March 2014 News

Regional Representatives 2014
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For your information

Principal  Mr Tony Jarrett
Deputy Principal  Yr 8,10,12  Mr Ian Skilton
Deputy Principal  Ms Elizabeth Bate
Deputy Principal (Rel)  Yr 7,9,11  Mr Shane Hookway
Welfare HT  Mrs Kathleen Ballard
Administration HT  Mr Graeme Lindsay (Rel)
Admin Manager  Mrs Margaret Richardson
Uniform Shop  Opening hours Monday 8.30 to 10.00am
  Monday 4.00 to 5.30pm
Canteen  Tracey Johnson and Coordinators
  Donna Horton
  02 6572 2373
P&C Association  Meets the 3rd Monday of the month in common room
Next meeting  17 March 2014 at 7.30pm
President  Mrs Salli Avard
Secretary  Mrs Cynthia Mulholland
Treasurer  Mr Simon Rock

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

What’s on in March and April

17 March  P&C AGM 7.30pm Common Room
19 March  School Cross Country
20 March  National Close the Gap Day
  Open boys cricket
21 March  Hospitality event Senior Citizens Centre
  Treat day Canteen
  Equestrian Event
  Harmony Day
  Try a Skill Day
24 March  Encore Performance HSC
  Year 7 to 11 Dr Karl Kruszelnicki talk
25 March  Hospitality event Singleton Business
  Women’s Dinner
  Year 12 Exams start till 4/4/14
27 March  Bill Turner Cup soccer
28 March  SRC Oncology Unit visit
2 April  Zone Cross Country
  English book buying Years 7 to 11
3 April  Year 7 and 11 progress reports handed out
4 April  Catch up Book Buying
  Year 7 Peer Support
7 April  Under 14 and open league
9 April  Green Day SRC
  Hospitality event Mayoral Scholarship presentations
  Year 7 and 11 Parent Teacher Night
11 April  ANZAC Service
  April 14 to 29 School holidays

Notice Board

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Families will shortly receive their contribution summary listing amounts payable for each student for 2014. Your assistance in paying subject contributions promptly is requested. Internet payment details are available on request by phoning 02 6571 1199.

FAMILY AND STUDENT INFORMATION

A detailed summary of family and student details currently on record at our school will be included with the contribution summary. Please check the details, update information if required, sign and return the form to the school.

Please include your family email address in the space provided.
PARENT NEWS IN COLOUR via EMAIL will be available from our first issue in Term 2.

Margaret Richardson
School Administrative Manager
**Principal’s Report**

Recently the school held a number of invaluable information sessions for our transitioning Years 5/6 from our partner schools in the Multi-Purpose Centre.

The purpose of this information evening was to present to our future students and their parents the variety of subjects they will do in 2015, and meet their Year Advisers for 2015, Mrs. Cindy Koletsis-Tatt, and Mr Tristan Chapman, who along with the school’s Head Teachers provided both parents and students with the essentials to have a smooth transition into their high school.

Year 7 students have just completed their successful annual camp to Morisset. This presented the students and staff “challenges by choice”, and also the opportunity to develop a greater understanding and relationship with each other, in a different learning environment. I am sure our students will return from camp with many fond experiences. I would also like to thank our Year 7 Advisers Mrs Margaret Bagnall and Mrs Leanne Mullen for their excellent organisation of the camp, and also to all staff who made a commitment that ensured our students had a successful time.

I would also like to remind the parents of Year 12. They will be undertaking their half yearly exams in the last week of March. Please support and encourage your child to do their best during these important exams.

Our P&C meeting on 17 March will be the Annual General Meeting. The meeting will start at 7.30 pm in the Common Room. I encourage parents to attend these meetings as they provide a valuable insight into the direction of the school, I will again be looking at the school’s priorities and a budget for 2014. This meeting also provides you as parents with a valuable forum to discuss issues that concern you.

Shortly we will be holding our Cross Country and again I encourage all students to participate in this whole school event. We design the event to suit all competitors. I would also like to get our parents to encourage their children to participate in all whole school activities. It would be great see our culture of non participation in carnivals start to change.

Thank you to the parents who have supported the uniform policy of the school. The community reaction has been very positive. It is also pleasing to have my school captains representing the school in the community in uniform and presenting a very positive image for our school.

**Tony Jarrett, Principal**

**Deputy Principal’s Report**

With the end of Term 1 approaching, Singleton High School has taken the initiative to keep parents informed of their child’s progress as new students to the school in Year 7 and as new students commencing the Higher School Certificate in Year 11.

Parents will receive an interim progress report that will inform students and parents of their students strengths and areas that may require attention. Areas such as : Up to date with course work (Pride), Respectful toward other students and staff (Respect), Organised and prepared (Responsibility) and working to potential in class (Excellence in Learning) will be reported on. Student progress headings have direct links with the school’s Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations (listed in brackets).

Formal student reports for Year 7 are 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. Should you require further information regarding your child’s achievements, please contact the school.

Singleton High School hopes students and parents/carers find this feedback useful and that it provides a basis for discussion at home about your child’s progress.

Progress reports will be handed out on Thursday of the school Week 10, 3 April 2014 during the assembly period. Parent teacher interviews for Years 7 and 11 to discuss your child’s progress will be held on Wednesday 9 April which is Week 11 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm in the school’s Multi Purpose Centre.

Shane Hookway, Relieving Deputy Principal
Reading For Meaning at Singleton High School

I have enjoyed the opportunity this term to spend some time with all Year 9 students introducing the Super Six Comprehension Strategies. I teach each Year 9 student in a Literacy class once per fortnight. I have focussed on the ‘Questioning’ strategy over the past few weeks, using a variety of texts from a newspaper article to the NAPLAN 2013 reading material. I thought it might be opportune to share this strategy with parents as a way of deconstructing text and engaging young people in reading!

Types of questions:
Thin questions/ Here/Closed/Right There: - deal with specific words or information in the text. The answers are closed and can be found in the text.

Question stems for thin question could be: When?
E.g. ‘When was the story set?’
Who?
E.g. ‘Who is the main character?’
Where?
E.g. ‘Where would you go to find..?’

Thick questions / On my own / Open: deal with large concepts or big ideas in the text. Answers to thick questions are open ended and require complex answers.

Question stems for thick questions could be:
Why?
E.g. ‘Why is it important to treat your friends well?’
What?
E.g. ‘What would have happened if plastic hadn’t been invented?’
How?
E.g. ‘How would you feel if you had been in Tom’s situation?’

To complement the Year 9 Literacy classes, staff are continuing in their training on reading for meaning. A growing group of interested staff are meeting formally once a fortnight to share their literacy journey with one another. With the expert direction of Mrs Nerida McNamara, the team of trained staff will embark on a journey of team teaching and coaching.

We have exciting professional development ahead in Term 2 for both teachers and students.

Elizabeth Bate, Deputy Principal

Youth Week 2014

Singleton Youth Centre is hosting a huge array of activities to coincide with Youth Week in April 2014. Dates:
Drama with teenagers, April 15, 10am to 4pm
Free Theatre workshop for 11-17 years.
Youth Kitchen Rules, April 8 4pm to 6pm
Free cooking classes.
Classroom with Wings, April 9 and 10
Unique aviation based program teaching ‘at risk’ young people foundation life principals.
Skate Shoes, April 17
Trip to Hunter Ice Skating stadium at Warners Bay.
Everest, April 22
An introductory course in indoor rock climbing at Pulse Climbing Newcastle.
Round Robin, April 16, 11am to 2pm
Tenpin bowling, indoor soccer and cricket.
Tree Tops Adventure Park
Flying foxes, rope challenge and giant swings.
No need to feed your dog your homework, April 30, 4pm to 6pm
Homework tuition to get Term 2 off to a flying start and its FREE.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Youth Venue on 6571 4687.

But please check out the link below to see some of Singleton Highs very talented students advertising Youth Week 2014.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q3UiMpPkMw
What does a cyber bully look like?
- Abusive texts;
- Intimidating others online;
- Excluding others, and
- Posting unkind messages or inappropriate images on social networking sites.

So what to do if I am being cyber bullied?
- STOP and block,
- Do not reply to a bully,
- Click the report abuse button or flag,
- Block the bully,
- Customise your privacy settings,
- TELL a trusted adult,
- Collect evidence,
- KEEP mobile phone messages with a trusted adult—don't keep reading them, and
- Print emails and social networking conversations and give them to a trusted adult—don't keep reading them.

How do I keep safe on social networking sites?
- Go to www.cybersmart.gov.au/Teens.aspx,
- Remove flirty photos and nicknames,
- Don't friend people who make you felt uncomfortable,
- Remove mobile phone numbers, and
- Remove suburb/town if you have your surname
- Set your site to private.

Where can I get help?

Remember!
- The problem won't necessarily get out of control if reported,
- The technology won't necessarily be taken away from you if you report it, and
- Schools or parents can make a difference.

So how do I protect my child online?
- Go to www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx,
- Make digital issues part of everyday conversation,
- Put in place the safe steps to make social networking sites safe,
- Don't be afraid to try technologies yourself,
- Communicate with other parents and teachers, and
- Collect the evidence if your child is being cyber bullied.

Term 1 has been a busy term with many great programs and activities. A highlight to date was the very successful Year 7 camp and a great time was had by all.

As the term draws to a close, we have a number of activities still on offer such as the Maggie Hamilton talk at the Singleton Library on 20 March (see advert in this newsletter). The After Burn guest speaker talking to our leadership teams in relation to challenges and how to manage and overcome obstacles and the Year 7 and Year 11 parent teacher nights.

I hope the information on cyberbullying is useful to you in helping to protect your children online. And please find below a flyer regarding a carers event which may be of interest to some members of our school community.

We have a wonderful whole school goal this year: to create an inclusive and welcoming environment which values, recognises and affirms the worth of each individual in our learning community. To help us reach our goal, we are starting a new program for students who need additional support.

We call this program Check in Check out (CICO). The CICO program is a positive intervention that allows students to evaluate their day by checking in with a staff member who reinforces positive behaviour and explores strategies to assist your child to maximise learning outcomes. Progress sheets may be sent home for you to review.

Wishing everyone a safe break and we look forward to offering further wellbeing support in Term 2.

Kathleen Ballard, Head Teacher Welfare
Millennium Student Portal

Real time access to a wealth of information on your child

Singleton High School is proud to have the opportunity to offer the parents of student’s free access to information on their children via an individualized portal to the schools online record keeping system.

The portal to our Millennium system will give you daily updates on each of your children through one access point. Information can be accessed real time. As information is entered at the school level it is available to you through the parent portal.

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

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Return Slip:

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

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

1: ________________________________

2: ________________________________

3: ________________________________

A contact telephone number to verify these details is: ________________________________

My e-mail address is listed accurately below:

__________________________________________________________________________
Assessment Task Schedules

Available NOW on the Parent Moodle website:
(hotlink available via the school website by accessing the School Links tab)

Login as a guest: no passwords

Access the 2014 Assessment Information folder to open and save Assessment Booklets for each Year group

Policy information

Full Year Assessment Task Mapping

Specific Assessment information for every subject
Year 7 Report

What a busy couple of weeks Year 7 have had! All Year 7 students have been participating in the Peer Support Program which operates every Friday. During this time, the students address different aspects of Singleton High School’s various policies such as anti-bullying and anti-racism as well as the newly adopted resilience program. This is a highly beneficial time for students, providing them with important information.

Year 7 also began their numeracy program in DEAR this week – an excellent opportunity for students to complete revision of mathematical concepts.

Friday afternoon all students within the school participated in the Clean-Up Australia Day activity with Year 7 doing a sensational job, well done Year 7.

Lastly, nearly 200 Year 7 students, along with 36 Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, participated in the Year 7 camp held at Morisset from Monday 3 March to Wednesday 5 March. Luckily the rain stayed away for the entire time of the camp allowing students to participate in the planned activities which were outside of their comfort zone and they did an amazing job. The mud world challenge seemed to be a favourite with all students!! A great time was had by all and I congratulate Year 7 not only on their excellent behaviour whilst on camp but also their positive attitude in regards to trying new and challenging things. Awesome work Year 7. See photos later in this issue.

Margaret Bagnall, Leanne Mullen, Year Advisors

Year 8 Report

ELECTIVES
Welcome back, I trust you all have had an enjoyable break. Year 8 have settled into their electives and seem to be enjoying doing the subjects they have chosen. Please, however, do remember that it is not a good idea at this late stage in the term to change classes, as students will have missed valuable course content.

FUNDRAISING
We will still be fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in Newcastle this year, the leadership team will meet very soon and will begin some new fundraising activities very soon.

UNIFORM
Please be sure your child has plain black leather or leather like shoes, this is the agreement made by the school in consultation with the P&C and most importantly it is a mandatory requirement for practical subjects.

Logos and coloured laces are discouraged. If there are any issues with acquiring the correct school uniform, please don’t hesitate to contact the school to discuss your concerns.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Just a little reminder that it very important that your child remain on the school grounds upon arrival in the morning. I have noted that students are meeting with their friends in the morning and then attempting to leave the school grounds. Once your child arrives at school they must have a pass out to leave during school hours.

Mr Jones and I wish you all a very enjoyable term and remind you it is very important to keep trying your best.

Jo Radcliffe and Nathan Jones – Year Advisors

Year 9 Report

Time is flying by as we make our way through the term, all students still working hard with positive attitudes, just be mindful that assessment tasks are starting to be due in.

The boys have been working hard around the school within the boys group, working on the construction of the Aboriginal smoke pit. Well done boys keep up the good work.

Leadership group is now working on an environmental plan for an activity in the local region in giving back to the community from an environmental point of view.

Cross Country is up coming and looking forward to all students putting in a great effort.

Keep up all the good work Year 9.

Daniel Mead and Andrew Summerville, Year Advisors
Year 12 Report

It has been a wonderful start for our Year 12. The students are now almost half way through their last year of school. The rest of the year will fly by for them and they really need to put their studies ahead of everything else.

Congratulations on winning the competition for Singleton High’s contribution in Clean-up Australia Day. It was a great effort for the students present. Singleton High also had a fire drill last week and some students were on a study period. It is a legal requirement to participate in this and I expect all Year 12 followed procedures.

Year 12 also need to put on their creative, thinking hats to consider fund-raising activities to help support the cost of their formal on 12 November, and to purchase a gift for the school.

We wish all our students successful outcomes in their upcoming Half Yearly Exams starting at the end of this month.

Judy Schmitt and Annie Phillips, Year Advisors.

Year 10 Report

Year 10 have made a busy start to the year and it promises to get even bigger through the coming weeks. Our Leadership Team is busy working on a design for our Year 10 T-shirts, and planning fund raising events. Year 10 will also be attending a “Try a Trade” on Friday, 21 March at Singleton Showgrounds.

Year 10 are also very excited about the Peer Support excursion that we are currently organising for Term 4. We are excited to announce that we are going to Queensland. Students will receive more information over the coming weeks in regards to the camp and a payment plan will be set up at the front office. There will only be 100 spots for students so any student wanting to attend is reminded that they need to have a clean school record with no truancies if they wish to attend.

We encourage all Year 10 to continue working hard for the remainder of the term in preparation for their Half Yearly Exams early next term.

Rebecca Luscombe and Daniel Higgins, Year Advisors

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Year 11 Report

Year 11 are officially members of the senior body of students at Singleton High School after being issued with their “Seniors Card” in Week 7 of this term.

A long wait according to some, but now they have been issued let’s hope they can live up to those expectations that will allow them to keep them.

Bob Collins and Leanne Ellis, Year Advisors

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Secrets from the Hospitality Kitchen

As we are always being asked about our yummy recipes that our Hospitality students prepare to perfection...we managed to sneak in and “borrow” them for our Parents and Carers.

(don’t tell Mrs Holloway...she will never know we have them)

Basic Muffin Base

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 cup milk

*Flavourings use 1 cup of choice suggestions include : grate apple / blueberries/chocolate chips

**Method**

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Mix until just combined then add flavouring ingredient and stir slowly
3. Bake at 180°C for approximately 20 minutes
Welcome to Languages 2014. It is so wonderful to see so many students enjoying the world of another language and feeling happy in their learning.

This wonderful learning environment comes from our two very talented Japanese teachers of Ms Dayna Cowmeadow and Ms Ren Barnett. Their classroom is always a hive of activity and a fun learning environment.

It is great to hear the students talking Japanese around the school. This has been even more evident with Year 7’s Listening Task that have just completed. Well done to all the students who completed their assessment task with very pleasing results.

Below is a list of Japanese greetings. See how well you can go with pronunciation.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Japanese Greetings</th>
<th>Pronunciation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hello</td>
<td>Konnichiwa</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good morning</td>
<td>Ohayou Gozaimasu</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good evening</td>
<td>Konbanwa</td>
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<tr>
<td>Good night</td>
<td>Oyasuminasai</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Good bye</td>
<td>Sayounara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>See you</td>
<td>Jya mata</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>See you tomorrow</td>
<td>Mata ashita</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bye</td>
<td>Bai bai</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How are you?</td>
<td>Ogenki desu ka</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please remember we are more than happy to discuss your child’s progress if there are any problems.

Please contact their class teacher or Head Teacher during school hours.

Sayounara

Holloway SENSEI, Head Teacher Languages

Students from various agriculture classes have been growing potted flowers of New Guinea Impatiens, Nemesia, Verbena and Argyanthemum (marguerite daisy).

Some of the potted flowers have been treated with a charcoal based product called Biochar and at three weeks growth it can be seen that the Nemesia and New Guinea Impatiens growing below on the left have responded well to its application. Nemesia and Verbena just started to flower and will be offered for sale over the next few weeks.

Students will be involved in their marketing and sale of these plants.

Year 11 Primary Industries class is currently completing competencies on animal welfare and animal yarding tasks and the Year 12 Primary Industries class is completing competency tasks on tractor operation.

The agriculture department is in the process of developing a teaching unit on aquaponics and require a IBC 1000L water carrier and large plastic drums that we can cut in half and use to grow hydroponically grown plants.

If anyone can donate any of the above items please inform the front office at school and we can help arrange pickup within the local area.

Craig Bourne, Agriculture
Japanese Cultural Exchange 2014

During the summer holidays we Samantha and Madeline went on exchange to Japan. We stayed in Japan for about two months with our host families, who were the 2 exchange students who visited last year from Takahata Momoka and Mayu. Takahata is our sister school, this exchange has been happening for about 14 years.

While we were in Japan we both experienced snow for the first time. It was very cold compared to Australia most days as it was below 0 degrees. During our exchange we experienced normal Japanese school life; we went to school from about 8 o’clock and got home at about 5-6 o’clock as they have club activities after school. Some of the classes we attended were P.E, sewing, music, art, history and our favourite organic farming. In organic farming it was like agriculture classes except in Japan they cooked heaps of food and played in the snow as it was winter and nothing grows. We also made an igloo and snow lanterns in this class.

During our stay in Japan our host families took us to Tokyo. While we were there we went to Disneyland and the studio Ghibli Museum. At Singleton High School we are both studying the Japanese beginner’s course, so even though we knew part of the language there was still a bit of a language barrier. Our exchange was both cultural and to get a better idea of the language.

We have made many friends and many exciting memories we will never forget. It was a great experience and we highly recommend it for anyone. We look forward to the two exchange students who will be coming later this year. Thank you to both Takahata and Singleton High school and also our host families that we dearly miss.

Samantha and Madeline

Home Economics Faculty

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

We have had some changes in our staffing with Miss Myree Ribbon taking 12 months leave to take up a Head Teacher Well Being position at Gloucester High School and be closer to her family for six months. We will miss Miss Ribbons’ wonderful smile and enthusiasm as well as her work and friendship from our faculty but will be happy for her return in Semester 1 2014. Our replacement for Miss Myree Ribbons is Miss Brianne Balfoort, and we welcome Miss Balfoort back to our faculty and to our school and wish her all the best for a wonderful start at a great school. Mr Daniel Mead has returned this year and we are very pleased to have him once again in our faculty. We wish him all the best for 2014 at Singleton High School. We also welcome Mrs Sharon Bourne to our faculty, she is working part time with Mrs Hartnett for the year. We wish Mrs Bourne all the best for another great year at Singleton High School.

We have also started all classes with our students full of energy after the break. We hope this continues for the rest of the year.

All classes have specific requests for equipment to ensure all students are prepared for all lessons. This includes the following for all practical Home Economics Classes:

- A4 size display folder;
- An A4 size booklet for theory lessons;
- A4 plastic sleeve for assignments;
- Enclosed black leather shoes;
- Container for practical lessons, and
- All aprons/tea towels are supplied for WHS purposes.

Payment of course fees by end of Term 1 2014. This will enable us to finalise our budget and reduce problems at the end of the year. Invoices will be sent out soon from the school and payments can be made at the front office. Any problems with regard to payment please contact Head Teacher Welfare during school hour so we may be able to assist and organise a payment plan.

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

Reminder all students will have assessment tasks this term for their subjects within our faculty and if anyone has any issues or problems please contact your class teacher as soon as you can so the assessment tasks can be handed in on time.

We welcome all new students to our faculty and wish everyone a great 2014 full of great learning experiences.

Tracey Holloway, Head Teacher Home Economics.
University Road Show
On Thursday, 27 February 2014, Years 11 and 12 students were given the opportunity to attend an information session in regards to discovering more about university life and potential career paths when the Regional University Road Show came to town.

A joint venture by Charles Sturt University, Southern Cross University and the University of New England, the road show featured presentations on a range of topics including admission, university life, scholarships and study options.

University of New England Open Day
Friday, 2 May 2014.
An offer has been made to both Years 11 and 12 students who may be interested in attending the Open Day at UNE (Armidale). At this stage I will be taking names and further information in regards to the trip will be given at a later date. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 10 – 2014 Work Experience Program
The dates for the 2014 WEP are as follows:
Term 2: Week 8 - Monday, 16 June 2014 to Friday, 20 June 2014.

Paperwork in regards to the program will be given to the students in due course.

Try-A-Skill Day – Singleton Showground
Year 10 students will have the opportunity to attend the annual Try-A-Skill Day on Friday, 21 March 2014. The event is a great chance for all students to gain experience in various career options to help make decisions about their transition from school to work, and make appropriate subject selections for senior school.

There are many employment opportunities in our region and students will have the opportunity to meet people who are enthusiastic to showcase their job. This is a great time for the students to ask questions and find out exactly how you can start your career pathway.

Leanne Ellis- Careers Adviser

ANZAC Day Observance 2014
The School Anzac Day Service is set for Friday, 11 April 2014, due to commence at 9:40am in our Multi Purpose Centre.

Parents are invited to attend this function and limited seating is available. This service should be approximately one hour in duration and include veteran profiles, musical items and the normal ANZAC Day protocols.

The theme for this years’ service is “Villers Bretonneux - A School Like Us “. The service will provide insight into the battle of Villers Bretonneux and the close linkage between that French town and Australia.

ANZAC Day March
The Community ANZAC Day March is on Friday, 25 April. This is during the second week of the vacation.

It would be appreciated if parents/guardians could encourage their children to march in full school uniform on this special day. This is an opportunity for students to march wearing family or relative’s medals if available.

Assembly time is 10am at the car park adjacent to the IGA supermarket in William Street. Parents need to be aware of the change of assembly point. The service this year will be held at the Singleton Civic Centre.

Nigel Cox, Organising Teacher

ARE YOU BEING BULLIED?
Student Support Group welcomes all students who need someone to talk to and a helping hand!

WHEN
Tuesday lunch – day 7
WHERE
Ka-Wui Centre
Bring your lunch!

Leanne Ellis- Careers Adviser
Support News

Support Unit Garden Project

Our Support Unit was seeking significant assistance to provide a safe, tranquil, stress-free garden area for students, but we had neither the expertise nor tooling to complete this project. We sent a request (an earnest plea) to Vicki Griffin, activities organiser at Bunnings Singleton. Bunnings help local community groups by providing hands-on assistance with projects. Our application was successful and their team assisted with our garden makeover, providing DIY support and donating resources, expertise, time and an above and beyond effort to complete the project.

A dedicated band of Singleton Bunnings employees worked tirelessly with consulting, planning, removing plants, transplanting, redesigning and making our garden a place of relaxation and outside learning. The Singleton Bunnings team exceeded our expectations.

We had new plants donated from their nursery and access to a horticulturalist. We had an irrigation specialist plumb irrigation and a landscaper who contributed plants, equipment and use of his truck. We had Bunnings employees transform our garden, all with smiles on their faces and at the cost of only our humble gratitude.

The next stage will have Toby Karakasch, Singleton High Teacher, and his band of Year 9 project boys finishing off a levelled, natural path to improve access to our back garden.

The project was a massive effort and our staff and students are extremely appreciative of the contribution made by the Singleton Bunnings team. What a fantastic example of fostering community partnerships.

Megan Parish, Support

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Any student interested in electric vehicles or robotics should meet outside the Science Labs (H block) on Monday lunch times.

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EV Prize 2014

NEEDS YOU!

EV Prize 2014

Any student interested in electric vehicles should check out the prize this year!
Welcome all to 2014 at Singleton High School.

To students and parents/caregivers that are returning this year welcome back and to all of our new students and parents/caregivers welcome to Singleton High School.

To tell those who don’t know and remind the ones that do - The KaWul Centre resides in the Singleton High School grounds and is a resource for ALL students, teachers and people from the community. With the centre in the school grounds it is an easy place to go to and learn, socialise and get the most recent updates for Aboriginal and non Aboriginal activities in the local region.

Since the centre has been open it has become one of the popular places where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students socialise. The centre is based around respect and pride of who you are and where you come from.

The atmosphere that everyone feels when they come to the room is carefree and relaxed. This is the way we all learn and become friends. The centre has resources, reference books, DVD’s and computers. A friendly place to chill out and get help with assignments, Singleton High employs a number of qualified Norta Norta tutors to assist students with assignments and class work.

There is homework assistance available after school in the centre on a Tuesday and Thursday. The tutors are both qualified teachers that are working with in the high school.

We will have many programs that will be running out of the centre this year. Some of the programs are:

- Sista Speak - girls mentoring and cultural program;
- Boys mentoring program;
- Bandra - Aboriginal Dance Group, and
- Healthy Eating Program.

We will also be conducting (PLP’s) personalise learning plans, these will assist us to get to know your students better so we will be able to help their journey at Singleton High be a smooth one. It will also help us to develop programs in which our students are interested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the high school if you have any questions. I am available at the high school on Monday, Tuesday or Friday on 65 7111 99 or by email Sharon.bailey@det.nsw.edu.au

Looking forward to working with every one throughout the year.

Sharon Bailey, KaWul Centre
Cleanup Singleton High School Day

In support of “Clean Up Australia Day” the student council at Singleton High School spent the last period of the day on Friday 7 March cleaning up our school.

Competing as year groups all students actively engaged in a collaborative spirit in collecting rubbish from all around the school and collating it with the student council reps on the back oval. The rubbish was loaded in a trailer before it would eventually be taken to the council dump.

This is the first time the event has been organised by the SRC and they are to be congratulated on a fantastic effort. The measure of its success can best be measured by the state of the school grounds when the clean up was finished, and I am sure all would agree they looked spectacular.

A few misdemeanours by some year groups commencing before the official bell brought some criticism from students and this is an aspect that will be policed in future years.

A date to take note is “Green Day” 2014 which will be held in April 2014.

Congratulations to Year 12 on being the successful year group. Their enthusiasm is to be applauded.

Bob Collins, SRC Coordinator

Go Green Committee March Facts

- Use “green” products when cleaning not only is it better for the environment but it saves money too. For all purpose cleaner mix baking soda and warm water. Put it in a spray bottle. Use lemons to remove soap scum and to clean glasses and dishes. Use white vinegar to clean your toilets and showers.
- When packing kids lunch, don’t wrap sandwiches and snacks in plastic wrap or aluminium foil. Pack lunch and drinks in re-usable containers. and use a re-useable lunch box.

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2014 has started and will go on for Terms 2 and 3. The PRC is a state wide program where students challenge themselves to read books. All those who complete the challenge will receive a certificate and have their name printed in the Sydney papers.

Students register themselves at the Premiers Reading Challenge website, using their DET login details. They then add the details for any book they have read, either from the recommended list or their own selection, and then choose a new book.

For any further details please see Mr Gray in the Library.

Martin Gray, Teacher Librarian

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (S.C.C.E) is an international exchange program that is recognised as a remarkable and worthwhile opportunity for high school students to travel overseas and learn how to adapt themselves and learn about different cultures, while attending school and living with a volunteer host family. With the thousands of students that S.C.C.E. has sent overseas on exchange, exchange is also a timely opportunity to increase understanding of a different culture, and their facility with a foreign language.

For more information about this exchange program please go to the following website <http://www.scce.com.au/>
Sports News

The school equestrian team travelled to Murrurundi on the 3 March for the annual Blandford School Horse Sports.

The competition was strong with over 180 riders from 27 schools attending. Our team performed well and achieved some good results, while having an enjoyable day and representing their school with pride. Team members included Josie B, Madison S (on a new horse), Ashley L (a new student attending her first competition), Renee A (gained a 1st and 2nd place), Taylor G (a 2nd place), Sarah G (two 2nd's and three 3rd's places), Brendan H (2nd, 3rd and two 4th places), and Ethan S (two 1st, three 2nd and one 3rd place).

Ethan S was also Champion High Point Score Boy in the 15 years and over age group.

Well done to all the team members and thank you to all the parents for their support and assistance on the day.

Bruce Withers, Team Manager

14 Years Baker Shield Cricket

The 14 years boys’ cricket team has progressed to the third round of the Baker Shield Knockout Competition with a great all round team display, defeating both Muswellbrook and Scone in the opening T20 rounds.

With the bat, Glenn W proved too classy for the opposition accumulating good runs in both matches. He was assisted by Tristan P, Josh S and Hayden B with healthy contributions each. With the ball, Jordan N struck early with Bailey S and Isaac B taking wickets.

The boys now play Maitland Grossman in the third round in Term 4.

Open Girls Netball

Last week the Open Girls Netball team headed up to Muswellbrook for the first round of the Hunter Knockout Comp. There was a great effort put in by the girls, with a special mention to Year 9 girls Maggie R, Ruby H, Kendall A and Ash U, who were all last minute inclusions to the team. We wouldn’t have been there at all without their help. We just missed out on a spot in the next round in Newcastle. Thanks also to Emma J for being our amazing umpire for the day.

Nikki Scott, PDHPE Faculty

SLR Stand Up Paddle Boarding

In Week 4, the Year 11 SLR class took the train down to Newcastle for the day. Although the weather wasn’t entirely on our side, we ventured out onto Throsby Creek for what was most peoples’ first attempt at Stand Up Paddle Boarding.

Everyone was a natural and it took some hard playing tactics to get everyone in the water at some stage.

After that we headed out to Newcastle University for some rock climbing. The boys were all getting a bit tired after their big morning, but French exchange student, Cosette E, showed them all how it was done with her persistent efforts.

Nikki Scott, Year 11 SLR
Year 7 Camp Fun

Singleton Roosters Australian Football Club (AFL)
Rose Point Park, Singleton

2014 Season

Registrations are still being taken for the 2014 season in ALL grades - Rose Point Park, Thursdays from 4:30

Training for ALL teams, except AUSKICK, take place on Thursdays from 4:30

NAB Auskick - Commencing Thursday 3rd April
An introductory program aimed at 5 to 9 year old helping them to develop the skills and game play. Auskick operates on a Thursday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Youth Grade Teams – Under 9, Under 11, Under13, Under15, Under 17 – Teams train on a Thursday night from 4:30. Games are played on Sundays with most grades playing at the same venue.

Youth Girls – this season sees the launch of a Girls only competition open to girls aged 12 to 15 Years. Girls will play a reduced season of 10 weeks, with modified rules and a girls only playing strip. Girls will play on Sundays.

For further information please contact – Jason 0448745333

Singleton Strikers Football Clinic 2014

Monday to Wednesday 14th to 16th April, 2014.

Cost: $130.00 per child, Second child in a family pays $110.00.
Third and subsequent child pays $90.00.

Included in this cost is 9 Hours of Professional Coaching under the direction of Singleton Strikers First Division Team Head Coach, Scott Baillie. Each player will also receive an Admiral playing shirt & shorts, a Nike Football, a cap, a drink bottle, fruit and a lunch pack each day (including a fruit drink), and chances to win vouchers from local business & A League Merchandise (including a signed Jets Shirt & Ball).

PLEASE NOTE - NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED – IT’S A FUN FILLED THREE DAYS OF FOOTBALL SKILLS, LEARNING AND GAMES

Where: Howe Park, Boundary St, Singleton.
Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm (please arrive by 8:45am for a warm-up)
Ages: 5 to 17 years

For more details visit http://www.singleton strikers.com/2014 Clinic.html
or email us at 2014-clinic@singleton strikers.com
WHO ARE THE ARCOs AT SINGLETON HIGH SCHOOL?

Mrs. Ellis
Career’s Adviser/Year 10 Adviser
Career’s/VET Office
A Block next to A7

Ms. Ballard
Head Teacher Welfare
Welfare Office
B Block next to Principal’s Office

Singleton High School
CLOTHING SHOP INFORMATION and PRICE LIST 2014

Normal Opening Hours:
Monday – 8.30am to 10.30am and 4.00pm to 5.30pm

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 visitor’s book at office.

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

Tracy and Donna would like to say a big thank you to the fabulous Year 10, 11 and SRC Students (Trevor Cochrane and Mrs Ellis). Who give up their recess and lunches to help us in the canteen.

We greatly appreciate it as some days we are without our lovely volunteers and we would be unable to serve all the kids effectively.

Also a big congrats to all the students especially our new Year 7 kids on their beautiful manners.
### Hot Food
- Nuggets (5) : $2.00
- Sausage Roll : $3.00
- Meat Pie : $3.50
- Chicken Burger : $4.00
- Beef Burger : $4.00
- Sweet Chilli Wrap : $4.00
- Pizza Roundas : $2.50
- Cheese and Bacon Pie : $4.00
- Sauce : $0.30
- Salad Dressing : $0.30

### Drinks
- Large Flavour Milks 600ml : $4.00
- Small Flavour Milks 375ml : $3.00
- Plain Milk 600ml : $3.00
- Large Juice : $3.00
- Small Juice : $2.00
- Aroona 350ml Flavour Drinks : $2.50
- Play Water : $2.50
- 600ml Bottled Water : $2.00
- 1L Bottled Water : $3.00
- Cans of Drinks : $2.50
- Gatorade : $4.00
- Dare Ice Coffee : $4.00
- Large Milk : $4.00
- Small Milk : $3.00
- Plain Milk : $3.00
- Slushies : $2.00
- Mineral Water : $3.00
- Iced Tea : $3.00

### Rolls
- Salad Roll (No Meat) : $4.50
- Salad Roll (With Meat) : $5.00

### Sandwiches
- Chicken and Lettuce : $4.00
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato : $4.00
- Egg and Lettuce : $3.50
- Beef and Pickles : $4.00
- Salad Tub : $4.50
- Salad (with meat) : $5.00
- Fresh Fruit Salad : $3.00

### Specials
- Healthy Meal Deal
  - Salad Sandwich, Fruit and juice : $4.00

### Brekcie Ideas
- Hash Browns : $1.00
- Brekky Wrap : $3.00
- Muffins/Finger Bun : $2.00
- Bacon & Cheese Roll : $2.00

### Snacks
- Large Packet Pretzels : $2.00
- Red Rock Deli Chips : $1.00
- Smiths Chips : $1.00
- Jumpy Chips : $1.00

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

### Coffee (all)
- Cappuccino : $3.00
- Latte
- Long Black
- White Coffee
- Mocha
- Hot Chocolate