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Jo Gray
Principal

Ian Skilton
Deputy Principal Yr 7,11

Shane Hookway
Deputy Principal Yr 8,12

Glenn Yates
Deputy Principal Yr 9, 10

David Welsh
Deputy ILNNP

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HT HIE

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HT VET

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Cindy Koletsis-Tatt & Tristan Chapman
Year 7
Leanne Mullen & Margaret Bagnall
Year 8
Nathan Jones & Jaye Sunerton
Year 9
Andrew Sommerville & Daniel Mead
Year 10
Daniel Higgins & Megan Smith
Year 11
Bob Collins & Leanne Ellis
Year 12

P&C Association meets the 3rd Monday of the month in common room
Next meeting 16 March 2015

President, Mrs Salli Avard
Secretary, Mrs Cynthia Mulholland
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School Office Hours
8.30am - 4.00pm

CHECK OUT OUR NEW APP
The official app for Singleton High School has now been released.
Download it for iOS, Android or HTML5 from the following locations:

App Store:

Play Store:

HTML5:
When I was appointed to Singleton High School, I was naturally excited. Having been here for 5 weeks, I’m even more excited, not just because it is a very good school with great kids, a dedicated and talented staff and a supportive community (and let me say, that everyone I’ve met, parents, staff and students, have enthused about the school), not only for these reasons, but more importantly because they want to make their very good school even better.

There is a seriousness of purpose that we as a school can move from being very good to being great. That’s the kind of school I want to lead: a school that sets high standards and has high expectations of everyone in every way and especially in academic achievement, personal behaviour, pride in appearance, and as citizens. I hold the wearing of school uniform, being punctual, respectful, celebrating achievement and doing your best, as important platforms for success.

We are a big and busy school, with much happening every day. In the last two weeks we have had many extra curricular events. The University Roadshow was met with much interest from our senior students, who were joined by senior students from Saint Catherine’s in our MPC to learn about university life.

We had a great deal of interest also in our SBAT information evening, which had an impressive roll up last Thursday evening in the MPC. Many students from Years 10 and 11, along with their parents, came to learn about how this process can work.

Ms Cowmeadow trained a group of Year 11 students in peer mediation, a program designed to teach students to resolve low level conflicts using their peers as mediators. This process can assist the school in several ways. The Year 11 students are taught skills such as listening, critical thinking and problem solving, which can be beneficial for their own problems as well as those of younger peers.

Year 7 students responded with excitement to the hands on activities provided by ‘World of Maths’ last Monday. It was interesting to see the thought processes behind each team’s approach to the practical challenges. Teams moved from one station to the next solving problems as they went. Creativity and collaboration at their best!

Our Year 5/6 information evening was well attended last Tuesday. We had a great crowd who showed lots of interest. It is common for families to ‘shop around’ for a high school and I believe that we created an excellent impression and showcased the many opportunities available at Singleton High School. Our Year Advisers for 2016, Mr Gray and Mr Edwards, are already doing a fine job in preparation for the year long transition program we run, along with Mr Henderson, our transition coordinator. The faculty stalls looked great and attracted interested attention. All who spoke provided valuable information, and parents and students enjoyed the tours provided by our SRC and Captains.

Chris Brennan from the NRL addressed Year 8 and 9 students on Tuesday about bullying behaviours. Students appeared very interested in what was said.

It was impressive to see the hard work from many students and teachers in the ‘Green Day’ featured on the cover of this newsletter. The playground certainly looks better after the clean up efforts. We are also looking at ways we can reduce our electricity consumption. Many thanks to the SRC and Mr Collins for their organisation of this event. The Hunter Coal Festival will be using the talents of our hospitality students and staff, who are in for a very busy week. The festival activities have already started and I would like to congratulate both our junior and senior debating teams for their impressive efforts as part of this festival.

As I walk around the school I am impressed with the level of engagement shown in most classrooms. It is important to maintain this very good start to the year. While we have so many wonderful activities going on around the school, the classroom remains the most important place from which great educational outcomes arise.

Jo Gray,
Principal
It has been a busy start to the year as is normally the case. Every student at Singleton High School has been formally issued with their specific Year based Assessment Schedule. This has been emailed to students, formally presented and explained, and made available for download on three separate webpages.

The Assessment Schedule has detailed information on school policy relating to assessment, and specific information about the timing and specific focus of tasks that staff will use to evaluate your child’s achievement in relation to specific course outcomes.

Most importantly parents can access a copy of the assessment schedule via Singleton High School Parent Moodle. A full page advertisement on accessing the assessment schedule is provided in this newsletter.

In line with assisting parents to monitor and support their child’s education at Singleton High School, we have developed a school policy where assessment tasks are available (when not exam based) two weeks prior to the due date via the Millennium Parent Portal. Look out for the Millennium Parent Portal application that is in every newsletter (as shown on the right).

At the end of Term 1 Singleton High School will endeavour 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 student’s strengths and areas that may require attention, such as:

- Up to date course work (Pride)
- Respect towards students and staff (Respect),
- Organised and Prepared (Responsibility)
- Working to potential in class (Excellence in Learning),

These areas 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 achievement, please contact the school.

Progress reports will be handed out on Thursday 26 March, (Week 9). Parent teacher interviews for Years 7 and 11 to discuss your child’s progress will be held on Tuesday 31 March (Week 10) from 4.00pm to 6.00pm in the school’s Multi-Purpose Centre.

Please see the parent teacher booking sheet in this newsletter for instructions on how to book through your Millennium Parent Portal (as shown above).

Shane Hookway,
Deputy Years 8 and 12
Assessment Task Schedules

Available NOW on the Parent Moodle website: http://web1 singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/ (hotlink available via the school website or App by accessing the School Links tab)

Login or Register if this is your first time here?

Access the 2015 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

Singleton High School Online Parent Teacher Booking system

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 7 and 11 parent teacher night is scheduled for Tuesday 31st March 4.00pm trough to 6.00pm. Parents can discuss their child’s progress at any time by contacting the school.

Step 1: Ensure that your year is set to 2015

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 students 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)
- 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)
- 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)

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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Student Assessment Tasks available for Download via Millennium Parent Portal

All assessment task files including relevant information necessary to complete the assessment task will be stored as attachments to the associated activity in your Millennium Parent Portal.

Assessments will appear in your Activities tab two weeks before the due date. The following components will be available for download immediately:

1. Assessment task - critical student information
2. Assessment task notification
3. The Assessment task (Research/practical tasks that do not require examination style conditions)
4. Assessment task marking criteria/guidelines

The following components will be available two weeks after the due date for completion of the assessment task.

1. The Assessment task (Examination tasks that require supervised conditions. Security periods on some exams will mean that the task cannot be uploaded until the security period has passed.)

To access Assessment Task files, select the Markbook tab in your child’s Millennium Portal.

The paper clip denotes attached files. Click on the task name to access the file folder.

An example of Assessment files available for download on the Millennium Parent Portal:

- Assessment Task Critical Student Information (.xlsx)
- Assessment Task Notification (.pdf)
- The Assessment task (.pdf)
- Assessment marking criteria (.xlsx)

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**Immunisations**

All Year 11 and Year 12 students were given a Parent Information Kit to take home regarding the Catch up Campaign for the following vaccinations: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).

According to data, up to 40% of NSW high school students are missing doses of MMR.

It is important that your child is protected against measles, mumps and rubella. A single dose of the MMR vaccinations will be offered to Year 11 and 12 students early in Term 2. If your child requires the vaccination please have them return the consent form (included in the information kit) to either their Year Adviser or to the Front Office by Friday 20 March 2015. For further information please see www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

**Peer Mediation**

Early this term, eleven of our Year 11 students participated in Peer Mediation training. This program is one of the conflict resolution strategies used in our school. In Peer Mediation, two trained students lead other students through a structured process to resolve a dispute. Our school seeks to empower students by teaching them the skills they need to resolve conflicts. This improves relationships and allows for the possibility that conflict can be productive and positive. The self-empowering aspect of mediation - students participating in decision-making about issues central to their lives - makes it an important tool for fostering self-regulation, self-esteem and self-discipline.


I congratulate these students in volunteering to be a part of this program to help support a positive and safe learning environment for our school community.

**Year 7 Cyber Safety Presentation**

Year 7 students were rotated through their class groups to attend a Cyber Safety presentation delivered by our School Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Jalam. Students were well engaged during this presentation and found the information presented very useful and relevant to their daily lives. It is always interesting to see the hands go up when Senior Constable Jalam asks who has an account on Facebook ...

Did you know the legal age for Facebook is 13 years old?

**Setting goals and exploring motivation**

The school is settling in well to the 2015 academic year. It may be time for our young people to really start to engage with their learning by setting goals. Setting goals brings focus, motivation, allows young people to think about what’s working well, what’s not and ultimately, increases their chances of achieving things! When setting goals, the easiest place to start is to focus on things that are meaningful.

Three goal setting starting points are:

- Start with things you enjoy
- Don’t get too caught up with ‘big’ things
- Think about what you don’t want.

Dayna Cowmeadow, H/T Wellbeing (rel)
Welcome back to what is going to be another great year at Singleton High School. Welcome to Miss Jaye Sunerton to our year as the newly appointed year advisor.

Year 9 have been busy at some fantastic school events and it’s great to see our students getting involved. The annual school swimming carnival was held and congratulations to those students who attended. We then had the opportunity to be involved in an anti-bullying talk which saw some up and coming Newcastle Knights players attend. Last Friday at Green day, our students held high school spirit with excellent participation. This was a great opportunity to allow the students to become aware of the purpose of Green Day and the little things they can do to help.

A Year 9 leadership group has been created and we are still seeking students who wish to become more involved within their Year. This is a great incentive for students who one day would like to be involved in a leadership role within our school.

We encourage you to encourage your children. This would be an excellent opportunity for them.

A brief reminder to all parents/carers that there is an expectation for correct uniform to be worn by all students. Sports uniform is only to be worn on sports days, not PE days.

We are looking forward to what will be a great year.

Nathan Jones and Jaye Sunerton, Year 9 Advisors

The last fortnight has again been busy for Year 8.

Last Tuesday we were fortunate enough to have guest speakers from the NRL deliver an anti-bullying presentation to Years 8 and 9. The students enjoyed hearing from Chris Brennan, the Youth Development Officer for the Newcastle Knight, as well as Brock Lamb, member of the Under 20s NYC.

While the students listened intently to the talk the highlight was definitely the opportunity to pose with Brock afterwards!!!

A huge thank you to Mr Daniel Higgins for organising this event for our students.

Friday last week also saw Singleton High School participate in Clean Up Australia Day. This is an annual event organised by the SRC and is well supported by the student body.

Yours in education

Mrs Bagnall and Mrs Mullen, Year 8 Advisors
All of our Year 11 students look amazing in their white senior shirts. As year advisors we are both very proud of our year group as is our head teacher, Mrs Holloway.

We remind students to complete ‘all my own work’ as it is essential for satisfying entry requirements to all preliminary and HSC courses as well as BOSTES requirements. Well done to those students who have already completed these activities. This is a mandatory BOSTES requirement.

Assessments are due for the first round in their preliminary course and we wish everyone luck with these. Remember we are with you the whole way and are here to help you if you need it. You are not alone.

Daniel Higgins and Megan Smith, Year 11 Advisors

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Time has flown this year. We are now five weeks in and Year 10 are all working hard at handing in their first round of assessments.

Many of our students are participating in the extra curricular activities. These include the Year 10 leadership team, peer support and peer tutoring. Students have also participated in the school swimming carnival, Max Potential, school based apprenticeships and traineeships and work readiness. Year 10 have conducted themselves to an exemplary standard so far this year, demonstrating respect, responsibility, pride and excellence in learning. They have truly been role models to the junior years. Keep up the positive attitude. We are looking forward to a big year.

It is important during this busy year to manage our time effectively, so students please be aware of when your assessment tasks are due. It is up to the students to submit all work on time. Students and parents can access an assessment schedule through Moodle.

The Year 10 leadership team is growing and at the moment we are meeting every Monday during lunch. As part of the Year 10 leadership team/welfare initiative of working within the community, the students came up with the idea of contacting the McGrath Foundation to participate in the raising of money for breast care nurses who assist people suffering from breast cancer on a one to one personal level. They are investigating the logistics of holding a pink cricket event later in the year.

Peer support and peer tutoring students are doing a wonderful job assisting in role modeling school expectations and social behaviours. 25 students this week are attending the Year 7 camp as peer leaders. We hope they don’t get too muddy.

Students who applied for Max Potential scholarships will find out this week if they were successful. Creating a community based project will be an invaluable self development initiative for those students selected. We wish them well throughout the experience. Students in Year 10 who are doing an early stage 6 course undertook a work place readiness course last Thursday and they displayed great maturity throughout the day. This enables them to participate in work placement such as the Hunter Coal Festival, which will take place from the 12-15 of March at various venues around Singleton.

The swimming carnival was also great for Year 10. Four of our students became school age champions and one of them went on to be zone age champion. Good luck on Wednesday at the regional carnival.

Daniel Mead and Andrew Sommerville, Year 10 Advisors
Charlie James started at Singleton High School in Term 3 2014 as a member of the Agriculture and Science staff. He also runs ‘Drumbeat’ during sport.

Tell us about your experience as a school student?
I was brought up in a community that valued education very seriously. I was made to believe that education was the only tool that would help one make a change. Running ten kilometres to school every day was my daily activity as my parents could not afford paying gym membership. I enjoyed playing drums, soccer and long distance running. I won several running events as a student. I represented my school in the 10 000 metres State running competition in Zimbabwe and came second in that event.

What was your favourite subject at school?
Agricultural Technology.

Best memory of your childhood school?
My childhood school had an emphasis in producing good results. My childhood school was from a disadvantaged and isolated background. Teachers worked hard to ensure that students obtained a good education. We had respect for our teachers and as a result most of the students in my group excelled well. My childhood school produced fine sportsmen and students who later became educators, lawyers and politicians to name a few.

What made you want to become a teacher?
I started life working as a game ranger and in farms after completing my Agricultural studies in Zimbabwe. I came to Australia in 1996 and worked for the Department of Agriculture NSW. It was at that time, when I used to visit schools delivering lectures and demonstrating farm skills to students, that I decided to become a teacher. I was offered a scholarship to train as an Agriculture teacher at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. I completed my teaching degree in 2004. I have been teaching Agriculture since 2005. I have taught in several schools in New South Wales, Tasmania and in Western Australia College of Agriculture (Morawa). In retrospect, I do not regret being a teacher because I enjoy working with young children.

Who was your childhood hero?
Nelson Mandela

Something that makes you happy?
Helping my own kids do their homework. Playing tennis with my own children and see them grow. Teaching students how to play African drums. Performing Drumbeat with my students in school assemblies and within the community. Seeing students attending school every day and taking their learning seriously. Helping students achieve their learning goals.

What is the best thing about SHS?
• The Principal for taking her time to come and join my Drumbeat lesson.
• The students at Singleton High School who have been very respectful to me from day one that I set foot at this school.
• My students who have just mastered the complex rhythms of Drumbeat in a short period of time.
• My agriculture students for their effort in helping maintain sustainable agriculture at SHS.
• The ladies at the front office. They are very friendly, always smiling and helpful.
• The ladies at the Science prep room for their professionalism, great help and assistance.
• The teaching staff. They are very professional and eager to help with quality teaching.
• Mrs Jenny Lynch and Mr Ian Skilton for their unreserved recommendation and support for ensuring that I pursue my passion in implementing Drumbeat at Singleton High School in 2015.

What sporting activities do you do during free time?
I play soccer and I take part in running activities. I am currently training for the Sydney City to Surf and Sydney Half Marathon.

Early tip to win the 2015 NRL premiership?
South Sydney (Rabbitos). We did it last year and we will do it again in 2015.
Student Spotlight: Vice Captains

What subjects are you studying?

**Tegan**:
I am studying English Advanced, English Extension 1, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Chemistry and Biology.

**Brayden**:
Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics Ext 1, English Advanced.

What are your plans when you leave school:

**Tegan**:
When I finish school I am planning on going to University to study a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/ Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

**Brayden**:
Hopefully going to University.

Who was your childhood hero?

**Tegan**:
Megan Jones (Olympic eventer)

**Brayden**:
Doctors and Nurses.

Name some things you can't live without:

**Tegan**:
My family and close friends, home grown pumpkin, rugby union, avocados, exercise and salted caramel chocolate from Hunter Valley Chocolate Company.

**Brayden**:
Family, friends and the Internet.

Pearl of wisdom for Singleton High School students:

**Tegan**:
Always take responsibility for yourself and make the most of every opportunity you are given; never let fear stop you from doing something.

**Brayden**:
Smile at at least one person a day; extra points if they smile back at you.

Something that makes you happy:

**Tegan**:
Doing well at school, hiking, spending time with my family and friends, riding horses and being outdoors and making other people happy.

**Brayden**:
Dubstep chub-wub music; helping the elderly, when people are friendly.

Favourite memory of high school:

**Tegan**:
Outward Bound trip in Year 10.

**Brayden**:
Walking through the playground and having people say Hi!

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The CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program:
Helping distressed children & adolescents suffering from somatic health complaints (including recurring headaches, stomach-aches etc).

About 40% of children and adolescents may experience functional somatic health complaints, which are medically benign (that is, they have no identified organic cause). The most common somatic health complaints experienced by children and adolescents include recurring abdominal pain, gastrointestinal symptoms, recurring headaches, chest pains, dizziness and nausea. Research has shown that these children are prone to have increased rates of school absenteeism, and this may also have an impact on their learning, peer relations and overall quality of life. Studies have also indicated that up to 80% of children and adolescents struggling to cope with these recurring functional somatic health complaints may also be experiencing anxiety and/or depressive problems.

Our new, CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program is designed to specifically help children learn how to concurrently cope and manage their somatic symptoms as well as learn stress management skills. This program is specifically designed for children aged 7 to 17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for at least 3 months (and which a GP or medical specialist has confirmed that the symptoms are medically benign). The program is individually based and involves 10 x 1 hour weekly therapy sessions held at the Emotional Health Clinic at Macquarie University. Interested families will be invited to attend a screening assessment to determine eligibility.

**Organisation**: Centre for Emotional Health, Macquarie University.

**Researchers**: Associate Professor Maria Kangas, Prof Ron Raper, & Prof Mike Jones.

**Who is eligible?** Children and adolescents aged 7-17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for a minimum of 3 months.

**Contact**: For more information, please contact Assoc. Professor Kangas (email: maria.kangas@mq.edu.au) or telephone (02) 9850 4082.
Faculty News

JAPANESE

Year 7 Japanese
At the start of this year we were all eager to start learning Japanese.

We had a warm welcome from our teachers Ms Barnett and Ms Cowmeadow. We started learning greetings and farewells. Already we know how to ask and say our name in Japanese, reply to the roll, and greet and farewell people in Japanese both politely and casually.

Did you know that Japanese people bow to say hello?

Now we’re learning numbers and ages. We’re helped by the Japanese Moodle online classroom. There are lots of songs, games and other activities on there to help us learn and revise.

7 Sturt have also had the opportunity to work with the Year 9 class to practise basic conversations. Now we’re getting ready for our Listening Assessment in Week 8 which is only 2 weeks away. Time to learn our greetings, farewells and ages!

Year 8 Japanese
The Year 8 Japanese class has already passed in their first assignment and are now revising greetings, farewells, numbers, ages, birthdays, family and pets ready for their Speaking Assessment in Week 8! Gambatte!

AGRICULTURE

The start of this year 2015, Agriculture students from SHS have been doing the following activities:

- Preparing vegetable beds
- Potting up flowers in preparation for sale for Mother’s day
- Selling a variety of organic vegetables
- Drenching sheep
- Hoof trimming goats and sheep
- Tractor driving practise for Year 8 Agriculture and Year 8 Technology
- Raising chickens and rabbits
- Preparing land for chickory production
- Growing vegetables
- Compost preparation.

We are all looking forward to a bumper harvest in terms of vegetable and egg production.

You can support your school by making sure you purchase vegetable products from the school farm.

Charlie James
Agriculture Teacher

Jude Maddock and Ms Barnett
We have had an exciting start of the year across all Special Education classes with our new Head Teacher – Kristen Strachan trying to get to know us all. We have also welcomed two other members of staff: Dianne Daley and Vicki Lindsay to our K1 and K4 classes. Our students have settled into school life for 2015 really well and all teachers have been super impressed with the learning that has been happening in their classrooms.

K1
K1 has been completing a book study on ‘James and the Giant Peach’ by Roald Dahl. Students are thoroughly enjoying reading the book together as a class and completing activities focusing on the ‘Super Six’ Comprehension strategies. K1 recently had their first Community Access visit for the term to Singleton Square. Last week they made pancakes and thick shakes. On the menu this week are some delicious beef hamburgers. Mrs Strachan is secretly hoping some delicious food gets sent her way! Mrs Lindsay has been impressed with all students’ commitment to learning and thinks this will be one of the best years she has had teaching so far.

K2
K2 are the Science gurus this term. Each week they have been conducting some fascinating hands-on experiments. Experiments are a great way for all students to really enjoy the word of Science. They have been experimenting with different materials that react in surprising ways. K2 loved participating in the Green Day school initiative to support Clean Up Australia Day. Students donned their rubber gloves and picked up lots of rubbish from around the school. K2 students and Mrs Parish were very proud of their achievements.

K4
K4 has been focusing on a new program to learn their spelling words called ‘Spelling City’. The high engagement level of all students with this program is fantastic. We are seeing some great assessment results and nothing really beats having students actually ask to complete their spelling activities. K4 students have been working hard to follow the school’s PBL Expectations and in particular the class expectations. Students enjoy the positive feedback that they are receiving, especially the extrinsic prizes and awards.

T14
T14 are very happy to be back in their classroom this year. All students are enjoying a mixed pattern of study combining both mainstream and T14 class subjects. Mrs Gittoes has some interesting things planned for this year including a new Community Access program which will see all students involved in a fortnightly Support class fundraiser. We all look forward to seeing how much money T14 will raise for our Support classes.

Kirsten Strachan
Head Teacher Support
Changes to the parking zones on York, King and Sussex Streets has been received from the Singleton council. Aimed at reducing congestion, improve traffic flow and increase visibility and to reduce the risk of pedestrian and motorists.

Please refer to the map below to see the proposed changes.
Ka-Wul Homework Program

The Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre is happy to announce that we will be running the Ka-Wul Homework Program again this year. Program starting date is Tuesday 24 February 2015.

Ka-Wul Homework Program is an education opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain further assistance to guide, support, encourage and improve their overall academic performance.

Singleton High School would like encourage and welcome students requiring assistance to attend Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Homework Centre.

Teacher and organiser of the Ka-Wul Home Work Program is Miss Jaye Sunerton.

**WHEN:** Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons from 3:30pm-5:00pm

**WHERE:** Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre

**WHO:** Miss Sunerton

**PICK UP POINT:** King Street gate near the bus shelter.

If you require further information about the Program please contact Miss Sunerton/Mrs Bailey or Mrs Holloway during school office hours on 026571199.
HORSE SPORTS

Hannah Clemments competed at NEGS over the weekend of the 14 February at the CNC Interschool’s one day event.

She placed 1st in the Preliminary Interschools, as well as 1st in the open section.

Competing against 20 other riders, we all agree that Hannah has had a wonderful start to her 2015 competition campaign.

Bruce Withers, Horse Sports

ZONE SWIMMING

The 2015 Zone swimming carnival was this year transferred to the newly updated Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. It was a perfect day at the new venue which provided for some fast swims and excellent individual and team performances from the Singleton High School Squad members.

Singleton had 19 students compete in the day which was somewhat lower than the biggest rivals Scone and Muswellbrook. It was a case of quality not quantity on the day with Singleton High producing 8 of the possible 12 age champions:

Oliver Berry, 12yrs boys Age Champ
Julian Macdonald 13yrs boys Age Champ
Chantelle Smuts 13yrs girls Age Champ
Elliot Earnshaw 14yrs boys Age Champ
Maddison Berry 14yrs girls Age Champ
Matthew Cook 15yrs boys Age Champ

Courtney Stephens 15yrs girls Age Champ
Lachlan Jones 17+yrs boys Age Champ.

Due to these, plus many more outstanding performances from all our competitors, Singleton High again proved to be the strongest school and were crowned Upper Hunter Zone Champions.

Congratulations again to all students on the day for not only your performances but your behaviour. Thank you again to all the parents for your support and effort on a very successful day.

Daniel Higgins & Liam McKechnie PDHPE Faculty
DEBATING

Our school’s junior and senior debating teams were in action last Tuesday in the school library debating the benefits and drawbacks of the coal industry with St Catherine’s College.

As part of the Hunter Coal Festival the event saw Singleton High School take the affirmative and Saint Catherine’s the negative.

Both teams were a credit to the school with the junior team being defeated and our senior team winning.

Thanks to Mr Don Edwards for his organisation of this event and Mr David Welsh for his adjudicating.

Holiday Fun

SINGLETON STRIKERS FC FOOTBALL CLINIC
2015

Monday to Wednesday 13th to 15th April, 2015.

Cost: $120.00 per child, Second child in a family pays $110.00.
Third and subsequent child pays $50.00.

Included in this cost is 9 Hours of Professional Coaching under the direction of Singleton Strikers First Division Team Head Coach, Scott Bollici.

Each player will also receive a Nike 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.

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 3:00pm (please arrive by 8:45am for a warm-up)

Ages: 5 to 15 years

For more details visit http://www.singletonstrikers.com/2015clinic.html or email us at 2015clinic@singletonstrikers.com
**GREEN DAY**

Green Day was postponed in Term 4 2014 due to poor weather conditions and was rescheduled for February 27 2015, which coincided with “Clean Up Australia Day” for schools.

Green Day is significant at our school as it highlights the environment and the amount of energy we consume as a school. It gives students an opportunity to give feedback to the school executive on issues relating to energy use within the school and the clean up of the school is a component of “Green Day” where all students again get an opportunity to show pride in their school by cleaning up all rubbish in the school grounds. This is achieved in a spirit of competition and fun with all students redeeming a free ice block during the lunch break and the winning year group enjoying a free BBQ.

An environmental survey of all students was completed during Period 3 with students meeting in Year group areas at the commencement of Period 4. Here they were issued with gloves and garbage bags so they could collect rubbish in the school grounds. The order to commence was announced over the school public address so as to not disadvantage any Year group. As bags were filled, the rubbish was then taken to a trailer that had been set up near the KaWul Centre where Khloe Kaiserfeld and Georgia Foster recorded all bags handed in, against the students’ Year group.

Participation by students was fantastic and the amount of rubbish collected was such that it completely filled the trailer, which had extensions around its perimeter so as to hold the large amount of rubbish we expected to be collected, to a point where it was overflowing.

Congratulations to Year 11 for winning the free BBQ. However, Year 10 were only two bags behind in second place and so shared the winning spoils with Year 11.

The student council should be congratulated for their dedication and hard work over the past several weeks, and on the day, to ensure the success of the “Green Day”.

**Other SRC News**

In other SRC news the school captains hosted the “Transition Evening” on Tuesday February 24, and their colleagues from the student council were involved, acting as guides for parents so they might inspect our school and its facilities.

Bob Collins, SRC Coordinator
New phone App
Parents and students are reminded that they can access the school library catalogue and Clickview directly from the Singleton High School App and download and search from home.

Singleton Library News
The Singleton Town Library is holding a seminar for parents of high school students on Monday 13 April between 6.30 to 7.30pm called ‘Optimising the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of children: Practical tips for parents’.
This seminar will be led by Professor Morgan from The Newcastle University. For more information please visit and join our local library.

Overdue Notices
Overdue letters have just been sent out to all students with late books. Please check for books from the high school library and return them, as soon as possible. Lost or destroyed books can be paid for at the front office.

Chess Club
Calling all chess players: the 2015 chess season starts soon. If you are a chess player, please come and see us in the library.

Martin Gray, Librarian
University Roadshow 2015
Our senior high school students across the rural and regional NSW took the opportunity to discover more about university life and potential career paths when the University Roadshow came to our school on Friday 20 of February.
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.

Gap Year Applications are now OPEN!
Applications are only open for a short time, and will close on 16 March 2015.
The ADF Gap Year is a competitive process with a limited number of places available.
The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24*, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year.
Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army, Air Force and Navy.

What jobs are available?
Navy Gap Year, Army Gap Year (Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver Specialist, Rifleman, Unit Quartermaster) and Air Force Gap Year (Airbase Protection, Crew Attendant, Personnel Capability Specialist, Supply).

More information on Gap Year Applications can be found http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/GapYear/

Leanne Ellis,
Careers Advisor

VET Workshop
On Thursday all Preliminary Vet students enrolled in Hospitality, Metals, Construction, Primary Industries, Information Technology, Electrotechnology and Sports Coaching undertook a Work Readiness and Induction Day.
Students were briefed on occupational health and safety, confidentiality, personal presentation, communication and professional practice that is expected in the workplace by employers. Students will continue to develop their skills as they prepare for work placement.

Annie Phillips
H/T VET
ANZAC Centennial Tour to Gallipoli 2015

Twenty high school students from rural New South Wales are leaving soon for a pilgrimage to Gallipoli in April 2015. Representing one of twenty different schools and some 15,000 Hunter Valley students from the State, Catholic and Independent Schools systems, each student has passed through a rigorous selection process. Each student will now represent his school, her community, their nation in Turkey in April, 2015.

These young Australians have the credentials to do so:

- Many are direct descendants of Gallipoli or World War I veterans
- Each is an outstanding representative of their school community, promoting a youthful perspective of the ANZAC tradition and service to the nation
- Each student has undertaken and presented an historical research project featuring a veteran of the First World War
- All are actively fund-raising for the tour.

One of the highlights of our preparation was our visit to the Newcastle Museum in May. There we met Sir Tony Robinson (Blackadder, Time Team, History Walks) who presented us with a time capsule to record our tour. For her project Ebony researched her great-great uncle, Peter (Todd) Richmond who served at Gallipoli including the battle for Hill 60. He also took part in the defence of Courtney’s Post. Having survived Gallipoli he was killed at Pozieres on 5 August 1916.

Todd’s story is just one of more than 330,000 stories of Australian men and women who served overseas during World War I. It is for this reason that the Hunter Valley District Council of RSL Sub-Branches began organising this tour back in 2010. Their aim was to connect Australia’s youth today with a generation that lost its youth and innocence on the battlefield one hundred years ago.

Our twenty day tour begins on April 13. We fly to Venice for three days before boarding a ship for a two week return voyage to Turkey. Highlights include tours of Venice, Istanbul and Çanakkale and a three day tour of the battlefields and war cemeteries of the Gallipoli Peninsula. There we will lay memorial crosses for those whose lives we have researched. Although we will not be able to attend the official service on ANZAC Day, we hope to participate in an alternate service in the vicinity. There will also be time for a side trip to ancient Troy before we sail back to Istanbul for the Anzac Centennial Ball.

If you are interested in learning more about our tour, please explore our website at:

https://gallipoli2015tour.wordpress.com/

David Welsh, Tour Chaperone
Hunter Valley Combined High Schools
ANZAC Centenary Tour 2015
A study tour to Europe, April 2016
Calling for expressions of interest from students in Years 10 & 11

Singleton High School is proposing a study tour to Europe in April 2016, visiting Paris, the Western Front, Rome and the Bay of Naples. The tour visits a number of sites directly relevant to the NSW HSC Ancient History and Modern History courses.

We are intending to run this tour with Academy Travel, an Australian-based company specialising in school group tours. Working closely with staff at the school, they will develop and manage a program specifically designed for our students.

The first step in getting the tour off the ground is to gauge the level of serious interest among students and their family members before we organize an information evening at the school to provide further information and to answer questions.

Please read through the attached flyer, particularly the sections on cost and inclusions. If you genuinely believe you are prepared to support such a financial commitment towards your child’s education and would therefore be interested in finding out more, please sign below and fill in your details.

Please note that this offer is currently limited to students of Singleton High School currently enrolled in Year 11 and in Year 10. The timing of the excursion will not interfere with Year 12 studies since it is held wholly within the school holidays at the end of Term 1 2016.

If you and your Year 10/11 child are interested in attending an information evening at the high school, please submit the registration slip below before Friday, 13th March, 2015. The timing of the information evening will then be advertised.

David Welsh
Organising Teacher

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Europe study tour – April 2016
Registration of Interest – Return Slip

Please detach this slip and return to Mr Welsh (English staffroom) by Friday, 13th March 2015.

Parent’s Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________

Number of students considering participating in the tour: ______________________

Name of interested participant(s): __________________________________________
Paris, the Western Front, Rome & the Bay of Naples

Tour information
Dates: April 9 – 23, 2016
Price: $6,395.00 per person all inclusive*
* Based on a minimum of 20 paying participants in multi-share rooms. Price may change if exchange rates or airline fuel surcharges change significantly.
- Airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges – included
- Comprehensive travel insurance – included
- Entrance fees to sites – included
- Tips to guides, restaurants and drivers – included

Academy Travel is an Australian company which designs and manages specialist, customised international tour programs for schools, universities, and private groups.

Tour highlights
- 15-day tour specifically designed for Ancient and Modern History students of Singleton High School, covering content related to the core studies of these HSC units.
- Enjoy the iconic sites of Paris and see the famous artworks in the Louvre.
- Explore the battlefields, memorials and museums of the Western Front in Belgium and northern France.
- Investigate the history of Classical Rome and view its iconic landmarks.
- Visit the world’s smallest country, Vatican City.
- Travel to the Bay of Naples to visit the “Cities of Vesuvius” and ascend to the summit of Mount Vesuvius (weather permitting).

A genuine learning experience!
- Itinerary carefully planned by experienced educators
- Fully escorted by a knowledgeable tour manager
- Qualified local guides at major sites

Itinerary
Breakfast and dinner are included daily.

Day 1: Depart Sydney.

Day 2: Arrive Paris – Orientation walking tour of the Marais and Bastille areas. Enjoy a cruise along the River Seine past the city’s landmarks and enjoy panoramic views of the city from an iconic vantage point. Overnight Paris.

Day 3: Louvre & Latin Quarter – Morning visit to the vast collections at the Louvre. Stroll through the Latin Quarter and visit Notre Dame Cathedral. Overnight Paris.


Day 5: Somme battlefields – Full day on the battlefields, including visits to Villers-Bretonneux, Pozieres and Le Hamel. Overnight Somme Valley.

Day 6: To Belgium – Coach transfer to Ypres via Fromelles. This afternoon visit In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres’ quaint town centre. Overnight: West Flanders.

Day 7: Flanders battlefields – Visit the battlefields, cemeteries, memorials and museums of the Western Front in Belgium. Participate in a wreath-laying at the evening Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. Overnight West Flanders.

Day 8: To Rome – Flight from Brussels to Rome. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in before taking an orientation stroll of the iconic landmarks of the Eternal City, including the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Spanish Steps. Overnight Rome.


Day 11: To the Bay of Naples – Coach transfer to the Bay of Naples and weather permitting, ascend to the crater of Mt Vesuvius. Overnight Bay of Naples.

Day 12: Herculaneum and Naples – Explore the ruins of the town of Herculaneum with a local guide. Free time for lunch in Naples and a guided visit of the National Archaeological Museum to see the artworks from the Vesuvian cities. Overnight Bay of Naples.


Day 14: Depart Rome

Day 15/16: Arrive Sydney in the evening or early the following morning.

Please note that weather may be modified to suit local conditions (weather, museum openings and closings etc.)
## Canteen and Uniform Shop

**Uniform Price List**

- **Monday – 8.30am to 10.00am and 4.00pm to 5.00pm**
  - Skirt – Checked grey 8 - 20: $46.00
  - Skirt – Checked grey 22 - 26: $52.00
  - Blouse – Blue or White: $23.00
  - Polo shirt – Blue or White: $27.00
  - Pants (girls) – Navy Hipster: $40.00
  - Pants - 3/4 (girls): $38.00
  - **Shorts – Grey Longer leg:** $5.00
  - **Shorts – Grey Short leg:** $27.00

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

**Winter Stock also available**

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**Specials…**

We have the older longer style boys grey shorts still available and must go... $5.00 a pair.

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**Second Hand Clothing Available all items $5.00 each**

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

**Location:** Near the MPC building, enter through main office and follow the signs

Donations of second hand uniforms would be greatly appreciated. All money raised is donated back to the school. Unfortunately we do not sell preloved uniforms on consignment.

## Canteen Roster

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## Menu

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<td>Sausage Roll</td>
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<td>Meat Pie</td>
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<td>Cheese and Bacon Pie</td>
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<td>Sweet Chilli Wrap</td>
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<td>Salt and Vinegar Tenders (NED)</td>
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### Rolls

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<td>Salad Roll (With Meat)</td>
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<td>Salad tub (with egg)</td>
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### Sandwiches

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<td>Chicken and Lettuce</td>
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### Brekkie Ideas (before 9.30am)

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### Healthy Meal Deal $4.50

- Sandwich, juice and fruit (orders only)

### Daily Specials

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

### Drinks

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### Snacks

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- Assorted Ice Blocks from 50 cents
- Coffee and Hot Chocolate $3.00