The school is very proud of the success of Jake H, our Olympic champion. You would be aware that Jake riding a horse unseen prior to the competition finished third and was awarded a bronze medal in the Youth Olympics in China. Those who know Jake can testify to the dedication and the commitment he has given in his rise to the top of his sport. We also know of the efforts of his parents to ensure Jake was able to pursue his dreams. Well done Jake. Your school community is very proud of you!

As we start to wind up the term, our Year 12 students are preparing to leave their school and prepare for the Higher School Certificate. On the last day of term the school will officially farewell Year 12. As students prepare to leave school they need to be focussed on using this time to maximise their preparation for their exams. I also appreciate that this is a time of mixed emotions for our students as they face the task of doing exams, and the realisation that their school days are nearly complete.

I would also like to congratulate our school captains for 2015. Our captains are Samuel B and Eliza C. Our school vice captains will be Brayden C and Teagan L. I am sure they will make fine ambassadors for our student body. I would also like to pay tribute to all students in Year 11 who nominated for the position of captain. To make a written application, undergo an interview and then go through the process of an election, speaks volumes for the courage of those students who nominated for the role.

Recently we conducted subject selection nights in the MPC giving the students the opportunity to make their selections online. These nights gave our parents the opportunity to hear from faculty head teachers outlining elective courses on offer in the senior and junior years. One of the pleasing qualities of Singleton High School is our ability (due to the size of the student body) to offer a wide range of subject choice. If we have enough interested students, and I have qualified staff, I will offer that subject as an elective on our senior lines. I am also aware that some subjects selected do not get up, because of student numbers. Please be aware that we endeavour to offer choice. However, it is inevitable that a small percentage of students will be disappointed.

At the commencement of Term 4 I will be retiring as your Principal. I started teaching at Singleton High School in 1990. It has been a pleasure to have worked with such a vibrant community who do care about their children’s future. As a community we have created a safe and very innovative school that does provide the best opportunities for our students. As I say to Year 12 as they leave, always remember your school, and you are always welcome back at Singleton High School. As I start a new journey, Singleton High will always be my school and I am sure I will be welcomed back.

Good luck

Tony Jarrett, Principal
Singleton High School Welfare News

As Term 3 finishes the Welfare Faculty has a number of programs that are coming to a successful end.

The Year 9 BEAUTIFUL Program wrapped up in Week 8 with very positive feedback from our girls. This program has been facilitated by Mrs Reina Stalker of the Singleton Youth Venue. Reina has been an enormous pillar of support and wealth of knowledge for our staff and students during this program. We thank Reina very much and look forward to continuing to work with her on upcoming welfare programs that provide positive wellbeing for our school.

The Pit Stop for Youth Program which targeted our Year 9 students was another success. A special thank you to the local Singleton Community Health nurses for ensuring that this important and valuable program ran. There was a very positive article in the local Argus.

Goodbye Year 12

The Year 12 Graduation Assembly will be held in the school’s MPC on Friday 19 September. This is a time of mixed emotions as students bid farewell to their ‘school family’ and begin to ponder ‘What next?’ We wish Year 12 all the very best in their adventure – Life beyond high school.

Transition

As we farewell Year 12 we begin the process of transitioning our current Year 6 students into our school community. It is with great pleasure that I introduce the 2015 Year Advisers to you: Mrs Cindy Koletsis-Tatt and Mr Tristan Chapman, both of the English Faculty. Both teachers, along with our transition coordinator, Mrs Vicki Neech, are preparing enthusiastically for upcoming transition events. The Jump Start Program will be held early Term 4 and will include Year 9 students mentoring a selected group of Year 6 students.

Dayna Cowmeadow, HT Welfare (Rel)

Year 12 Important Information

A final message from your Year Advisors, Judy Schmitt and Annie Phillips

School is almost over for our Year 12 students. You have conducted yourselves with maturity and we hope that the efforts made this year will increase in preparation for your final Higher School Certificate commencing on Monday 13 October.

Unfortunately, our final team building and stress relief excursion had to be cancelled due to wretched weather washing away the sand dunes.

The penultimate day of the Year 12 Class of 2014 schooling career will be a rehearsal for the final formal presentation assembly the following day, Friday 19 September. Parents and families will be invited to attend the ceremony in the MPC.

The date of the Year 12 Formal is Wednesday, 12 November, commencing at the Civic Centre at 4:30. A photographer will be there for students to take the opportunity for family and friend photographs.

At this point I would ask guardians and parents of our Year 12 students to remind them not to do anything foolish, or jeopardise in any way the receipt of their Higher School Certificates. Help them to stay focused, relieve their stress, maintain their vision and encourage them to be their best.

It has been a wonderful experience for me to watch our Year 12 students grow and change over the last six years. They have become lovely citizens in our community and an asset to Singleton High School. I wish them every success in obtaining their goals for their future.

Judy Schmitt, Year Adviser 2014
Students from different agriculture classes attended Ag Quip on 19 August. All students enjoyed the day and experienced for the first time broad acre farming displays and technological developments in agriculture.

The Agriculture department has now a registered Hampshire Down ram and ewe from a stud at Wauchope. This breed of sheep is not common for this area and is considered a rare sheep breed. This breed produce prime lambs and over the next year the school will be increasing the ewe numbers for this breed.

On Thursday 4 September a number of agriculture students attended the Tocal Steer Challenge. Students paraded a Tocal steer that Singleton High has been feeding up for this day and later on for the Singleton Prime Stock Competition.

This steer came third out of nine paraded on the day and Demi J won the junior novice point section and with Hayden B attained highly commended for parading.

Craig Bourne, Agriculture
On Monday 8 September, our K Block support unit students and staff attended the IOTAS Athletics Carnival at Hunter Sports Glendale.

Last year our school won the trophy for this event. With three young athletes returning from state championships, a host of amazing young sportspeople and sporty staff, the day from start to finish was a great day out for all.

Our students continue to be a credit to our school. A fantastic day made even more special by awe-inspiring young adults.

Meagan Parish, H/T Special Education (Rel)

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**Sydney Excursion**

The Year 9 and Year 12 Japanese classes went on an excursion to Sydney on Thursday 28 August. We had an early departure from the school yet all students arrived excitedly in Sydney. They were ready for an immersion experience into the Japanese culture that is not easily accessible here in Singleton. Students were taken to a Japanese grocery shop in Sydney followed by an authentic lunch at ICHIBAN BOSHI, a popular Japanese restaurant on George Street. After lunch students had a great time exploring a KINOKUNIYA, a Japanese book store. The highlight of the day was an hour of fun in their very own private room at a KARAOKE establishment. The day was filled with lots of cultural learning and lots of fun! The students were all perfect ambassadors of our school and I congratulate them on their positive and happy approach to the day.

ありがとうございました
さようなら Hiroki and Akane

Our two Takahata exchange students have attended Singleton High School for the duration of Term 3. During this time they have become a part of the current Year 12 cohort attending classes, band practice and enjoying the cultural experience of an Australian high school. In the spring holidays it is time for Hiroki and Akane to board a plane and head back to Takahata, Japan. With them they take many happy and lifelong memories. Both Hiroki and Akane have enjoyed Singleton and say a special thank you to all the staff and students who have made their stay extra special. This exchange program is a special feature of our school’s relationship with Takahata. Every December we reciprocate by sending students over to Takahata. This year we have Lawrence K of Year 12 going over to Takahata where he will stay with Hiroki’s family for two months. Good luck Lawrence!

Singleton High School is grateful for the host families (Kaylene and Mark Smith, and Helen and Shane Feeney) who have enabled this program to continue. Thank you.

Dayna Cowmeadow, Languages
Jesus Racing Team

Helping teens make good choices

On Wednesday 27 August Andrew Fisher from the Jesus Racing Team came to Singleton High School to give a presentation aimed at challenging young people to consider the consequences of their decision-making around important life choices.

The words Singleton High School students used to describe Andrew ‘Fishtail’ Fisher’s presentation were “Inspirational”, “courageous” and “worthwhile”.

Andrew felt many people held misconceptions and labelled Christians as ‘funsuckers’, believing you have to give up the good life when you become a Christian.

As a long-term Christian, he says nothing can be further from the truth. “Jesus said ‘I came to give Life, and Life to the full!’” says Fisher, who knew the last thing people expected was to see a Christian racing cars at 300km/h, doorhandle to doorhandle in Australia’s most competitive and robust racing series.

Luke Davis, Religious Studies

Year 7 News

Wow – another term nearly over!!

Wednesday 10th September will see Year 7 and Year 8 students participate in the Adidas Fun Run. This event will be held at Rose Point Park and is aimed at raising much needed funds for new sporting equipment. Hopefully the weather will be fine for what sounds like an enjoyable day.

The annual Tommy’s Day event, held on Friday 29 August, was a great success with Year 7 students thoroughly enjoying the afternoon’s fundraising activities.

We hope all of our Year 7 students and their families have an awesome holiday and we look forward to the final term of 2014.

Margaret Bagnall and Leanne Mullen, Year Advisors

Representative Teams

Selection Information 2014

Singleton Junior Touch Association

Three training days prior to selection

Thursday 9 October 2014 5pm
Sunday 12 October 2014 9am
Thursday 16 October 2014 5pm

Selection Day: 19 October 2014

A panel will select a team of up to 14 players from each age group

Information for Players

Players will attend three carnivals, one in December at Gosford, one in February 2015 at Nelsons Bay and the State cup at Port Macquarie on the 20, 21 and 22 February 2015.

Training sessions will be determined by the team coaches.


Costs

Between $200 and $230 per player (This is an approximation only)

This levy includes uniform, socks, water bottle and levy and food for three carnivals.

Accommodation at Nelsons Bay and Port Macquarie will need to be organised by players/parents.

All enquiries may be directed to either the Representative Convenor Mick Carroll on 0458 013294 or Susan Scott on 0418 773016. You can also email us at
Email: singletonreptouch@hotmail.com
Website: www.singletonjuniors.touch.asn.au
SRC Report

Term 3 has been the most demanding of the year for those students involved on the student council. The organisation of “Tommy’s Day” has been ongoing since the start of the year and during this term the energy level and the work load, went up considerably.

Along the way the SRC had decided to support Jacob M, from Year 7, whose cancer had returned and who was undergoing intense chemotherapy. Jacob is still attending school, when well enough, after his sessions of chemotherapy. All we needed was the approval of his parents for us to commence organising to fund raise to purchase a new personal laptop computer for Jacob. Once this was given the SRC organised “Beanie Day” on which they planned to raise the money for the computer.

The response from students and staff was incredible and in one day we were able to raise the funds to purchase Jacob a 13 inch MacBook Air laptop computer. Mr Norris from the Computing Faculty sat down with Jacob to determine the best laptop to suit his needs and Jacob was presented with his computer in Week 7 of the term.

Tommy’s Day proved a huge success with credit going to the SRC students involved. They organised faculties and year advisors, prepared the area of the school where most of the action on the day would take place, and supported CAPA in running the Talent Quest. Making sure the school was left clean and all resources used on the day were packed away, was a huge workload which left many exhausted after most of the school had gone home.

Congratulations must go to all concerned with thanks to those staff and students who were so supportive on the day.

At this point in time the sum raised is in the area of $8,000 and this does not include the money raised for the computer or that raised by Mrs Parish for the Moore family.

Bob Collins, SRC

Captains 2015

Congratulations to our 2015 Captains, Samuel B and Eliza C and Vice Captains Brayden C and Teagan L.

Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program!
Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Early Bird Special!
WEP is offering students in Years 9 to 12 (excluding Year 12 in VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online before 28 Nov 2014.
Visit www.wep.org.au and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.

If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.
Singleton Amateur Swimming Club Inc.

REGISTRATION DAYS

5-6pm, Friday, 10 October
(first club night)
at SINGLETON GYM & SWIM

Season fees - $80/swimmer
Discounts for families with 3+ swimmers
First club night – 6pm, Friday, 10 October

Singleton Amateur Swim Club is a family friendly swim club, which caters for members of all ages & abilities. Our “Mighty Midget” program caters for younger swimmers in free chaperoned races. The club also offers two free trial nights for those swimmers not too sure about joining.

For more information go to our website:
www.singleton.swimming.org.au
email singletonswimming@hotmail.com
or call Martin Phillips on 65723192
**Canteen News**

Singleton High School Canteen
Roster for October 2014
Tracy Johnson on 02 6572 2373

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**Uniform Shop**

**PRICE LIST 2014**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Second Hand Clothing Available**

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

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

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

The uniform shop would like to thank everyone who has donated second hand clothes. All second hand clothing money raised is donated to the school.

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**Singleton High School Presents**

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Two Nights only
Thursday 30 and Friday 31
October

Tickets: Adults $15, Students and Concession $10
For best seats book tickets through the front office or buy at the door