June 2014 News

Hospitality Graduation 2014
Singleton High School’s annual ski trip is on again, leaving on the evening of Thursday 14 August and returning on Sunday 17 August.

We are offering two full days of skiing or snowboarding at Perisher Valley for approximately $630. This price includes accommodation and most meals, ski or snowboard hire, lift passes and lessons.

We cater for beginners to experienced skiers and snowboarders from Year 7 to Year 12. Come along and enjoy the fun.

For further information see Mrs Beckett in the Science staffroom.
**Principal's Report**

This semester Singleton High School’s Technology team have developed an exciting new policy that will only enhance the technology skills of our students, and reinforce for the school the benefits of digital learning. The team have developed a Bring Your Own Device Policy (BYOD) that is unique to our school and community. The Singleton High School policy will enable students to have a direct involvement in the way that they use technology in their learning. Learning in this way will lead to a better result for our community.

We are moving into the bottom half of Semester 1. You will shortly receive your child’s half yearly report, with an invitation to attend Parent/Teacher evenings. Please take the opportunity to look at the outcomes your child has achieved in each of their chosen subjects. Our parent evenings provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress.

We have just completed our annual Higher School Certificate Seminar Day. Overall 800 students from NSW schools attended this event. You can imagine the depth of organisation of this day and the impact on Singleton’s community. Again Ian Skilton, who was responsible for the organisation, did an outstanding job. This day provided students with the opportunity to hear from guest lecturers about preparing for their Higher School Certificate, exam preparation and university life.

At a recent P&C meeting we discussed ways to improve student performance in the HSC. This event provides an ideal opportunity for our students to gain useful exam tips and the chance to network with other students.

It was disappointing despite the organisation and promotion that our school student numbers at this event were very poor. If we are to improve performance we need to work as a team and ensure and encourage all students to attend these types of events.

I would like to wish all our performers in Star Struck the best of luck. I am sure they will enjoy the experience and be rewarded for the efforts they have put into their performance. I would like to thank Ms Radcliffe and parents for their assistance.

Tony Jarrett, Principal

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**Deputy Principals’ Reports**

The end of Term 2 is upon us and this means end of semester reports. These reports will be handed out at the Well Done Assemblies for each year on the dates below.

Parent teacher interview nights will take place in Term 3 on July 23 from 3.40 to 6.30pm in the Multi Purpose Centre. This, and future parent nights will be managed through our Millennium Parent Portal. Parents have the capacity to book now by accessing the parent portal, full details on the “How To” via the full page advertisement in this newsletter.

I would like to remind parents that they can assess assessment schedules and assessment information by downloading a copy from the Moodle site (see also full page advertisement in this newsletter). The parent Moodle site is quite different from the Millennium site, and please feel free to familiarise yourself with both places and the information available within each.

Well done assemblies:

- Year 10: Monday 23 June
- Year 9: Tuesday 24 June
- Year 8: Wednesday 25 June
- Year 7: Friday 27 June.

Shane Hookway, Relieving Deputy Principal 7,9,11

2014 Seminar Day Report

Friday 30 May saw the 15th HSC Seminar Day held by Singleton High School.

Over 950 Year 12 students and accompanying staff arrived having travelled varying distances and awoken at early hours of the day. Some students came from as far away as Armidale, Narrabri, Taree and the Central Coast. In all 34 schools, public and private were here on the day.

They all took up the opportunity to gain hints and tips on how to maximise marks, what traps to avoid, what is this thing called an ATAR really means, knowledge on study techniques (positive do’s and corrective don'ts). Speak to practising Archaeologists, compare with other students as to how their courses are progressing and learn from each other how best to tackle the HSC.

The Singleton Argus reported on the Seminar Day in the issue of Tuesday 3 June. New schools involved this year were Whitebridge and Kotara High Schools.

Presenters have always been keen to balance the inequity of such days for rural students as city students have far greater access to HSC subject days on a more regular basis.

Tony Jarrett, Principal
There were 43 presenters who also came from afar, from schools, universities or just out of retirement. The presenters are HSC markers or senior markers who have worked in curriculum development, past HSC examination committees, university lecturers on education. These presenters have subject particular knowledge, particularly about how the HSC is marked, where a student can gain or how they can lose marks. Rob Brown was one of the new presenters and by reports he made Ancient History come alive. Rob is a teacher and practising archaeologist who has worked at Pompeii and other places.

Singleton, at the end of May, always presents a fantastic climate. This is desirable, as students are required to mostly walk between venues. There are 13 venues and 6 x 50 minute sessions at each venue in the day. We appreciate the local community rallying around with venue availability and local food establishments ensuring the day is a great success.

Students from Singleton High School and elsewhere have made many comments about the day with the main being that they have gone away enriched, re-invigorated and a little more ready to have a go at the HSC from a new perspective. Presenters made many compliments about our students and in particular the SRC helpers and hospitality crew.

My ongoing thanks go to our students and staff who assisted to make the day another success. Years 11 and 12 are more armed and keen to achieve their goals in life, as mentioned to me after the day.

In particular, thanks goes to the hardworking Tracey Holloway and her hospitality crew, Margaret Richardson and the SAO’s, the SHS staff who were venue Coordinators and the SRC staff and students. Mr Dyball deserves a huge thanks for his diligent work in ensuring classes for juniors were covered, enabling staff to visit sessions and be up skilled as well.

I am already in planning for HSC Seminar Day 2015.

**Welfare News**

**Well Done Assemblies**

Well Done Assemblies provide our school community the opportunity to come together and acknowledge the efforts of our students in the classroom. Teachers recognise those students who have Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence in Learning. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend these assemblies to be held in the MPC.

Invitations will be sent home with your student at a closer date.

The dates for this term’s assemblies are:

- Year 10: Monday 23 June
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- Year 8: Wednesday 25 June
- Year 7: Friday 27 June

**LOVE BiTES**

Your support is needed to deliver the LOVE BiTES program across the Hunter Region NSW. LOVE BiTES is an extremely successful domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program which educates young people about respectful relationships and works to reduce relationship violence.

LOVE BiTES is delivered to students aged 14-16 years by trained local service providers and teachers. LOVE BITES is not funded by the state or government and relies on grants and donations to deliver this program across the Hunter/ Central Coast regions of Australia.

You can help keep this programme alive and learn more about it at: [http://www.gofundme.com/8altno](http://www.gofundme.com/8altno)

**Phone Controls**

Our Police Liaison officer, Kim Smith, has provided us with some useful information on phone control and the first article is one below on Snapchat.

There is a Snap Chat contact address for parents to report issues directly to Snap Chat (even without an account) as Kim has had phone enquiries from parents in relation to this.

**Deputy Principals’ Reports cont.**

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New Police Liaison Officer

Senior Constable Jalam Glossop is the new School Liaison Police Officer (SLP) for the Hunter region.

The role of the SLP is to increase the positive relationship and remove barriers between the school community and police.

This will be achieved through the implementation of programs and activities that involve students understanding of the law, police role and their responsibilities to the community.

One of the aims of the SLP is to reduce the number of school age children from being victims of crime.

On June 16 the SLP will present a cyber bullying talk to all Year 7. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Kathleen Ballard, Head Teacher Welfare
Singleton High School Online Parent Teacher Booking System (new)

Singleton High School is able to provide parents with the capacity to book Parent Teacher interviews online via your Millennium Parent Portal. Parents who have not registered for a Millennium account can do so via the application form in this newsletter or by contacting Singleton High School on 65711199. Paper copies of the parent teacher booking sheet will be available from the front office or HT Welfare for those that have an inability to access the portal.

Year 12 parent teacher night is scheduled for Wednesday 14th May. Year 7,8,9,10 parent teacher night is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd July. Parents can discuss their child’s progress at any time by contacting the school.

**Step 1:** Ensure that your year is set to 2014

**Step 2:** Click on the link for Parent Interviews.

**Step 3:** Click on the link for Book Interview. Interview booking is child specific if you have more than one child at Singleton High School.

**Step 4:** Click on an available time slot for the teacher you would like to see. Your child’s name will appear as booked in.
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 school’s 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)
- **Marook** (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)
- **Parent Teacher Booking** (Book parent teacher interviews online to guarantee your appointment)
- **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:

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Assessment Task Schedules

Available NOW on the Parent Moodle website:
http://web1singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/
(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**

Wow! – Only 3 more weeks to go and mid-year holidays are here.

Half yearly examinations are now complete and teachers are busy marking exams and writing half yearly reports. Reports will be handed out during the Year 7 Well Done Assembly due to be held on the Friday of week 9. Invitations for this assembly will be handed out shortly.

School photos were taken this week and all Year 7 students were well presented in full school uniform – well done.

The Year 7 Leadership Team will begin in Week 7 with many students volunteering to be a part of this invaluable team. Many activities such as excursions, fundraisers and staff breakfasts have been organised and run by leadership teams in the past. We envisage that the 2014 Year 7 leadership team will also provide the school with many outstanding and fun things over the next 6 years.

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that as winter sets in it is important that students wear the correct school jumper. This is to either be a Singleton High School logo jumper or a dark blue jumper without any graphics or logos. Hoodies are not acceptable. If your child is out of uniform a note explaining the reason must be presented to the roll call teacher. If a note is not given, a uniform slip will be given and if 3 uniform slips are received within the 2 week cycle, a uniform detention will be issued.

Finally, a huge well done to all Year 7 students who recently attended the Singleton High School Athletics carnival. It was a great day with some outstanding performances including:

- 12 Years Female Age Champion: Deanna Mayled
- 13 Years Female Age Champion: Jorja Warren
- 12 Years Male Age Champion: Liam Harris
- 13 Years Male Age Champion: Isaac Barry

Furthermore, the Zone Athletics carnival held in Muswellbrook last week also produced some outstanding achievements, with the following students breaking records in:

- Deanna Mayled - 12 years girls long jump with a distance of 4.05m
- Isaac Barry - boys 13 years long jump with a distance of 4.61m

Well done – an awesome effort.

Until next time,

Margaret Bagnall and Leanne Mullen, Year Advisors

**Year 8 Report**

Such a very busy term it has been. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us, it will be a much deserved break for all.

**Half Yearly Exams**

Congratulations to Year 8! Mr Jones and myself have had many positive remarks about how well behaved you have all been in your exams. It is really wonderful to hear such fantastic feedback about Year 8 and just how well you have conducted yourselves throughout the exam period.

**Reports**

Half yearly reports will be written in the next couple of weeks and will be given to students towards the end of term. Don’t forget to continue to be your best.

**Elective Fees**

Just a friendly reminder to pay elective subject fees. These assist in covering course costs, particularly for materials used in practical subjects. If there are any issues with payment of fees please don’t hesitate to contact relevant faculty head teachers.

Enjoy the rest of the term and keep up your great work.

Jo Radcliffe and Nathan Jones, Year Advisors

**Year 9 Report**

Time has flown and Term 2 is well under way. Students have worked hard with positive attitudes, handing in lots of assessment tasks across KLA’s. They have also continued that positivity through this busy term of half yearly exams and NAPLAN testing.

It is that time of year for school photos, and on the day all students presented proud in their full school uniform.

HSC Seminar Day and the Debutante Ball was catered for by Singleton High School Hospitality, with strong representation from a select group of talented Year 9 students to assist the senior students in putting on 2 wonderful events.

Boys group are continuing their work on the Aboriginal smoke pit and improving the school environment, they also have a camp coming up at the end of term.

Beautiful Girls Program will be running for all Year 9 girls very soon. Keep an eye out for dates and times. Lots of students from Year 9 have represented in the sporting arena, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and talents in such teams as zone athletics, touch football, soccer and rugby league. Well done to all of these students.

Leadership group is still in discussion and furthering their investigation into which community environmental actions will be undertaken for the whole year group.

Daniel Mead, Year Advisor
Year 10 Report
Again another busy term for Year 10 students. With half yearly examinations completed, students are now awaiting their results and reports. Reports will be handed out at the Well Done Assembly on Monday 23 June. Students will receive invitations to take home to families. We would love to see parents and family members in attendance.

Year 10 will also be undertaking work experience from Monday 16 June until Friday 20 June. Students will gain an insight into a workforce of their choice and will gain experience in the day to day running of various careers around the Hunter Valley.

In the last week of Term 2, students will also be completing their Round Table interviews. Students will make their presentation to a panel consisting of staff, community members and students. The Round Tables will take place on Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June.

Good Luck for the coming weeks Year 10, we look forward to hearing about all of your experiences in the work force!

Rebecca Luscombe, Year Advisor

Year 11 Report
Year 11 Leadership Team is establishing itself and will be engaged in preparing a program that will take them through the remainder of Year 11 until the end of Year 12. Students meet on a regular basis and will be making decisions that with the support of their cohorts will be implemented in the coming weeks.

Because Term 2 is relatively short, it will not be all that long before students are considering their options regarding nominations for school captain 2014/2015. The number of students leaving school and taking work opportunities has thinned the ranks of Year 11 a little. However, there are a large number of students considering their nomination.

A number of students have celebrated birthdays at roll call this year and on June 10 Kiara Frazer celebrated her 18th birthday with a special gift from her cohorts.

Bob Collins and Leanne Ellis, Year Advisors

SRC Report
The election of the new Year 7 student representatives for the SRC took place late in term 1 and those students have settled in well to the routine and commitment of their daily responsibilities. Isaac Barry, Maui Carroll, Isabella Jones and Sarah Vakatini were elected from one of the largest group of nominees seen in recent years at Singleton High School.

The student council is presently actively engaged in organising “Mental Health Month” which is designed to increase awareness of mental health issues in young people. Andrew Marselos, Maitland’s Young Australian of the Year, was a guest speaker at a whole school assembly on Thursday June 5. Even though Andrew is relatively young, being 18 years old, he is well respected in Headspace as a volunteer. All council members will be wearing specially designed shirts to signify “Mental Health Month” and to increase their visibility during the 4 week campaign. The “Black Dog Institute” will be presenting their “Instinct” program at the school on June 19 and this will be a highlight of the students’ campaign. “The Blackdog Institute” spoke to our assembly last year and were well received by students and staff.

A “Horror Party” has been planned for Friday night June 13 to be held at the Singleton Youth Venue between 6:00pm and 10:00pm. Jackson Upcroft, Liam Kelly and Adam Clarke are the guest DJ’s and after the huge success of the event last year the student council are looking forward to a similar outcome this year.

Organisation for “Tommy’s Day” has begun with students preparing for a heavy work schedule in the new term. Tommy’s Day will be on August 20 and will be organised to raise money for the Australian Children’s Cancer Council-Medical Research. Raffles, head shaving and numerous other activities are being planned for the day.

Bob Collins, SRC Co-coordinator
National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia.

National Reconciliation Week started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 and was supported by Australia’s major religious groups. Under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia), it evolved into the week long celebration that it is today.

Every year, it is held between two significant milestones in Australia’s history, 27 May and 3 June.

27 May is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted ‘Yes’ to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and give the Australian Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

3 June marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title – the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

On 27 May at Singleton Youth Centre there was a celebration to recognise this significant week. Singleton High School student participated in this celebration. The mayor also addressed the audience at the celebration on the importance of remembering this week.

Sharon Bailey, KaWul

On Wednesday 4 June we held a “Career Inspiration Day” in the Ka-Wul Centre. We had five sessions during the day with 5 guest speakers. Students were invited to attend 1 or more workshops according to their interest in a particular presenter.

Parents were also invited to attend. Groups were kept small so that sessions would be informal and students would feel comfortable to ask questions and interact with presenters. The day was very enjoyable and students were able to collect some valuable information on their chosen career. We will be holding one of these career days a term from now on.

Jo Vinson, Yinpi Coordinator

Ka–Wul Homework Centre

Homework Centre is still running every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30-6:00pm in the Ka-Wul Centre.

ABSTI students from Years 7 to 12 are encouraged to come to work on assignments, class work, homework and study skills. Great fun and a great way to get ahead with school work.

Please contact Alix Scolari (Norta Norta Tutor) or Luke Davis on (02) 6571 1199 for more information
Agriculture Faculty

Sydney Royal Easter Show Success
Year 9 Animal Management students entered the Hyline School Layer competition for the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

This involved the school being sent eight young pullets in November 2013 with students responsible for managing their feed, light, housing and care. From these birds, three were selected, groomed and kept at the show so that their egg laying could be recorded.

A project detailing the care and progress of the birds and research about the Layer Industry was submitted. Singleton High was awarded Champion Project.

Special mention needs to be made of Taylor Giggins whose research work was contributed as part of the project.

Carolyn Barker, Head Teacher Agriculture

Language Faculty

Japanese Taiko Drumming
On Wednesday 18 June, The Rhythm Hunters will be visiting Singleton High School again to give Year 7, the Support students and the students studying Japanese as an elective in Years 8 and 9, the cultural experience of Taiko Drumming.

The students will be able to watch and participate in the physical drumming experience. If you want to know more please YouTube The Rhythm Hunters or ring Ms Barnett on 6571 119.

Seeking Host Families
Every year our sister town in Takahata visits Singleton. This is always a very successful visit made possible by the warm hearted hospitality of our local families.

Is your family interested in hosting a Japanese student in your home for 6 days from 29 July 2014?

The Japanese students who come to Singleton have basic English skills. However, they are very polite and keen to learn about the Australian way of life. They will spend weekdays at school with your child, and the weekend is free to spend how you would normally do so.

Please return the slip below to the Language Faculty and more information will be sent home to you.

YES! Our family is interested in hosting a Japanese student from 29 July – 4 August 2014

Student name: _____________________________
Year: _____________________________________
Parent contact: _____________________________
______________________ (phone)
______________________ (email)

Sign: _____________________________
Date: _________________

2015 Japan Trip Information Evening
The information evening for the students and families who have submitted notes for the 2015 Japan Trip will be held in E4 on Monday 23 June 2014 at 6pm.
Please ring Ms Cowmeadow or Ms Barnett for further information on 6571 1199.

Dayna Cowmeadow and Ren Barnett, Language Faculty
Graduation for Year 12 Certificate 11 Hospitality Commercial Cookery.

Congratulations to the class of 2014. It has been an honour to have taken you through to the conclusion of your studies at SHS and your final assessment event was fabulous!!! The final event was for the class to complete their own Graduation event.

The setting was in T Block, full of fairy lights and beautifully set tables themed in blue and white. The students excelled themselves with canapés in the T Block out door classroom then to the courtyard setting for a wonderful main course to accompany the speeches and certificate presentation. Dessert was then presented in T1 with a spectacular buffet encompassing the blue theme highlighted by blueberry macaroons, magnificent blue cupcakes and a dynamic croquembouche tower.

The students should be so proud of the event from the initial organisation to their class presentation, food, service and to the atmosphere they created. The entire night was perfect!!!!

Special thanks to Mr Means and Mr Mead and our early Stage 6 Year 10 and TTC class helpers for assisting on the evening. The support enabled the students to enjoy the evening after all the hard work getting the event to happen.

Congratulations.

Food Fight 2014

Singleton High School attended the Hunter Culinary Association 5th annual Food Fight at Wyndham Estate on the Monday 2 June 2014.

There were two great teams of chefs supported by a packed kitchen of Hunter Region apprentices involved in the competition.

Whilst the battle itself was a split decision, the girls were awarded the winners on the day. The day was an amazing event and a perfect day for professional development and industry upskilling for both staff and students.

This experience was undertaken by teaching staff Mr Mean, Mr Mead and Mrs Holloway and 3 of our amazing kitchen assistants Mrs Hume, Mrs Crabb and Mrs Fisher. Also attending were students Baillie Garnham, Ryan Davies, Lawrence Kini, Tayla Pettit from Year 12 Certificate II class. Three Year 10 Early Stage 6 students Sukyanna Sathahttam, Louise Collins and Brady Frazer were also given the opportunity to be involved in an amazing culinary delight and exposure to the Hospitality Industry.

Students were given the opportunity to meet and talk to Colin Fassnidge and Matt Kemp. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet high profile chefs within the industry.

The students were given tasting plates of each menu and had to choose a winner from their personal experience. After canapés and six tasting plates the students were becoming the new Matt Preston of food critiquing.

Tracey Holloway, Head Teacher Home Economics
Childcare

We have some very exciting projects for our Child Studies students over the coming month including a series of Year 12 Preschool visits that will provide students with the opportunity to read and discuss books with the children at Singleton Preschool.

This practical opportunity has been organised to complement studies in Children’s literature and provide our students with industry experience.

Year 11 students are about to begin a series of practical sessions at King Street Public School, every second Friday afternoon until the end of the Preliminary course. Students will assist teaching staff in the implementation of classroom activities. This will offer them Industry experience with the opportunity to observe and experience teaching and learning.

The Real Care babies are up and running again for students in Year 10! Whilst students have found the program challenging, it has given excellent insight into the constant demands of newborn care! As student fees fund the maintenance and technical support of this program, use of the babies is limited to students who have paid their course fees.

Year 9 students are participating in the Singleton Family Support playgroups held at Singleton Hospital each Thursday.

Should any parents require information about reliable babysitters, please contact the Home Economics department for more information.

Our school playgroups will be running in Term 3 involving Years 9 and 10 students. Dates can be found in this newsletter.

Year 9 Childcare students continue to impress the staff of the Singleton Hospital Family Support Playgroup with their volunteer efforts, helping out Thursday mornings. This is a worthwhile practical experience for the students. It allows them to interact with toddlers, giving them valuable insight as to whether they would like to pursue a career in the Childcare Industry. Thankyou to all the students who participate.

Sharon Bourne and Sue Hartnett, Childcare

Handy Hints

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can.

The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

It’s often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing)

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.
K4 Community Access

On the 23 May, seven students from the Support Unit walked to Singleton Library for community access. The students engaged in activities within the training room, working on computers and utilised other technologies available such as the Wii. Students enjoyed the opportunity to borrow books and magazines and explore the facilities available to them in their community.

Joanne Smith, Class Teacher

MULTI-SPORTS EXCURSION

Wednesday 4 June, nine Support Unit students, headed to Newcastle University for a Multi-Sports Day excursion.

The whole day went beyond expectations with great weather and fine young sportswomen and sportsmen representing Singleton High School.

Our students joined Merewether and Hunter Sports High students in a group and participated in Bowls, Golf, Dream Cricket, Softball and Football. A fantastic event. Looking forward to our next excursion.

Meagan Parish, Head Teacher Support (Rel)
**Secrets from the Hospitality Kitchen**

**REINVENT FOOD**

Be creative in using stuff you might be tempted to bin. This is the fun bit!

If the veg is a little wilted, think of turning it into soup. How about braising that no-longer-salad-friendly lettuce? That's very trendy in Paris these days – or at least that's what you can tell your fussy but fashion-conscious teenager when they refuse to eat it. That parmesan crust also can have a second life dropped into your simmering soup or tomato sauce to add some extra savoury taste.

Oh, and don't forget that those clean potato peelings are delicious deep-fried and salted! It's one of my Master Chef cohort Georgie Calombaris's favourite chef treats!

Over-ripe fruit that hasn't spoiled can be turned into smoothies or the base for fruit pie and crumbles. Ripe tomatoes can become an easy "passata" or tomato sauce for pasta, as can unfinished cans.

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**Sports News**

**Rugby League**

On 4 June, the under 15s and 13s competed in the first round of the Knights knock out. The under 15s won two out of their three games and the under 13s won three out of their four games. Unfortunately for both teams this was not enough to progress through to the second round, however the boys did represent the school with great sportsmanship, behavior and pride.

On 12 May, the Opens and the under 14s were to head to Raymond Terrace to play in a round robin style competition for their respective competitions for the University shield and Buckley Shield. However, due to many of our boys having representative responsibilities and other commitments, we had to withdraw from these competitions.

On 16 June, the under 16s and 14s will compete in the next round of the Knights knock out at Charlestown, Watch this space for the results. The under 14s were lucky enough to receive a wild card entry as they only just missed out on progressing straight through in the first round. We wish both teams well.

Daniel Mead, Rugby League coach

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**Horse Sports, Equestrian team**

Our team of 16 riders competed at the Singleton horse sports day on 16 May. The weather was good and the team was well presented and ready to perform against approximately 200 riders from schools throughout the greater region. As the day progressed, our team began to accumulate the places and the final count saw Singleton High School presented with Champion High School high point trophy.

Our team consisted of:

- Aiden Sargent 1st x1, 3rd x 4, 5th x1
- Aiden Howlett 1st x1, 3rd x2
- Brendan Horodam 1st x5, 2nd x1, 5th x1, Champion high point score boys 15yrs.
- Ethan Sargent 1st x3, 2nd x2, Reserve champion high point score boys 16yrs
- Renae Atfield 4th x1
- Gabrielle Johnston 5th x1
- Elise Keeley 3rd x1, 4th x1
- Rachel Cramp 4th x1

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**Touch football**

Friday 30 May a strong Open Girls Touch team travelled to Tomaree to compete in the Combined High Schools final 8, with sights set on making it through to state. A shout out to the parents who accompanied and provided encouragement on the day.

In the first game the girls played a strong defensive game not allowing Merewether to score, winning the game 6-0. In the second game, the girls lost a bit of team spirit failing to communicate plays, sadly losing to Warners Bay 5-2. In the third game, the girls played the best game of the day and were enjoying themselves, a very successful win to Singleton over Francis Greenway 6-1. The final win of the day came with a cost of an injury to Ashlee Urpeth who needed assistance to leave the field. A special mention to Leyton Ward and Logan Rutter for representing the school by refereeing.

Jocelyn Beer, Touch coach

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**Touch football**

Friday 30 May a strong Open Girls Touch team travelled to Tomaree to compete in the Combined High Schools final 8, with sights set on making it through to state. A shout out to the parents who accompanied and provided encouragement on the day.

In the first game the girls played a strong defensive game not allowing Merewether to score, winning the game 6-0. In the second game, the girls lost a bit of team spirit failing to communicate plays, sadly losing to Warners Bay 5-2. In the third game, the girls played the best game of the day and were enjoying themselves, a very successful win to Singleton over Francis Greenway 6-1. The final win of the day came with a cost of an injury to Ashlee Urpeth who needed assistance to leave the field. A special mention to Leyton Ward and Logan Rutter for representing the school by refereeing.

Jocelyn Beer, Touch coach
Sarah Giggins 2nd x3, 3rd x1, 4th x1
Lillian Mills 1st x3, 2nd x2, 4th x1, Champion high point score girls 14 yrs
Madison Sargent 1st x1, 4th x1, 5th x2
Taylor Giggins 2nd x4, 3rd x2, 5th x2, Reserve Champion high point score girls 15 yrs
Demi Johnston 2nd x1, 4th x1, 5th x1
Josie Brown 15yrs Encouragement trophy
Candice Gardiner and Nikita Roberts who both performed well in tough competition.

This was a great team effort from a group of students who I am proud to be associated with. Well done to all and thankyou to Mt Pleasant School for hosting the event.

Bruce Withers, Team Manager

Girls Football
Our Open Girls Football team represented themselves, our school and community with great pride in the CHS knockout competition this term. The profile and enthusiasm for Girls Football has been steadily increasing for the past few years with this season having pleasing numbers of students registering their interest and trialling for a position on the team.

We played Cessnock High in the 2nd round of the CHS competition and came away with a highly competitive yet positive spirited 2-1 victory at Howe Park. For some of the team this was their first competitive football match and their attitudes and willingness to listen and learn was highly commendable. In the 3rd round we were drawn to play Merewether High and this was always going to be a very challenging draw for our highly enthusiastic and committed, but far less experienced side. The final score for this match was 6-0 to Merewether, although the score line was not a reflection of the girls' outstanding determination and commitment to themselves and their teammates. As disappointed as the girls may have been at the time, it is sometimes the challenging, difficult matches that bring out the best in ourselves as sportspeople. I am personally very pleased in their performance and commitment and proud of each of them.

Our school will continue to build upon the profile, level of interest and opportunities to participate in Girls Football in the coming years. All of this years team were in Year 10 or below, with some of the girls having already represented the school for four years. The pleasing aspect of this is that the majority of the team will be able to play together for at least another two years and will be able to take the experience and enthusiasm for the sport into the future.

Andrew Somerville, PDHPE faculty

Athletics Carnival 2014
The Singleton High Athletics carnival for 2014 was held on May 7 and was a hugely successful day. There were good student numbers as well as many excellent individual and house performances.

In an extremely close race it was Elliot house which just pipped Munro house at the line with Burdekin house in a close third. Congratulations to all Elliot house members as well as all students who participated in events and attended the carnival.

The Age Champions 2014 were;
12 yr Girls Champion Deanna Mayled
12 yr Boys Champion Liam Harris
13 yr Girls Champion Jorja Warren
13 yr Boys Champion Isaac Barry
14 yr Girls Champion Sarah Giggins
14 yr Boys Champion Hayden Bourke
15 yr Girls Champion Taylor Giggins
15 yr Boys Champion James Bradley
16 yr Girls Champion Laura Baker
16 yr Boys Champion Brendan Cook
17 yr Girls Champion Jasmine Maher
17 yr Boys Champion Samuel Barry

Many of these students and others recently competed in the Zone Athletics carnival held in Muswellbrook, producing some excellent results on a day that witnessed many old records being broken.
Singleton Record breakers included;
Deanna Mayled - 12 years girls long jump with a distance of 4.05m.
Jessyka Old - 14 years girls javelin with a distance of 20.25m.
Morgan Amidy - 15 years boy 200m with a time of 25.67sec.
Brendan Cook - 16 years boys 200m with a time of 24.67sec.
Nicholas Hough - 17-19 years boys 200m with a time of 23.69sec.
Sam Howard - 17-19 years boys 400m with a time of 57.92sec.
Samuel Barry - 17-19 years boys 800m with a time of 2.18.92.
James Bradley - 15 years boys 800m with a time of 2.23.49 & 1500m with a time of 5.01.78.
Isaac Barry -13 years boys long jump with a distance of 4.61m

We look forward to more successful results at the upcoming Regional Athletics carnival.

Liam McKechnie, PDHPE faculty
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
The Year 10 Work Experience Program will be held from Monday 16 June, 2014 to Friday 20 June 2014.

TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATION FORMS
If your child requires a TFN then they can call into the Careers office to collect one. After completing the application it is then handed back to the Careers Adviser to batch and post to the Australian Taxation Office. A birth certificate is required to complete all necessary details.

I encourage all students from Year 10, 11 & 12 to consider collecting a form. As Year 9 students are coming of age to apply for part-time work, they too should also be considering acquiring a TFN as well.

TFN Applications Forms are available from the Career Adviser’s staffroom.

Mrs Leanne Ellis, Career Adviser

Try a Skill Day Year 9
‘A group of Year 9 students recently took the opportunity to travel to Muswellbrook to Try-A-Skill. Students tried their hand at everything from hairdressing to plumbing, electrical and mechanical work, childcare, nursing, welding, hospitality-based skills and more!

Everyone had a terrific day and all students involved did a wonderful job of representing Singleton High School.

Daniel Mead and Angela Brown

BYOD Update
BYO to commence Term 3
The school BYOD policy has been endorsed by the P&C and will come into operation from the start of Semester 2.

In order to bring a device to school and use it in the classroom, students and parents will need to read and sign the student agreement and return it to the front office.

Students are to obtain the student agreement by completing the BYOD register in the student administration section on the student Moodle. The device itself does not need to be registered or recorded, however, it does need to meet the minimum requirements, which are stated in the policy document.

For ongoing information and discussion about BYOD, please visit our blog at http://bit.ly/BYODSHS or use the link on the main school website.

Greg Norris, Computing

Library News
Welcome to the online edition of the Singleton High School newsletter. Now we are online it is even easier to use weblinks!

So, if you want to access the Singleton High School library search off site, please go to http://web2.singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/library/

If you want your student to be able to access the Clickview Digital Library from home, go to http://web3.singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/Clickview/

And finally, If you want to search the Town Public Library’s catalogue, go to www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/library

From this site you can access either the catalogue search OR their online journal database.

If you or your child is not a member of the Singleton Town Library, JOIN NOW! The educational resources are excellent and all you need to access them is your library card number.

Have a Good Winter

Martin Gray, Librarian
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.

The uniform shop would like to thank everyone who has donated second hand clothes. All second hand clothing money raised is donated to the school.
# SHS Canteen - Term 2

## Hot Food
- Nuggets (5) $2.00
- Sausage Roll $3.50
- Meat Pie $4.00
- Cheese and Bacon Pie $4.00
- Chicken Burger $4.00
- Beef Burger $4.00
- Sweet Chilli Wrap $4.00
- Pizza Roundas $2.50
- Noodles $2.50
- Sauce $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
- Sports Water $2.50
- 600ml Bottled Water $2.00
- 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

## Brekkie Ideas (before 9.30am)
- Hash Browns $1.00
- Brekkie Wrap $2.00
- Muffins/Finger Bun $2.00
- Bacon & Cheese Roll $2.00

## Healthy Hamburgers
- (orders only) $4.00

## Daily Specials
- Monday Mac n Cheese $4.00
- Tuesday Egg n Bacon Roll $4.00
- Wednesday Spag Bol $4.00
- Thursday Toastie $2.00
- Friday Chick n Gravy roll $4.00

## 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
- Mini drumstick $2.00

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