

Outdoor Learning classroom opening

We also celebrated the opening of our outdoor classroom that has been built at the end of our Ka-Wul building. The outdoor classroom is called WIYA which means in Wonnarua — Speak Say Tell Ask Sing. This is very appropriate for what it will be used for. We would like to give a big thank you to Mr Toby Karakasch and his boys group for completing this task.

Takahata Visit

Ka-Wul held an art workshop for the Japanese students visiting from Takahata. All of the students get to decorate a boomerang that they could take home with them.

Sistaspeak

Sistaspeak is a six week workshop program for young Aboriginal women. The workshop program is designed to inspire and motivate young Aboriginal woman about the importance of education and to raise awareness about the diverse career paths available to them, with a specific focus on issues of self-esteem, careers, culture, leadership and economic independence. Mentors are asked to participate because of their diverse experience which shows the participants that there is no single model for career success and no single formula for an Aboriginal woman to reach her full potential. This program was a great success that all involved really enjoyed.

I hope all have a great holiday and return to school safe. I also look forward to welcoming our new 25 Aboriginal students to Year 7 2015.

Sharon Bailey, Ka-Wul
With Tracey Holloway taking on the role of Deputy Principal (relieving) for Term 4 every one of the Home Economics staff have taken on a little extra to ensure that the students receive the same level of education and enjoyment whilst learning as they normally would.

All year groups have been completing their major tasks for the term / semester and will be taking the products they have made home, or in some cases eaten the evidence beforehand!

Our senior Hospitality class attended a dinner at the Hunter Valley Hotel Academy in November as part of their specialisation course. The Hotel Academy hold dinners prepared and served by third year apprentice chefs and the Hospitality students are tasked with attending the dinner and being restaurant reviewers for the night. They assess everything from the initial pre-dinner drinks service, non-alcoholic of course, evaluate the 3 course meal, not only the food but service which is provided by Certificate III Food and Beverage students. To top the night off the students are given a tour of the world-class facilities and have an opportunity to talk to the chefs for the evening and get an insight into training opportunities after completing their school studies. This event has now become part of the Hospitality course calendar and a nice way for the students to relax after completing their HSC examination in Year 11.

The Singleton High School Home Economics faculty are now associate members of the Hunter Chef’s Association. This allows our students opportunities to attend luncheons, dinners, awards presentations, guest chef presentations and extended industry visits to Sydney wholesalers. At these events it is not unusual for the students to mingle with celebrity chefs and industry sponsors. These great learning real life learning experiences are valuable if they wish to progress further in the hospitality industry.

In 2014 the Hospitality students have been as busy as ever catering for numerous events throughout the community. As well as the smaller events that take place regularly, this year there was an increase in the larger scale functions including the senior citizen’s luncheon at Broke put on by the local council; catering for the Singleton Art Show; finger food for the Mayoral Scholarship Awards; a full sit down meal for 400 people at the Catholic Debutante Ball, a Coal and Allied community celebration and finally catering for the centenary celebration of the Red Cross.

The Year 9 Child Studies students continued to assist at Singleton Hospital Family Support Playgroup on a weekly basis. These real life learning experiences provided the students’ with opportunities to put into practice the theory they have learned in the classroom. Feedback from the staff at the playgroup has been excellent, so congratulations to all those students who volunteered. Well done.

Child Studies students also continue to sponsor Laxmi and Shankar who live in Western Nepal. For over the past 4 years Singleton High’s Child Studies students have helped make a difference to the lives of Laxmi and Shankar, and also their families, by giving them the opportunity to gain a much valued education in poverty stricken Nepal.

In 2015, Ms Hartnett hopes to raise funds to purchase another Real Care Baby, plus a shaken baby simulator which reinforces the dangers of shaking a baby, and a simulator showing the effects of drugs and alcohol on newborn babies.

There are also exciting developments ahead in Child Care and Exploring Early Childhood courses for the coming years. There have been preliminary talks with organisers in planning how the school students can get a firsthand look at the family structure of our international neighbours. Stay tuned for more information.

For staff, Term 4 is not only a term spent helping students finishing off jobs. In Term 4 focus moves to the year ahead and planning for the 2015 school year so that the students’ progression from year to year is as seamless as possible. As a faculty we thank you for the support you have given us through the year by ensuring your child has the correct equipment or guiding them through their assessment tasks. We look forward to taking your child on more of their educational journey in 2015.

Brian Means, H/T Home Economics (Rel)
Another busy year comes to a close in the Industrial Arts faculty. With the reporting season now finished we move into the planning phase for 2015.

2014 saw record number of students undertaking practical courses in Industrial Arts.

Our HSC students have once again led from the front and produced some amazing major projects, from redesigned ride-on mowers to jukeboxes to deep freezers with motorised shelves. Our students continue to reach the high standards expected of Singleton High School students. We certainly look forward to seeing the final results for our students when they receive their HSC results in mid December.

One of the challenges we face for 2015 is to evolve our curriculum to suit the needs of our students moving into an ever changing employment environment. We are ensuring that we are producing skills in students that allow them to design and analyse solutions to problems and adequately learn practical skills that allow them to produce high quality projects.

In the Industrials Arts faculty we place a strong emphasis on safety. ALL students are required to have fully enclosed, solid shoes and wear safety glasses at ALL times in practical workshops. It is strongly encouraged that students bring their own safety glasses. However all IA teacher have class sets of safety glasses for students to use. Please keep these points in mind when you are shopping for your child’s uniform and equipment next year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Jason Kolatchew and the IA faculty staff
The Creative and Performing Arts faculty have had another busy year, beginning with excursions to Encore and Art Express in Sydney and culminating in three outstanding performances of “Little Shop of Horrors”.

Students in the faculty have participated in workshops including Aboriginal music and percussion. Visual Art students exhibited in the “Face” exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery.

The school band performed at many local events including: school ceremonies, King St Cracker Night, McDonalds McHappy Day, Tocal Field Day, the schools ANZAC Ceremony and in the school musical. Band students also attended regional band camps with selected students going on to perform in the State Wind Band at the Sydney Opera House.

Dance students participated in Starstruck and attended the State Dance Festival in Sydney.

The CAPA faculty also hosted a highly successful talent quest raising money for “Tommy’s Day” and cancer research.

We look forward to another exciting and creative year in 2015.

Jane Johns, CAPA
The Language Faculty has enjoyed a positive year with our students engaging both in and out of the classroom with the Japanese language. Our school is extremely fortunate to enjoy a strong relationship with Takahata, Japan. The annual Takahata visit was another success and enabled our students to interact with young people their same age. A lot of laughs and sharing of cultures was enjoyed by all. Our host families were amazing and symbolise the link between Singleton and Takahata.

Lawrence, a Year 12 2014 student, will be departing Singleton in early December to spend the summer holidays in Takahata. He will stay with Hiroki’s family and play an important role in strengthening the sister school relationship. We wish Lawrence a safe and enjoyable stay in Takahata and hope his Japanese language skills improve!

**Year 7**

Year 7 students completed their compulsory 100 hours of foreign language learning and achieved fantastic outcomes. As well, they enjoyed an in school excursion with the Rhythm Hunters who introduced the students to Taiko Drumming and other Japanese instruments. We have two classes in 2015 of students who have chosen to continue their Japanese studies and enhance not only their communication skills but also put themselves a step ahead of their peers in future opportunities. An ex-student dropped in to say thank you for encouraging him to study Japanese as he has the opportunity to take up an apprenticeship with a Muswellbrook based company who has a trade relationship with a company in Japan!!

**Year 8**

Year 8 Japanese have developed skills in using more complex sentences in reading, writing, speaking and listening. They have particularly excelled in developing their skills in listening to native speakers of Japanese. Year 8 were also invited to participate in the Taiko Drumming excursion. On the last day of school they are looking forward to travelling to Newcastle to enjoy a meal at Nagisa Japanese Restaurant at Honeysuckle.

**Year 9**

Year 9 Japanese students have blossomed over the course of this year. Their communication skills have noticeably improved and they are at a level where they are able to hold a basic conversation in Japanese. The students have participated in a variety of language activities to enhance their communication skills and are currently being challenged in a translation exercise. I encourage these Year 9 students to revise their Japanese books in the summer holidays and be prepared for a fun and interesting Year 10 2015.

**Senior Japanese**

Our senior students completed their HSC exam late October. We wish them the best of luck in their results. It is pleasing to know that three of the students who studied Japanese for their HSC in 2014 are planning on continuing their language studies into university. Congratulations Year 12 2014 and we wish you the best in the future.

Lastly, as we say farewell to 2014, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to 2015 and are excited to be taking 11 of our students on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Japan on the Singleton High Japan Study Tour in September-October school holidays.

**Ren Barnett & Dayna Cowmeadow**
## Agriculture Highlights for 2014

Students in Years 7-12 were given the opportunity to develop their skills in association with their studies across a wide range of agricultural enterprises and experience current developments in agriculture during 2014.

The year started with Years 9 and 10 Agriculture and Years 11 and 12 Primary Industries classes being involved with the growing and selling of potted flowers of New Guinea Impatiens, Verbena, Chrysanthemums and Nemesia.

Year 9 and 10 animal management classes prepared broiler and layer chickens for competitions at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Students also prepared reports on how the poultry developed over the time at Singleton High and were successful in achieving the best student report for broiler production.

Students studying agriculture were given the opportunity to attend the Tocal Field Day in May and Ag Quip at Gunnedah in August. All students had positive experiences at both field days and seeing demonstrations of the best in agriculture.

All animal management classes competed in Dairy Australia sponsored “Cows Create Careers” and during a three week period cared for two dairy calves. Students also presented reports on what they had achieved during this program with Singleton High being placed second place in the senior team section for the Hunter.

Agriculture students had experiences in training steers for the Singleton Prime Beef Competition and Tocal Live Steer Show. The Tocal steers was judged second best prepared steer for this day of competition.

During the year a Hampshire Down Stud Sheep flock was established with further new ewes being introduced in early 2015.

The start of an Aquaculture enterprise was started in Term 4 with the raising of 40 fantail goldfish in two 1000L tanks and the development of a new tunnel house with aquaponics unit scheduled for operation at the start of 2015.

Looking forward to a bright and successful year in Agriculture

*C Bourne and C James, Agriculture Teachers*
The Mathematics Faculty has continued to focus on the function of Mathematics in the trades. There has been a particular emphasis on Mathematics for apprenticeships. This year a number of staff participated in a combined meeting with Industry Partners and other schools to launch some teaching resources. A series of teaching resources, developed to highlight the mathematical skills embedded in industry practices, were published and distributed. From these resources, teachers have real world examples to work from and students are able to appreciate the relevance of Mathematics in the real world.

Several years ago we established an advanced Mathematics course in Year 10 and have continued to run it each year. The students replace one of their elective classes with an additional Mathematics class. The classes are voluntary and the work covered is designed to provide a strong basis for the higher levels of Mathematics. Increasing numbers of students have been taking this course. From this we have seen our numbers grow in the higher Mathematics classes in Years 11 and 12. This year the Extension 1 and Extension 2 classes are the largest they have been for many years. While these courses may not be listed as prerequisites for particular university courses, the universities are now promoting the fact that they are very important to the success of the students in their degrees. We will be continuing to offer this course.

STAFF

This year we farewelled Mr Anthony Woodhill who returned to Perth to be closer to his family. He was very ably replaced by Ms Samantha Brady who now takes up a position in Sydney from the beginning of next year. Ms Rowen Lewis received a permanent appointment and Ms Alysha McBride will continue to be with us for another year at least. There are no other anticipated changes to staffing.

RESOURCES

We are moving to a greater use of technology in the delivery of our lessons. All rooms have been fitted with data projectors and white boards. Students are encouraged to revise their work using Mathletics which has been set up to address the topics being taught. With the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum we are acquiring new and more appropriate textbooks along with other teaching resources.

Kathleen Prudence, Maths Faculty
Our Staff

The HSIE faculty in 2014, consisted of ten permanent staff who have enormous skills and experience and was visited by a number of intern and prac teachers.

A few major staff changes did occur, however, with Mr Mark Dyball retiring. Mr Dyball has been a part of Singleton High School since 1976 and gave impeccable service to students past and present of Singleton High School. Ms Vicki Neech will also depart from Singleton High at the end of 2014 to take up a position at Mount View High School. She has been here for 18 years and will be missed. On the other hand, Ms Megan Smith has gained a permanent role here at our school after many years in a temporary role and Mrs Annie Phillips was promoted to Head teacher VET.

A number of the HSIE staff continued to in-service themselves throughout the year with overseas travel and were replaced by Ray McGuiness, Tarnie Hawkins and Lenore Studdert. Ms Erin Dowse has continued to be a valuable member of the HSIE faculty again this year filling temporary roles all year.

Many of the HSIE staff take on roles outside their teaching roles and this year has been no exception. Mrs Margaret Bagnall was Year 7 advisor for 2014 and gave this 110% to ensure that our new students settled into their high school life as smoothly as possible. It is these roles outside the classroom that are an example of the dedication of our staff. Some of the positions were SRC coordinators, transition coordinators, year and assistant year advisors, sporting team coaches and managers, discipline monitors and mentoring roles.

We are so lucky to have a staff list as dedicated and professional as we do at Singleton High School and I am proud to be part of it.

HSIE curriculum

Our curriculum provides students with valuable knowledge and life skills and we have embraced technology to deliver it. Mr Tim Merrick organised a new bank of laptops that can be moved between classes to help HSIE staff deliver up-to-date information and Mrs Kerrie Greenhaulgh and Mrs Vicki Neech, along with others, have spent time updating our history programs to meet the new History National Curriculum requirements which were implemented in Years 7 and 9 this year.

These updates will move to Years 8 and 10 in 2015. Continuing with the HSIE faculty upgrades, we will be installing wall mounted data projectors in all our home rooms with 4 new systems being placed during the Christmas holidays.

Faculty Information

In HSIE, we offer Geography, History, Commerce and History electives to our junior school students and in our senior years, Geography, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Ancient and Modern History and Extension subjects are available.

We are also able to offer a Business Services VET course as part of the HSC subject selections. Our Year 11 2014 have already commenced their Year 12 studies and we wish them all the best for the HSC in October 2015.

Bruce Withers, HSIE Faculty
2014 has been an interesting and rewarding year for the English faculty. We welcomed Mr Don Edwards as a permanent member of staff and farewelled Mr Tim Horstead, who retired at the end of Term 3. Mrs Kathleen Ballard took leave to travel to England where she is currently teaching. Mr David Welsh moved into the role of Deputy Principal National Partnerships Literacy (relieving) and Mrs Nerida McNamara moved into the role of Head Teacher (relieving). Mrs Linda Wilkes gained the position of Learning Support Coordinator. To support these changes, we have been assisted by the expertise of Ms Margaret Brazel, Ms Marian Henderson, Ms Jaye Sunerton, Mr Rob Prudence and Mr Mark Cunningham who all relieved in temporary positions. Our remaining permanent staff members, Mrs Cindy Koletsis-Tatt, Mrs Ruth Malan, Mrs Judith Schmitt and Mr Tristan Chapman continued to support the faculty in an exemplary manner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the English faculty, temporary and permanent teaching staff, for their enthusiasm, expertise and conscientious efforts throughout the year to ensure that the students of Singleton High are afforded quality learning experiences that allow their learning outcomes to be enhanced.

We farewelled Year 12 and wish them well as they move into future careers or tertiary education. We have our fingers crossed that they receive the results that their efforts deserve. We welcomed the transition of our current Year 11 into their final year as they commenced their Higher School Certificate studies. Students have commenced Year 12 work and are currently very busy working on assessment tasks. We now encourage Year 11 to use the holiday break as a good opportunity to read their texts and explore related material.

Year 11/12 Advanced students were privileged to attend Bell Shakespeare master classes during the year. The first class was presented at the Singleton Youth Venue. During this workshop, students explored their prescribed texts, *Othello* and *As You Like It* under the guidance of a professional actor from Bell Shakespeare. This was an amazing opportunity and thanks to the generous funding by the Singleton Youth Venue and Singleton Town Library, there was no cost involved for students!

The second workshop was recently held again at the Youth Venue but this time funding was generously provided by The Upper Arts Council. A professional actor, Ms Sarah Woods, led the students on a dramatic exploration of *The Tempest*. Year 11 students discovered their inner actors in a demonstration of exemplary experiential learning. I was extremely proud of the students as they participated enthusiastically in the workshop. We are very appreciative of the efforts of the community groups who support the learning of students at Singleton High. Thank you.

Thank you also to parents and care givers who continue to support our book buying program. Each year, we ask that students purchase their novel so that we are able to broaden the choice and enhance the levels of engagement of students when we study fiction. Please look out for book buying information in 2015 and again, thank you for your support with this program.

Junior classes have also been extremely busy this year and we congratulate students for their efforts with their class work and assessment tasks.

Finally, on behalf of the English staff may I wish all students, community members, parents and caregivers a very happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming your children back for a fun and engaging year of study in 2015.

*Mrs Nerida McNamara, H/T English (Rel)*
As we come towards the end of another busy and successful year for the PDHPE Faculty, it is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our students and look to the future in 2015 and beyond.

Our staff pride themselves on our core business of engaging students in meaningful learning experiences across our KLA subjects. In junior years we enthusiastically undertake Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Physical and Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS). Our senior subjects of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Community and Family Studies (CAFS), and Sports Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR) are always very well represented and continue to grow in student numbers and achievements. In 2015 we are also very pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to complete the VET subject of Sports Coaching.

The PDHPE Faculty of Singleton High School also diligently commits to extending student learning and engagement beyond the classroom and curriculum. The extra-curricular opportunities provided by our staff with the support of the school and community are extensive. This year these have included:

- Our Year 7 Gala days were again run successfully providing our Year 7 students with an opportunity to apply the skills and strategies learnt in PDHPE and SPORT classes in a fun, class vs. Class challenge at Rose Point Park. Aussie Rules, Netball and Football were enthusiastically played by all, with the Yr9 PASS students providing the organisation, administration, coaching and refereeing on the days.

- Year 10 students travelled to Tocal College, Paterson to experience the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) training course. Accompanied by their year advisers, students participated in a range of hands on learning experiences in small groups aimed at enhancing students' knowledge and skills at this vitally important time in their lives. The excursion was conducted to supplement the learning in our Yr10 Road Safety unit of work.

- Our annual Fun Run was conducted under a slightly different format to previous years. All Year 7 and 8 went to Rose Point Park in order to complete the Fun Run around the levee bank course. This also ties in nicely with the Benefits of Physical Activity units being taught in Year 7 and 8 at this time and also our schools' participation in the Premier's Sporting Challenge.

- Year 11 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Sports, Lifestyle and Recreation classes attended their annual Surf Camp in late November. This opportunity exists each year to apply the learning in Outdoor Education and Aquatics units. Structured lessons and learning experiences allow students to engage in lessons to develop their skill acquisition in a new and challenging environment. This provides an opportunity that many of our students haven't previously experienced.

- Each year with the support of the school and a number of vital staff from outside the PDHPE faculty we run the annual Lifesaving Program. Year 9 PASS and Year 11 SLR students are trained extensively in the knowledge and skills required to be effective coaches and group leaders for the Year 7 students. All Year 7 students work towards attaining a Royal Lifesaving Swim and Survive Certificate, while senior leaders attain Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion and Cross qualifications.

It has been a time of significant transition for the PDHPE faculty in 2014. Our HT Mrs Dooley changed roles into a new role of HT Admin, Mr Somerville relieved as HT for Terms 3 and 4, and we will welcome a new HT to the faculty in 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all PDHPE staff for their diligent commitment to the learning and welfare of students of Singleton High School and the students who have represented themselves, their school and their community. Our learning and achievements together are a true reflection of our school’s core values of respect, responsibility, pride and excellence in learning.

Andrew Somerville, PDHPE Faculty
2014 has been a year of immense change, planning and excitement in the Science faculty. Sadly, our Head Teacher Science, Mrs Carolyn Barker left the school during Term 3. Her departure saddened us all. She served all students in our school with dedication and enthusiasm for the past 11 years. Her experience and expertise is missed by all in our faculty and we wish her all the very best for the future. Luckily, since Mrs Barker’s departure, Mrs Jenny Lynch has been Acting Head Teacher Science and both students and staff appreciate the calm and experienced approach she has brought to this role. We have welcomed on board two new Science Teachers: Mr Charlie James and Mr Allan Russell and they have proven to be popular additions to our teaching team.

Students in the Science Faculty have been involved in many opportunities including competing in the Science and Engineering Challenge. Students in Years 8 and 9 faced many problem solving situations including Putt Putt Golf and Flight of the Navigator. The school placed a very credible and close second on the day.

Students have competed in the UNSW Science Examinations. The students in our Year 7 and 8 Enrichment Classes received some outstanding results but special mention should be given to E Earnshaw and C Kowald in Year 7 and J Shade in Year 8 who received Distinctions in Science.

Our senior students travelled to the University of Newcastle where they took part in Experiment Fest, a program designed to assist with their understanding of practical work in the HSC course. Students of Chemistry, Physics and Biology were able to deepen their knowledge and broaden their understanding of some key first hand investigations in the HSC courses. They were also able to work in state of the art laboratories and to build learning relationships with other likeminded students from throughout the Hunter Region.

In the classroom students have been engaged by a variety of practical experiences to deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and they have really enjoyed these opportunities and experiences.

Planning is well underway for the 2015 implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Science. It has involved an extensive rewriting of all junior school teaching programs. It is a new and exciting course with a focus on current ideas and global issues. As a staff we look forward to 2015 and new beginnings.

Leanne Mullen, Science
It has been a massive year for the "Boys Group" at Singleton High School as we have undertaken many projects around the school. The group consists of hard working Year 9 Boys who sign up to the program as part of their sport time. The purpose of the group is to build on Singleton High School's PBL initiatives of Pride, Respect and Responsibility, and to undertake and construct projects around the grounds of the school with brains, muscles and shovels! The boys volunteer and know that they are able to withdraw from the group at any time. The only requirement is that they work hard and get on with the job.

The history of the boys groups started in mid 2013 with a proposal to design and build the Aboriginal Ceremonial Garden next to the Ka Wul Centre. It was named "WIYA" meaning Speak, Say, Tell, Ask, Sing. This epic project was built by the Boys Group over a period of 12 months and was officially handed over at the end of Term 2.

Our next project was re-designing and fixing Singleton High School's long jump pits. Then we attacked the MPC Garden in front of the school hall. Our last project was to demolish a small piece of history, removing a small leaning wall that was part of the administration building that burnt down during the last fire. The images below are photos taken with the boys hard at work. The pictures also highlight how hard the boys work and the pride they take in creating a better school environment.

The Boys Group work hard and their contribution is rewarded with the occasional BBQ. But ultimately a three day, overnight camp at the end of each semester sure does help to motivate the group. At the end of first semester the boys travelled to Glenbawn Dam near Scone to battle the winter weather and Glenbawn Bass. Keeping with the Boys Group ideals, the boys are self-sufficient setting up tarps, sleeping in swags and small dome tents and help to cook their own food. The next photos our of our campsites near the edge of the water and a view of Glenbawn Dam taken from a nearby mountain. This mountain was an early morning climb for the boys to start their day.

The boys are very excited as we prepare for their next camping trip in the last week of this school year. They cannot wait to load up the bus and trailer and travel out to Burrendong Dam near Wellington. I have no doubt the boys will knock over some Red Finn and Yellow Belly and for the last time sleep under the stars as a group.

I am very proud of the Boys Group and their conduct and contribution to Singleton High School. I will miss this hard working group of young men as they move into Year 10. Their accomplishments are seen around the school and their work is highly valued and appreciated by all at Singleton High School. Next year, the Boys Group will start again with a new crop of Year 9 boys who will have some very big work boots to fill.

A big thank you to all the boys who have been involved in the Boys Group for 2014.

Mr T Karakasch, "Boys Group" Co-ordinator
## VET Faculty - Vocational Education and Training

The VET Faculty in 2014 has been highly productive with students from Years 10, 11 and 12 developing their knowledge and practical skills in their chosen course of study. Students are required to undertake 70 hours of work placement throughout the duration of their course and our highly dedicated Vet teachers have ensured that students are ‘work ready’ to meet industry and community expectations. Successful work placements have seen many students gain traineeships, part time work and full time employment.

**Hospitality** – During the month of May hospitality students had the opportunity to cater for the Debutante Ball and Singleton Art Show. Both events were so successful our hospitality students have been asked to cater for these two events annually. Students and staff enjoyed a dining experience with the famous Tetsuya and lunch at Restaurant Four14. Marissa Scoles (a former student) gave Thermo mix demonstrations to staff and students, and ‘Thank a Teacher Day’ was, as always a great success even if somewhat stressful for students. In 2015 hospitality students will be catering for the Coal Festival in March 2015; and Frank Faulkner a former Singleton High School student, now Head Chef at Muse Restaurant will be delivering culinary demonstrations to our students.

Thank you to the Hunter Culinary Chefs Association who, over the year, opened up many avenues for staff training and professional development and many opportunities for students. (Teachers: Tracey Holloway, Brian Means, Daniel Mead).

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## Careers

2014 has been another busy year yet again. A variety of activities were held for our students to attend. We attended the Hunter Valley Careers Expo at Maitland and Try A Skill Days at both Singleton and Muswellbrook which helps students experience a variety of career opportunities which they may never consider. In July Year 10 participated in the annual work experience program and we thank all the employers who helped make it a great success again. In 2015 we will once again attend the above activities to offer students as much exposure as possible.

**Guest Speakers**

We were fortunate to have guest speakers from both Mt Arthur Coal and Glencore explaining their 2015 apprenticeship programs and on Wednesday 26 November, representatives from the Australian Defence Force recruiting visited and discussed career options in the Defence force.

**Year 12 Early Entry**

Congratulations to all those Year 12 2014 students who have been offered placement at university for 2015 prior to gaining your HSC marks, well done. I would lie to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Leanne Ellis, Careers Advisor

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## STOP PRESS

**R Davies has been announced as the 2014 Winner of the Robert Beggs Memorial Award for excellence in VET Studies for 2014. Well done.**
End of Year Excursions

Year 11 Surf Camp
In week 8 a group of 23 surfer wannabes headed to Newcastle to learn the trade. We all turned up on the first day wide eyed and ready to learn, a few picking it up straight away, although there were some of us who were definitely going to need all five lessons!

The weather was not great, and pulling those cold, wet wetsuits on each time never got any easier. All our complaints were quickly forgotten when we got into the water.

A big thanks to Mrs Dooley and Mrs Orbell for all their organising and Mr Hookway and Miss Scott for their help as well. It was a great three days, any of the PDHPE and SLR students who went would be happy to share some stories with you if you ask.

Nikki Scott, PDHPE

Year 8 Upper Allyn 2014
From the 2 - 4 December, a group of 39 Year 8 Geography students visited the Upper Allyn River for a three day camping excursion. This camp was aimed at developing their skills and study the environment in the field.

The students are to be commended for their behaviour and a big thank you to the staff who went: Ms Cowmeadow, Ms Bradford, Mr Merrick, Mr Withers and especially Mr Dyball and Mr McDonald who gave up their personal time to give our students a wonderful learning experience.

Bruce Withers, HSIE

Wet and Wild Year 9

Year 10 Gold Coast 2014

Year 8 Tomaree Leisure Park
**Gifted and Talented Program**

The Enrichment Class program continued at Singleton High School in 2014. This year we welcomed the students of 7 Hercules into our program. These students, along with students in 8 Galloway, have been extremely busy and throughout the year have completed their UNSW Examinations in English, Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Writing. We are exceptionally proud of these students and their results with this cohort earning an impressive number of distinction, credits and merits. The GATS Committee would particularly like to thank Ms Yadav for all her work in coordinating these events.

The Independent Research Projects submitted by the students of 7 Hercules in September were outstanding and diverse. These photos are just a sample of what we saw.

The GATS program at Singleton High School has been established for the past 5 years and in 2015, for the first time, we will have identified students stretching across the school from Year 7 to 12. The opportunities being offered to our students are beginning to stretch beyond the Enrichment Class Program in Stage 4 to include students following an accelerated program of senior study. This year we have had students in Year 11 sit their HSC Examinations in Extension Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Drama and Biology. We wish these pioneering students all the very best.

The GATS committee is working on the development and promotion of new events and opportunities for our students with a focus on the needs of Stage 5 and 6 students. We are looking forward to what lies ahead.

Leanne Mullen, GATS Coordinator

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**Edible Garden**

Throughout the year the edible garden outdoor learning centre is fast become an interactive hot spot. Students are always picking herbs to use for cooking in the hospitality and food technology subjects, the support students learn about how the plants grow, and how they can be used in their cooking, the construction class built and maintain the fences and gates and the Year 7 technology mandatory computing students are in the process of creating a page on the school website for each plant to inform other students about what is available in the garden. The students have then linked these pages from the school website to the garden by tagging each plant with a quick reader code. A quick reader code or QR Code is like a bar code, which is scanned by a smart phone (the phone must first have a QR reader application downloaded), this then links directly to the information on the school website about that particular plant. Scan the QR Codes below to see more…

If you have any seed or seedlings of any fruits, vegetables or herbs please feel free to donate them to the edible garden as we are always looking for more educational aids to enhance every student’s learning.

Daniel Mead, Home Economics
The following students were rewarded for their efforts in 2014 at the annual Presentation night held at the Civic Centre on 16 December. Congratulations to all certificate recipients and major award winner. Well done.

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### Academic Excellence

- Home Science
- Industrial Tech

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### Academic Excellence

- Languages
- CAPA
- Home Economics
- Industrial Tech

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Thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers who have given up their time this year to help supply many lunches to our students here at Singleton High School.

Additional opening times for 2015 for the clothing shop are:
- Thursday 22 January 8.30 to 11.00 am and then 4.00 to 5.00 pm
- Friday 23 January 8.30 to 11.00 am and then 4.00 to 5.00 pm
- Tuesday 27 January 8.30 to 4.00 pm
- Wednesday 28 January 8.30 to 10.00 am and then 4.00 to 5.00 pm
- Thursday 29 January 8.30 to 10.00 am and then 4.00 to 5.00 pm
- Friday 30 January 8.30 to 10.00 pm and then 4.00 to 5.00 pm

If you are available to help out on any of the above times we are desperately seeking volunteers on these days.

Eftpos facilities are available at the canteen and at the uniform shop and you can shop online for uniforms as well. Just Google Singleton High School and follow the links.

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**Uniform Shop Summer Price List**

**Monday – 8.30am to 10.00am and 4.00pm to 5.00pm**

- 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 ( girls) – Navy Hipster $40.00
- Pants - 3/4 (girls) $38.00
- Shorts – Grey Longer length (boys) $35.00
- Shorts – Grey Longer leg (old style) $25.00
- Shorts – Grey Short leg (elastic waist) $27.00

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

**Second Hand Clothing Available**

**Winter Stock also available**

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

Donations of second hand uniforms would be greatly appreciated. All money raised is donated back to the school.

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**Canteen Price list Term 1 2015**

**Hot Food**
- Nuggets (5) $2.00
- Sausage Roll $3.50
- Meat Pie $4.00
- Cheese and Bacon Pie $4.50
- Chicken Burger $4.50
- Beef Burger $4.50
- Sweet Chilli Wrap $5.00
- Pizza Roundas $2.50
- Noodles $2.50
- Salt and Vinegar tenders (NED) $1.00
- Garlic Bread (NED) $1.00
- Sauce $0.30

**Rolls**
- Salad Roll (No Meat) $4.50
- Salad Roll (With Meat) $5.00
- Salad tub (with egg) $5.00
- Fruit Salad tub $4.00

**Sandwiches**
- Chicken and Lettuce $4.00
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $4.00
- Egg and Lettuce $3.50
- Beef and Pickles $4.00
- Turley and Cranberry $4.00

**Brekkie Ideas (before 9.30am)**
- Hash Browns $1.00
- Brekky Wrap $2.00

**Healthy Meal Deal**
- (orders only) Sandwich, juice and fruit $4.50

**Daily Specials**
- Monday Sliders $2.50
- Tuesday Toasties $4.00
- Cookies $2.50
- Wednesday Hot Dogs $3.50
- Thursday Mini Pizza $2.00
- Friday Chick Caesar Tub $5.00

Drinks, Chips, ice blocks and coffee also available everyday
## Important Information and Dates

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### Staff Members

- **Principal**: Joanne Gray
- **Deputy Principal Yr 7, 11**: Ian Skilton
- **Deputy Principal Yr 8, 12**: Shane Hookway
- **Deputy Principal Yr 9, 10**: Glenn Yates
- **Deputy ILNPP**: David Welsh
- **Welfare HT**: Dayna Cowmeadow (rel)
- **Administration HT**: Graeme Lindsay (rel)
- **Admin Manager**: Margaret Richardson
- **HT English**: Nerida McNamara (rel)
- **HT Science**: Leanne Mullen (rel)
- **HT Maths**: Kathleen Prudence
- **HT Home Ec**: Tracey Holloway
- **HT Industrial Arts**: Jason Kolatchew
- **HT PDHPE**: Cleemma Bendeich
- **HT Special Ed**: Kirsten Strachan
- **HT HSIE**: Bruce Withers
- **Librarian**: Martin Gray
- **Canteen Coordinators**: Tracy Johnson
- **Canteen Phone**: 02 6572 2373

### P&C Association

- **President**: Mrs Salli Avard
- **Secretary**: Mrs Cynthia Mulholland
- **Treasurer**: Mr Simon Rock

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School Hours 9.25am - 3.25pm
School Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm