Singleton High School News

DIGNITY AS WELL AS EFFORT

Term 1 . Week 10

FAREWELL MR HOOKWAY • EBONYS BIG ADVENTURE • EPILEPSY AWARENESS • HARMONY DAY DRUM BEAT • ROYAL EASTER SHOW FUN
UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW OPEN
ON MONDAYS
8.30AM TO 11.00am
and
3.30pm to 5.00pm
Alternatively place and pay for uniform orders online and collect from the school office any time within office hours

Events

2 APRIL
LAST DAY TERM 1
6 TO 20 APRIL
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
23 APRIL
GIRLS FOOTBALL GALA DAY
ANZAC SERVICE ASSEMBLY
24 APRIL
KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT 13S AND 15S
27 APRIL TO 1 MAY
OUTWARD BOUND
27 APRIL
EQUESTRIAN EVENT
28 APRIL
VACCINATIONS DAY 2 YR 7, 11 AND 12
29 APRIL
PLAYGROUP 10AM
30 APRIL
ENRICHMENT INFORMATION EVENING
1 MAY
YEAR 12 REPORTS AND WELL DONE ASSEMBLY
TOTAL FIELD DAY

School Information

Jo Gray
Principal
Ian Skilton
Deputy Principal Yr 7,11
Shane Hockway
Deputy Principal Yr 8,12
Glenn Yates
Deputy Principal Yr 9, 10
David Welsh
Deputy ILNNP
Dayna Cowmeadow
Wellbeing HT
Rochelle Dooley
HT Staff Administration
Graeme Lindsay
Administration HT (rel)
Margaret Richardson
Admin Manager
Nerida McNamara
HT English (rel)
Leanne Mullen
HT Science (rel)
Kathleen Prudence
HT Maths
Tracey Holloway
HT Home Economics
HT Languages
HT Aboriginal Education
Jason Kolatchew
HT Industrial Arts
Clemma Bendeich
HT PDHPE
Kirsten Strachan
HT Special Ed
Bruce Withers
HT HSIE
Annie Phillips
HT VET
Martin Gray
Librarian
Jane Johns
HT CAPA

Year Advisors 2015
Cindy Koletis-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
at 7.30pm
Next meeting 18 May 2015

P&C News

Parent and Citizen News
The P&C AGM was held on Tuesday night.
Congratulations and thank you to the following people who now hold the 2015 positions.
President Salli Avard
Vice President Kirsty Bates
Treasurer Simon Rock
Secretary Cynthia Mulholland
We are looking for a person who might be interested in taking over the role of treasurer.
This person could ‘shadow’ the work that Simon Rock does for the P&C over the next few months to gain an understanding of the role.
If you are interested, please contact the school or the P&C and make us aware of your interest.

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School Office Hours
8.30am - 4.00pm
Farewell Mr Hookway
It is with sadness that Singleton High School farewells Mr Shane Hookway, Deputy Principal Years 8 & 12.
Mr Hookway was successful in gaining a promotion as substantive DP at Mount View High School. He has been a great contributor and leader during his time at Singleton High School, and there are many sad staff and students. Mr Hokway was the real driver of our current school plan and his expertise will be missed greatly. We wish him all the best for his new adventure. Mr Hookway will be replaced by Mrs Dooley in his DP role.

Parent teacher night
It was great to meet parents at our Year 7 & 11 parent teacher evening during the week, and even better to hear largely positive stories of learning. For parents of Year 12 students, we are publishing a holiday workshop timetable for Year 12 students. I urge students to take this opportunity to consolidate some of their work from the term, and for some students it is a chance to improve understandings based on half yearly results!

John Hirst Award
I would like to congratulate our librarian, Mr Martin Gray, who received the prestigious John Hirst Award in ‘recognition of excellence in professional leadership and service by a teacher librarian’. We are fortunate to have Mr Gray at Singleton High School. The same day that Terry Pratchett died, a library display appeared at Singleton High School celebrating his books. I don’t know how many libraries would be so current!

Royal Easter Show and Drum Beat
I would like to thank Mr James and Mr Bourne for taking our students to the Royal Easter Show as part of their animal and agriculture studies. The students were impeccable and impressive representatives of our school.
Thank you also to our ‘Drum beat’ students who performed at last weekend’s Harmony Day celebrations at Singleton Library. All reports were extremely positive and there was much interest from members of the community in this program, led by Mr James.

Ebony’s Gallipoli Adventure
Ebony Ford of Year 11, who is featured in this newsletter, heads off on her Gallipoli adventure soon, and her group will be accompanied by Mr David Welsh who gave a moving address to students at a recent assembly about the young soldiers from Singleton who lost their lives at war. Ebony was successful in applying for this opportunity, which is a great credit to her. You can read about this in more detail in our featured student section. I am very much looking forward to hearing about the experiences they have with their travel group on their return.

I would like to wish all students and their families a happy Easter weekend, and a safe school holiday period. I have enjoyed my first term at SHS very much, and thank the school and community for a lovely welcome.

Jo Gray, Principal
Deputy’s Report

As the term draws to a close the reality of just how much has been achieved slowly sinks in.

Staff have been evaluating results, setting plans along strategic principles for student improvement and staff development, sharing across faculties proven strategies and seeking best practice in all school operations. The platform for the year is well set but never in concrete. Being flexible is the key knowing each student has a different set of learning requirements and need for certain experiences to gain the most of an educational setting.

The aim is to raise expectations in all areas, not just academic, sporting or cultural but of attendance, uniform, of each other and also in behaviour. Thus far progress has been made in a positive direction and the push will continue for some time.

I have particularly been impressed with the improvement in manners, civil respect and general cheery outlook of our students. It is nice to welcome students back each day to their work place and get a “good morning” back. This communication we are working upon to improve links with our parents and industry. Your input on how to improve our methods is most valued, please inform us how we can make improvements.

Year 7

Year 7 invited me into several of the classes. I have observed them in their learning environments of Japanese, Mathematics, English and Visual Arts. It is impressive to see the smiles, keen nature and wanting to demonstrate what has been learnt. I have increased my vocabulary of Japanese, observed chalk drawings in the playground, been reminded to take time out to read for enjoyment and taken back to my classroom days of teaching mathematics. On most occasions the behaviour of students has shone brightly. The other nice contact has been when students arrived from Hospitality offering a freshly made muffin.

Year 11

Year 11 are progressing well. The assessment time frame has commenced and with only 20 school weeks of the Preliminary course to go students do not have the time to waste. It is important that they are actively engaged in their class work as well as utilising the study periods effectively. A small number of students are making the year look less than what it can be. This is by truanting away from the school or even some classes. We are gradually making inroads in the area of full commitment by all students toward a brighter future either here with us or into the world of work. Either way attendance at all times is crucial. I ask parents to endeavour to monitor their young adults’ attendance regularly and encourage being at school.

I have visited many classes and been impressed with the calibre of the Year 11 students, their responses and knowledge. The active engagement in learning and shared experiences with staff I believe will enhance not only the learning but life understanding of content, creating breadth and depth of knowledge.

HSC Seminar Day 2015

To further enhance all senior learning the Singleton High School HSC Seminar Day is on once again. The date for 2015 is Friday 29 May. This program has been an annual event since 1999. The day consists of senior students from approximately 34 schools attending various venues around Singleton to hear from presenters about the HSC. The aim is to assist students learn not only content material but also how best to maximise, what are the pitfalls when doing the exams and to meet other students who are in their senior years. Staff also learn from the presenters and collegially share success stories.

The presenters are all educators; either University lecturers, ex Examination Committee members, ex Supervisor of markers, senior markers, HSC markers or classroom teachers whose students achieve regularly excellent results. Visiting schools come from Newcastle, Wee Waa, Armidale, Central Coast and up to Wauchope, with both Government and Non Government schools welcome. The benefit to SHS students is that they do not have to travel and it only costs them $50. The day is a Compulsory attendance learning experience for our students.

All paperwork will be out early next term to students. The school website has some preliminary information especially the draft program.

http://www.singleton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Then look under HSC Seminar Day 2015 for more information.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as I can at all functions throughout the year. Please come up and say hello or phone to discuss any matter.

Ian Skilton, Deputy Years 7 and 11

Free Tutoring

From 6pm every Wednesday during school terms

Maths
English
Science

Singleton Youth Venue
Cnr Bathurst & Pitt Streets

Year 7 to Year 12

Singleton Free Tutoring
02 6571 4687
rstalker@singleton.nsw.gov.au
The health and wellbeing of all of the students at Singleton High School is the highest priority of the Welfare faculty. As we come to the end of Term 1 we wish to remind all parents about the importance of keeping the school informed about any health conditions that are pre existing or occur to your child.

Health Care Information
We welcome information at any time from parents about the health of your child, even if you are not requesting specific support from the school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrolled your child and as this may have been several years ago for some. It is important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if new health conditions develop.

You will be receiving important update paperwork along with your fee invoices in the coming few weeks and we ask that any information that is incorrect be changed on this paperwork and returned as soon as possible.

If your child has been identified as having an allergy, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or other medical condition, you may also receive several other medical forms that we ask be returned as quickly as possible.

If your child has a short term medical condition i.e. an operation or broken bone etc; please put this in writing to the head teacher welfare so that we can help to plan to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

It is important too that if you move house or get a new phone number that you notify us of this too. Also please have at least three emergency contact persons that we could call if we are unable to locate mum or dad, preferably ones who live in the Singleton area so that in an emergency we can contact you or them as quickly as possible.

Please be assured that in the event of an emergency, parents/care givers are always called first and emergency contacts only used if you are uncontactable.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Medication
Singleton High School does not allow students to have any medication on them in the playground. If your child requires medication throughout the day this must be brought into the front office and stored in sickbay where students come to take it. We do have storage capacity for keeping paracetamol if it is something that is taken regularly. Boxes must be clearly labelled with your child’s name and the required dosage that they are allowed to take.

Anaphylaxis Training
The Department of Education has been very strict in ensuring that all of the staff are trained in administering an epipen in the event that it is needed. All of our staff have been busy completing an online course and practical component and we would like to thank Libby Gresham of Community Health for giving up her time to come to the school to help us all complete it.

Hey Girl.
Are you a Writer, Video-Maker, Photographer or Activist?

Enter the Rosie Creators Award for your chance to win $500!
8 March – 20 April 2015
RosieRespect.org.au/award
Wellbeing News

Be Your Best
Be Your Best is an eight week program that is facilitated by Mrs Reina Stalker, Youth Worker from the Singleton Youth Venue. This term, six girls from both Years 7 and 8 have been a part of this program. The girls spend one hour a week with Reina to discuss a variety of virtues ranging from confidence, self-care, assertiveness and positive belief in self. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed this experience with Reina and celebrated their success in this program with a formal luncheon catered by our Hospitality students. Here the girls were able to sit down and enjoy each other’s company while also learning about eating etiquette. The girls met this challenge with lots of smiles and laughter. Congratulations to all the girls who were a part of this program. And an extended thank you to Reina. The Be Your Best Program is in its sixth year at Singleton High School and we look forward to the program running again in Term 3.

“I really enjoyed learning about the virtues”
“It was fun, exciting, and I made some new friends.”

Young people participating in Youth Frontiers will receive a minimum of 30 hours tuition, including at least 10 hours of one-on-one mentoring. The program will give young people an opportunity to build life skills and self-confidence by working collaboratively with their mentors to undertake a community project that makes a positive difference in their local community. Each year in Term 4 the young people who have completed the most innovative and effective projects across the state will be recognised with a number of sponsored awards.

The success of the program depends on the commitment of volunteer mentors who can give their time to share their skills and experiences with young people. If you are interested in participating as a mentor, please contact one of the following organisations who are working in collaboration with schools to deliver Youth Frontiers in your local area:

YWCA NSW
Mara Greenwood
E: marag@ywicansw.com.au
T: 02 9285 6272

Future Achievement Australia
Central Coast
Northern NSW
Mid North Coast
Hunter New England

Raise Foundation
Vicki Condon
E: vicki.condon@raise.org.au
T: 0426 972 473

If you would like further information on the program please contact the Department of Education and Communities, Youth Strategy & Participation team at youth@det.nsw.edu.au or go to the website: http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au

Mentors Needed
Seeking volunteer mentors for Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program

Are you interested in sharing your skills and experiences with young people as a volunteer mentor or do you know someone who is? Last month, the NSW Government’s youth mentoring program, Youth Frontiers was launched. Youth Frontiers is an electorate based program that targets students in Years 8 and 9. Every year, more than 1,200 young people will have the opportunity to participate.

Kathleen Ballard and Dayna Cowmeadow

Singleton High School
Tuesday 21 April at 12.05pm
**YEAR 9**

The last fortnight has once again been busy for Year 9. Congratulations to all students who were involved in the Singleton High School cross country. This was a great event and we are very proud of all the students’ efforts and involvement.

Last Friday March 20 saw the students become involved in the national day of action against bullying and violence. This saw the students getting involved in the creation of banners with slogans to promote anti bullying within our school. Well done to the students for embracing a fantastic event and getting extremely involved.

The time has flown this year and with the term coming to an end it is always important to self reflect on the involvement you’ve had during this term. Remember to encourage your children and commend them on their really great effort this term.

Once again 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 sport days, not PE days.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

*Nathan Jones and Jaye Sunerton, Year Advisors*

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**YEAR 10**

Well done to all the students who have worked to their full potential. Many of our students are participating in the extra curricular activities such as the Year 10 leadership team, peer support, peer tutoring, the school cross country, Max Potential, School Based Apprenticeships and traineeships, work placement for the Coal Festival. 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.

The Year 10 leadership team is growing and at the moment we are meeting every Monday during lunch. 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. They are also looking into the planning of the end of year trip to Queensland.

Peer support and peer tutoring students are doing a wonderful job assisting in role modelling school expectations and social behaviours. Peer support leaders lead did an exceptional job leading the Year 7 students over the past 10 weeks. 25 of those students attend the Year 7 camp as peer leaders; they were exceptional. Thank you to all those students.

The cross country was also great day for Year 10 seeing that four of our students became school age champions and going on to represent us at the Zone level.

Stay positive and work hard year 10!

*Daniel Mead, Year Advisor*

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**YEAR 11**

Progress reports for Year 11 have been handed out and the Parent teacher night held on Tuesday was well attended. A reminder to any parent who did’nt attend the night that if they have any questions from the progress report they received to contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

As the weather is getting colder, please remember that you must wear the correct school uniform and school jumpers and trackpants are required.

Year 11 Hospitality and IT students recently completed work placement at the Hunter Coal Festival. They all represented themselves and their school to the highest standard. The dedication to the job and their presentation was outstanding. The comments from the organisers and exhibitors was only praise for our wonderful students... well done.

There is a scholarship opportunity for students in Year 10 or 11 to spend 6 weeks studying intensive Italian in Rome over the December and January school break this year. The Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation is offering this opportunity and applications close on 10 April 2015.


Have a great break Year 11.

*Megan Smith and Daniel Higgins, Year Advisors*
Ebony Ford is about to embark on a journey of a lifetime as part of the 100 Year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. We asked her to do one more school assignment before she leaves: answer our probing questions.

What made you apply for this opportunity?
Having a direct family line of war veterans, I was interested in researching a family member who served during World War I. After speaking to my grandfather and great grandfather about the opportunity, I discovered that I had a great-great-great uncle who served at Gallipoli. Because we knew very little information about him, I wanted to put his footprint back in Australian soil, so we can all remember him and the other Australians involved. Applying for the scholarship not only meant that I researched and learnt about a soldier, it also was a once in a lifetime opportunity to go to Gallipoli and experience the conditions that our soldiers fought in. As well it will be a honour to represent Singleton and to remember those who fought for their country on this important anniversary.

What process did you have to go through to do this?
I had to complete an expression of interest and then submit a research assignment on a soldier who served in World War I. After this I had a local interview and had to present my research findings. I was successful and then progressed to a final interview at Muswellbrook. I received a phone call in November 2013 to say I had been selected.

Can you tell us about your itinerary

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How did you feel when you found out your application was successful?
When I got the phone call I was very excited about the opportunity I had been given.

What are you most looking forward to about the trip?
An experience of a lifetime, where I will remember those who gave their lives for Australia.

Anything to add?
Thank you to all families, students and teachers for all the support I have been given.
Kristen Strachan started at Singleton High School this year after being appointed as Head Teacher Support.
We asked her a few questions.

**Tell us about your experience as a school student?**
I grew up in the small county village of Wingen and attended Scone Grammar School from Year 3 to Year 12. My class cohort was small and as a result we were all extremely close. The best part of school for me was building friendships. I am still close friends with many of my primary school friends - 25 years later and we still call each other the best of friends.

**What was your favourite subject at school?**
I can’t pick a favourite as two subjects for me were the ones I looked forward to the most. My English teacher Mrs English (who I still keep in contact with today) made me love her subject. She was a brilliant teacher – witty, honest, charismatic and caring. I loved attending English classes because of her and always studied the hardest for this subject as a result. My other favourite subject was Child Care studies which I completed through the Muswellbrook TAFE. Just like Mrs English I still keep in contact with my TAFE teacher Michelle. Michelle’s passion for working with children 0-5 was contagious and as a result when I finished school I then completed a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). I left school thinking that I would end up spending the majority of my teaching years in Long Day Care Centres with very small children but by the time I finished my degree my plans and dreams had changed.

**Best memory of your childhood school?**
The best memory for me when I think about school is the singing group that I was part of. We would practice a few times a week together and performed at school assemblies and eisteddfods. I love music and singing was something that I was quite good at. I wasn’t an A grade student or great athlete so being part of this small singing group allowed me to feel connected, important and special in my own way.

**What made you want to become a teacher?**
This question for me would be better started with ‘who’. My mum made me want to become a teacher. She still works for the Department of Education today and I have never once seen her passion for teaching falter in any way. When I think of my mum as a teacher I think of this quote “Do what you love, love what you do”. She has been and always will be my greatest role model.

**Who was your childhood hero?**
As a teenager the two celebs I loved the most were Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston. I looked up to both of them, knew the words to every one of their songs and played and played and played and played and played their Cds.

**Something that makes you happy?**
The two people that make me the happiest are my husband Max and my gorgeous daughter Lailah. Hanging out as a family with these two on the weekends is the highlight of my week. Every night I read to Lailah before she goes to bed and at the end of the book she always whispers in my ear, “You are my best friend and I love you” – this never fails to make me feel deliriously happy.

**What is the best thing about SHS?**
The best thing about any school for me is always the students, especially those in the support classes. If you ever need a kind word, a big smile or a high five come down and hang out. Happiness and positivity radiates from our students and it really is the best place in the school to be. I also love the frangipani trees at the front of school. Smelling these flowers is such a great way to start the school day.

**Early tip to win the 2015 NRL premiership?**
My whole family for as long as I can remember has supported the mighty Rabbitohs. My dad turned 60 last year and he jokes and says that the Bunnies gave him the premiership for his birthday. Fingers crossed they can do it again and give my mum the same awesome 60th birthday present.
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Nigel Cox (ret) - Organising Teacher

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Thursday 2 April

First day Term 2
Tuesday 21 April

Student free day
Monday the 20 April

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**Purple Day, Epilepsy Awareness day**

Epileptic seizures are episodes that can vary from brief and nearly undetectable to long periods of vigorous shaking. The cause of most cases of epilepsy is unknown. A number of students at Singleton High School suffer from epilepsy.

The students and staff in the Support Unit together with the student council, have organised a day where we can demonstrate our support for research into treatment and a cure for epilepsy. Purple Day recognises our awareness of epilepsy and was held on April 1, which was the last Wednesday of the term.

Purple Pancakes for breakfast, purple slushies and lollies in the canteen, cupcakes iced with purple icing sold at recess, students accessorising in purple and an Easter raffle with two prizes, were initiatives organised on the day. The winners were Ayla Bryan and Khloe Kaiserfield.

All money raised was donated to the Epilepsy Foundation to go towards research into treatment and a cure for epilepsy.

**SRC Elections**

Year 7 SRC elections were held recently with the following students selected to represent their year in the Student Representative council.

Congratulations everyone.

Bob Collins, SRC Coordinator

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**A Community Service Tour for Child Studies & Hospitality Students, September/October School Holidays 2016**

Dear Parent/Student,

Singleton High School is proposing a 10 day community service tour for September/October School holidays 2016, visiting Thailand. 2016 Child Studies, EEC and Hospitality students in years 8 to 11 are given an opportunity for a once in a lifetime experience engaging in the Thailand community and culture.

We are intending to run this tour with Antipodeans Abroad, 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.

A Parent Information night will be held on **Tuesday 19 May, 6:00 pm in the Staff Common Room at Singleton High School** with the Antipodeans abroad company, Mrs Tracey Holloway and Miss Jaye Sunerton. This is a great opportunity to become informed of amazing opportunity.

Depending on the number of students taking in to account the time of year and distance away the costing will be approximately $3600-$4200 subject to change. This includes all food, flights, accommodation, insurance, activities etc.

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 come along to the parent information night or call Mrs Holloway or Miss Sunerton. Please note that the proposed tour is open only to Singleton High School students completing Child Studies, EEC or Hospitality.

Tracey Holloway, Head teacher of Home Economics will be attending this trip and is very excited about the educational benefits a community service tour can offer.

Kind regards

Tracey Holloway & Jaye Sunerton
Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated at Singleton Library on the 28 of March 2015.

Singleton High School was presented by its Drumbeat group. The Community were told what Drumbeat stood for and its purpose in a school environment. After the brief introduction of the Drumbeat was made, music began. Singleton High School students sang the song “We will rock you” by Queen. This was followed by a variety of African and Western rhythms. The crowd was represented by all people from different nationalities and residents of Singleton. In other words, it was a multi cultural event. After the Drumbeat show, the students received a standing ovation from the participants. There was clapping of hands and cheering from the crowd. The cultures present included Australians, Indians, South Americans, Jamaicans, Africans and Asians who all performed different activities from their cultural origins.

Students engaged the participants into playing basic rhythms which they composed during their Nine Weeks Training. Both adults and young children in the audience had an opportunity to play drums together with the Singleton High School Drumbeat group. The honour in the Drumbeat show at the Harmony Day is bestowed on my students and especially the six who attended and participated. I am very proud of these students for sacrificing their weekend and be true ambassadors of this great school.

It has been proven that Singleton High School is the only high school in the Hunter Region with a Drumbeat group. I believe in action and next term these talented drummers will perform at school assemblies.

What is Drumbeat?

DRUMBEAT is a flexible program that combines practical learning with cognitive behavioural therapy, and engages young people and adults who may be anxious or resistant to ‘talk based’ therapies.

It is a therapeutic program using rhythm, developed to reach alienated young people or those at risk of problematic health and social outcomes.

DRUMBEAT explores relationship issues such as:
• Peer Pressure
• Bullying
• Dealing with emotions
• Identity
• Social responsibility
• Teamwork

DRUMBEAT promotes social understanding and connection through a team drumming experience. It is fun, safe, creative, engaging and rewarding. Participants lift their self-esteem, learn to work cooperatively and are exposed to the therapeutic and recreational benefits of music.

The DRUMBEAT program arose out of the failure of traditional, talk based, interventions to engage many young people facing social challenges that put them at risk of harm. These young people are often socially isolated and their behaviour often reinforces that isolation.

The drum is a perfect medium to engage young people – it’s exciting, it’s easy to play (reduces fear of failure), it’s powerful (demands attention), and playing it is physical (releases tension).

At the end of the performance, I had an opportunity to talk to parents and community members who were impressed with my Drumbeat group. Some parents could not believe how their children were able to master the complex African Drumbeat rhythms. I reiterate, the honour should be bestowed on these young drummers who take pride in presenting their school in a community event. I take off my hat to show my honour and respect to these students.

Happy Drumming

Charlie James
Aboriginal Education

As reported last fortnight, it has been a very busy couple of weeks for our Banda-ra dance group. I would like to congratulate all of the students who dance with our Banda-ra dance group over the last few weeks. They did an amazing job very proud of them. They performed with their mentor Michael at the opening of the coal festival, on the family day and at Broke Senior Citizen morning.

Hunter New England Health has also been conducting hearing test on our Aboriginal Students this week free in the Kawul centre.

I have been taking different students each week down to Cessnock to Uncle Les Elvin place and the students have been working on a mural that will be hung on the outside wall of the Kawul centre. Looking forward to seeing it finished.

Plans for NAIDOC next term are underway. Our celebrations at the school will be on 24 June and the Singleton town NAIDOC will be on 20 June.

Sharon Bailey, Ka Wul

Aboriginal resource Group

On Monday 23 March through to Wednesday 25 March, a selected group of Aboriginal students participated in an intensive 3 day work readiness workshop facilitated by Corey Robertson from ARG (Aboriginal Resource Group).

The purpose of the workshop was to motivate students into action with career awareness, knowledge and skills which will serve them well on their pathway to their chosen career.

The goal is to grow successful Indigenous people and communities by playing the “Work Game” or staying at school or in further education.

The workshop was separated into 3 different components over 3 days.

Day 1: THE WORK GAME AND THE FITNESS REQUIRED

Included – Industry and supply chain knowledge, work culture, career paths and work roles, fitness skills and development and Adding Value: the Real Game.

Day 2: SEE THE GAME BEING PLAYED

Included – Visit work sites, See how people are playing the “Work Game”, view player safety and welfare with WHS controls, teamwork, interaction and consultation, simulators and work environments.

Day 3: LIFEFIT – THE COMPLETE PLAYER

Included – Ability mapping, Health, Wealth and Relations.

The students chosen had great value from the information given and did themselves and their school proud when we visited work sites.

We intend to repeat this workshop later in the year for another group.

Jo Vinson, Co-ordinator Aboriginal School To Work Transition Program.
Republica Coffee Competition
A big thank you to Singleton High School library supporters on facebook. The facebook site Republica Coffee held a contest with the prize a copy of the book “50 influential women entrepeneurs”, Ms McTaggart from the library was nominated and she won! The book is now available in the library for you to borrow. Thankyou to Republica Coffee and everyone for the support.

Town Library News
The town library is holding a parents information night on Monday 13 April for anyone interested in supporting their school aged children. See the advertisement on Page 7 in the wellbeing report or the library’s website for details.

Printing
Anyone who has printing done in the library will know that a USB is required, However, lots of flash drives are abandoned and forgotten by students every term. If you want to make your thumb drive easily identifiable, please put your last name on it so we can find you after you leave it.

Martin Gray, Librarian
Home Science and Hospitality

Senior Citizens Day Broke 20 March 2015
Year 9 Hospitality Students travelled to Broke by bus provided by Singleton Council to serve around 350 guests for morning tea and lunch at Broke Hall.

The students all dressed in their Hospitality Chefs outfits looked the part and worked to the high standard of the previous year’s students. A fabulous day was had by all guests as the students enjoyed working with the wonderful people at Singleton Councils Seniors Week Organising Committee. The students worked hard cooking and serving all guests from many areas of the Singleton district and beyond. This is the third year the student have participated in this event and again they had a great time learning and polishing their customer service skills and culinary expertise for outdoor functions. This is a very rewarding event where the students are able to be with a wonderful group of elderly people in our community with both generations enjoying the interaction between all groups. This is a wonderful success due to the efforts and attitudes of all people working together. Well done to Year 9 Hospitality. You are champions and for the first ever function you blitzed it!!!!!! Special thanks from Mrs Holloway and Mr Means.

Again at the event
The students will work as volunteer staff for the day taking on the task of assisting 25,000 people at the event and to major attractions for the day.

The students will be busy working with celebrities from TV, car sports of all description, handing out maps, guiding guest to venues and assisting clients. It will be a noisy, dirty, exciting, hot sweaty day but I know our students will shine again in the hospitality arena.

Special thanks in advance to our parents for taking our students down for the day. I know they will all have a great day seeing the events and have fun at the venue, however it is a worthwhile commitment.

Event Management have had many TAFE and Private Colleges working for them in the past and have said that they have never had such professional and hardworking students like they have had for last year’s 2012 Master chef Live Event and the 2013 Top Gear festival as they have in the students from Singleton high School. That is why we would like to have them again this year.

I am very proud of all our past students who have produced such an excellent reputation that has enabled this experience to happen again.

Tracey Holloway
Head Teacher Home Economics

Menu for Senior Citizen Function 20th March 2015

Location: BROKE

 MORNING TEA
 Tea/coffee service
 Individual packets of biscuits

LUNCH
 Choice of
 English spinach, tomato and feta salad and chicken kebabs
 or
 Crunchy noodle cabbage salad with chicken skewers
 or
 Choice of other salad above with vegetarian sauce

SHS American style Sausage dog
 Smokey, marinated onion, cheese and mustard sauce

TOP GEAR FESTIVAL 2015
Get ready for the ultimate motoring event - Top Gear Festival Sydney! Top Gear Festival Sydney brings the global television phenomenon that is Top Gear to life in a two day festival extravaganza featuring Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond, James May and The Stig.

SHS Hospitality students are invited to work with the students again at the event
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Tracey Holloway
Head Teacher Home Economics
**Faculty Reports**

**Technology**

**Paper Projects**
Year 8 Mandatory Technology have been busy creating some fantastic projects using just paper, tape and cardboard. Bella, Sophie and Kaylee (shown below) have finished their dolphin project last week.

**Maths Faculty**

**Pi day!**
Year 10 celebrated Pi day on 17 March. The actual International Pi day is on the 14 March but no one was too keen to come to school on Saturday to celebrate it!

Ms Lewis made Pi biscuits (see picture) from a cutter that had to come from the Netherlands and all enjoyed chocolate balls that represented the decimal points.

**English Faculty**

**Hunter Coal Festival Debating Competition**
On Monday 23 March, some very talented Singleton students claimed a well-earned victory in the final of the Hunter Coal Festival Debating competition.

After two preliminary debates against St. Catherine’s and Singleton Christian College, the Singleton High School Senior Debating Team won the day against St. Joseph’s Aberdeen in a fierce battle of wits that took place at Muswellbrook Public School.

With the capable assistance of Thomas Israel, our champion debaters Claudia Smith, Phoebe Marcheff, Drew Ford and Serena Messenger outclassed the opposition on the topic ‘Coal Mining is our Future.’ The Singleton students were arguing the negative viewpoint after having defended the mining industry successfully for the previous two debates, and they adjusted to the change of tack admirably.

During all of their debates, these students have demonstrated intelligence, adaptability, quick thinking and initiative, not only in their preparation, but in the professional delivery of their arguments. While I did my best to guide them in this endeavour, their success has been primarily due to their mature approach to each topic, their self-directed application to research and their fantastic teamwork. They are a credit to Singleton High School and to the local community, so please congratulate them on their success the next time you see them.

I would also like to acknowledge the effort of some students who were not present at the final debate, but who nonetheless have taken part and contributed to preparation for the Hunter Coal Festival Debating Competition. A big thank you to the following students for their involvement and assistance...

**Hunter Coal Festival Debating Competition Runners-Up**
- Katelin Pascoe
- Riley Stewart
- Erin Stephens
- Bryanna Redgrove

Invaluable assistance in research, organisation and preparation
- Rohit Kulkarni

**Debating Team Reserves**
- Bailee Dann
- Meredith Welsh

Don Edwards, English Faculty

**Head Teacher Report**

Students have been busy working on a range of assessment tasks during these last weeks of term. Year 7 students have been delivering a variety of stories to their classes as a component of their story telling unit. Year 8 have been exploring the influence of the media in our society whilst Year 9 have been exploring an area of study titled Authority.

Year 10 have explored the concept of the future in a film unit whilst Year 11 have been exploring the poetry of war. Year 10 have explored the concept of the future in a film unit whilst Year 11 have been exploring an area of study titled Authority.

Year 12 resume their studies in class this week after completing their half yearly examinations and have now completed an area of study and Module A in both Advanced and Standard. Students need to...
ensure they maintain a consistent revision program that consolidates their learning and allows them to continue to develop their writing skills. The advance English classes will begin their next module, a critical study of text, this week whilst the standard classes will commence their close study of text.

As mentioned, congratulations to the Junior and Senior debating teams and thanks to Mr Edwards and Mr Welsh for accompanying the students. Well done everyone. Students are currently preparing submissions for the ANZAC day writing competition. These will be reviewed and the best three entries submitted. Students have the choice of completing an essay response or a short film arguing why we should celebrate the centenary of Anzac.

On Friday 27 March, Singleton High School hosted the acclaimed poet and author, Steven Herrick. Fifty Year 8 students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a poetry workshop led by Steven. We thank the Singleton town Library for their generous funding of this visit and wish to thank Rob Stewart and the town library staff for their continued support of our students. On behalf of the English faculty, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday.

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Nerida McNamara, HT English (rel)
Agriculture Faculty

AGRICULTURE NEWS - SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW EXCURSION.
On the 27 of March 2015, students from Singleton High School visited the Sydney Royal Easter Show. We left Singleton at 6:30am and arrived in Sydney at 9:30am. The students were all excited about the trip to Sydney. The trip was entertaining as it was marked with a lot of singing from various groups of students. It was like Singleton has got talent show, so-to-speak as students took turns to compete against each other with their singing abilities. Throughout the whole trip and at the show, the behaviour of our students was outstanding. All students were dressed in full school uniform and were true envoys of Singleton High School. I would like to give thanks to my fellow agriculture teacher Mr. Bourne for organising the documentation of this excursion.

Students visited cattle, sheep, working canines, poultry, goats, vegetable and various displays within the showground. This year, we showed our meat birds and we will find out the results by next week. Students had an opportunity to visit the broiler chickens they reared from day one. As an Agriculture department we were impressed with vegetable displays and we are thinking of putting up such a display in the future at Sydney Royal Show. Students had an opportunity to purchase a variety of show bags.

Most students studying Primary Industries, Senior Agriculture, Stage 4 and 5 Agricultural Technology, Stage 5 Animal Management and Stage 4 Technology Mandatory (Agriculture) all attended the show and it was a great opportunity for them to meet and discuss with experts various innovative projects within agriculture. All students indicated their willingness to participate in future excursions to Sydney Royal Show. Singleton High School was the only school in the Hunter region present. We will strive to be the best in promoting sustainable agriculture in this region and thank you to all our students for their great participation and effort.

Charlie James, Agriculture Teacher
Open Girls Touch

On Tuesday 17 March the open girls travelled to Olympic Park in Muswellbrook to compete in a knockout competition. A late scratching of the Scone team, meant that the girls only, had one game against Muswellbrook High School. The teams pumped themselves up by singing for the entire bus trip. They played extremely well and remained positive throughout the game, despite numerous tries by Lily Ede being disallowed by the referees. Singleton, unfortunately, were defeated 5-0 and have been knocked out of the competition. A special thanks to Reece Morris who was our team’s referee on the day.

Joceyln Johnston, PDHPE

Open Boys Tennis Team

On Friday 27 March the open boy’s tennis team travelled to Scone to contest round 1 in the knockout competition. The annual match up is usually a closely contested rubber. However on this day Singleton dominated every match, winning all 8 sets contested on the day and only dropping one game within these sets all day. The team consisted of Cameron Ries, Samuel and Isaac Barry and Patrick Bagley and will now move into the rounds 2 and 3. The gala day will be held in Maitland next term. Well done boys.

Liam McKechnie, PDHPE

Equestrian Team News

The Singleton High School equestrian team travelled to Denman on March 16 to compete in the inaugural horse sports day. Approximately 100 riders from many schools enjoyed the beautiful weather and competition to have a very successful day. Our riders and their results were: Candice Gardiner, 4 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd, 2 x 4th and 1 x 5th place, Candice also received the 15yr combined Reserve Champion award. Sarah Giggins, 3 x 1st, 3 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd, 1 x 4th and 1 x 5th place. Sarah was the 15 yrs Combined Aged Champion. Taylor Giggins, 1 x 2nd, 4 x 3rd, 2 x 4th places Josie Brown, 2 x 4th, 3 x 5th places Rachel Cramp, 1 x 1st, 1 x 2nd, 3 x 3rd, 3 x 4th and 1 x 5th place Renee Atfield, 3 x 4th, 2 x 5th places Aiden Howlet, attended as well but his results are unknown.

After the postponement of the Blandford and Willow Tree competitions, the team enjoyed being able to finally represent the school and are looking forward to the next competitions at Quirindi and Scone and of course Singleton.

Again thanks go to all the parents and families for their support.

Bruce Withers, Team Manager

University and Buckley Shield Results

Our Singleton High Rugby League teams contested the first round of both the University and Buckley Shields competitions this week. In the Buckley Shield Singleton dominated both Muswellbrook and Scone High Schools to progress. In the University Shield Singleton defeated Muswellbrook High School 42 to 1 to progress to the next round. Well done boys and keep up the good work in next terms games.

Daniel Higgins, PDHPE
Zone Cross Country Results

The Zone cross country carnival was held in wet conditions at Muswellbrook last week and Singleton had some outstanding individual performances producing the following age champions.

12 Years boys, Daniel Pope
13 years boys, Cooper Andrews
13 Years girls, Kristin Cox
14 Years boys, Nick Watson
16 Years boys, James Bradley
16 Years girls, Taylor Giggins
17 Years boys, Jessie Mackaway

Congratulations to all our representatives and good luck to our regional qualifiers.

Liam McKechnie, PDHPE

Table Tennis

For the first time in many years, Singleton High School entered a table tennis team in the knock out competition. After a gruelling selection process the selected line up of Maui Carroll, TeAto Carroll, Lachlan Earnshaw and Leyton Ward travelled to Kurri Kurri High for the round one meet. Not knowing what to expect, the boys hours of practice paid off with a comprehensive 7 matches to 0 victory. The boys are now awaiting a tough second round match against Merewether High School next term.

Liam McKechnie, PDHPE

Boys Open Touch Football

On 30 March 2015, 11 students travelled to Tarro to compete in the Open Boys CHS touch football competition. The boys played 4 games demonstrating superior sportsmanship and worked together extremely well considering they had not played as a team. In the first game in which they defeated Ruterford High School 10-0. The second game energy levels and team spirit remained high as we defeated Maitland High School. As the day went on the boys’ attention turned to their hunger and they were already beginning to feel sore. Unfortunately Francis Greenway played an extremely defensive game holding up 3 of Singletons attempts to score, the final score 5-3, leaving the boys feeling a little deflated. Spirits were lifted in the final game of the day knowing that our for and against points would lead Singleton as the top scorers for the competition. Muswellbrook High School proved too strong for Singleton breaking through our defensive line. It was an extremely close game which saw Singleton be defeated 5-4. The boys placed 3rd in the overall competition missing out on proceeding through to the next CHS round played in Sydney by 1 point. The team is to be congratulated for their positive attitude and positive school spirit.

Jocelyn Johnson, PDHPE
Arancini

1L Stock Chicken
1 tablespoons olive oil
1 brown onion, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
330g (1 1/2 cup) Arborio Risotto Rice
40g (1/2 cup) shredded parmesan
4 eggs
180g (2 cups) dried (packaged) breadcrumbs
150g (1 cup) plain flour
100g mozzarella, cut into 1.5cm pieces
Vegetable oil, to deep-fry
Tomato relish or chutney, to serve

Method Notes
Step 1. Place the stock in a medium saucepan over high heat and bring just to the boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Hold at a gentle simmer.
Step 2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until the onion is soft.
Step 3. Add the rice to the onion mixture and cook, stirring, until the grains appear slightly glassy. Add a ladleful (about 125ml/1/2 cup) of the simmering stock to the rice mixture and stir constantly with a wooden spoon until the liquid is completely absorbed. Continue to add the stock, 1 ladleful at a time, stirring constantly and allowing the liquid to be absorbed before adding the next ladleful, for 20 minutes or until the rice is tender yet firm to the bite and the risotto is creamy. Stir in the parmesan. Set aside for 2-3 hours to cool completely. Add 2 eggs and stir until well combined.
Step 4. Place the breadcrumbs on a large plate. Place the flour in a bowl. Crack the remaining eggs into a separate bowl and use a fork to lightly whisk. Use wet hands to shape 2 tablespoons of the risotto mixture into a ball. Press your thumbs into the centre of the ball to make an indent. Place a piece of mozzarella in the indent, then mould the risotto mixture around the mozzarella to enclose. Repeat with the remaining risotto mixture and mozzarella to make 28 balls.
Step 5. Roll the risotto balls in the flour and shake off any excess. Dip in the egg, then in the breadcrumbs, pressing to coat. Place on a large plate. Place in the fridge for 30 minutes to chill.
Step 6. Add enough oil in a large saucepan to reach a depth of 5cm. Heat to 190°C over medium-high heat (when the oil is ready a cube of bread will turn golden in 10 seconds). Add 7 risotto balls to the oil and cook, turning occasionally, for 4-5 minutes or until golden. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a plate lined with paper towel, repeat, in 3 more batches, the remaining risotto balls, reheating the oil between batches.
Step 7. Place the risotto balls on a serving plate and serve with tomato relish or chutney, and marinated olives and feta.
University News

• **UNSW: Debating Day**
  Tue 9th June, 8.00am – 5.00pm, John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Debating Day provides the opportunity for students in years 10, 11 and 12 to improve their debating skills in an interactive and engaging environment. The day will feature three rounds of debates and a comprehensive workshop for all participating students.
  [https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.events_search](https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.events_search)

• **UNSW: Getting into Medicine**
  UNSW has put together information for students wanting to know more about the application process for studying medicine at UNSW.

• **UWS DAY**
  UWS Day Parramatta Campus: Tue 2nd June UWS Day Kingswood Campus: Wed 3rd June UWS Campbelltown Campus: Wed 28th October UWS Bankstown Campus: Thu 29th October Visit the UWS campus to speak to current UWS students and academic staff.
  Experience the range of courses available at UWS through interactive workshops and presentations, learn about scholarships, The Academy, pathway programs and further opportunities to pursue their aspirations.
  [http://future.unsw.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws/uwsday](http://future.unsw.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws/uwsday)

• **University of Technology Sydney: Engineering Undergraduate Information Evening**
  Wed 10th June, 5.30pm – 8.00pm, CB11 Faculty of Engineering and IT Building, Building 11, UTS Broadway
  Hear about courses and scholarships, learn about the two six-month internships engineering students take as part of their degree, and speak to current students and staff.

• **University of Technology Sydney: Information Technology Info Evening**
  Wed 10th June, 5.30pm – 8.00pm, CB11 Faculty of Engineering and IT Building, Building 11, UTS Broadway
  Hear from academic staff and students about the different course options available and how to apply for the Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship program.
  Contact: (02) 9514 2666 or mailto:FEIToutreach@uts.edu.au

• **The University of Sydney: Mega Maths Day**
  Wed 10th June, University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus
  Mega Maths Day aims to educate year 10 students about how important a solid background in maths is for an array of disciplines and careers. The day will include a number of workshops showcasing the importance of maths in a variety of settings.

• **The University of Sydney: Camden Open Day**
  Friday 12th June 2015. Learn about the world of agriculture, environment, science and veterinary science at the University of Sydney’s Camden Open Day. Participate in hands-on workshops, hear captivating talks and meet scientists conducting cutting edge research, plus be entertained by science with a talk by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki.
  Cost is $15 per student.

• **The University of Sydney: Agriculture HSC Seminar**
  Thu 11th June, 9.30am – 2.00pm, Liz Kernohan Conference Centre, 410 Werombi Road, Camden
  The day revises key concepts in the HSC Agriculture and Primary Industries courses and provides current examples of research that students can use in the extended response answer section. Hear directly from researchers in the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Agriculture and Environment and Faculty of Veterinary Science as they explain their research in a series of lectures, with the relevant HSC Syllabus areas noted for each talk.
  Cost is $5 per student.

• **Southern Cross University: HSC Study Days 2015**
  Year 12 Language Day: Fri 12th June
  HSC Economics Study Day: Mon 15th June
  HSC Business Study Day: Wed 17th June
  HSC Maths Revision Day: Fri 19th June
  Year 11 Enrichment Day – Physics: Early August, date TBC
  UOW’s HSC Study Days aim to give students the opportunity to hear from UOW academics and students, as well as BOSTES staff who have set and marked the HSC. In addition to getting relevant information about their HSC exams, attendees will be able to experience what life is like as a student at UOW.

• **University of Notre Dame: Parent Information Evening**
  Tue 23rd June, 6.00pm, 104 Broadway, Chippendale
  The Parent Information Evening is designed to help parents (and students, who are also welcome to attend) through the transition from secondary to tertiary education. Attendees will have the opportunity to find out about University life, talk to current students, meet academic staff and find out about pathways into university.
Contact: 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au
http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2015/parent-information-evening

• Teaching: Aspire to Inspire
Mon 29th June, 10.00am – 12.00pm, 104 Broadway, Chippendale
Learn about teaching as a career, have questions answered by renowned educators, and hear how others used their education degree to make a difference in the world.
Contact: 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au
http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2015/time-to-teach

TAFE & Apprenticeships News

• Sydney TAFE: Photo Imaging Information Session
Mon 27th April, 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Ultimo College, Building F, Level 1 Photography Studio Door (red door) Cnr Harris & Thomas St, Ultimo
http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events

• South West Sydney Institute: Hair and Beauty Information Day
Sat 13th June, Granville College
A showcase of careers in Hair and Beauty for potential new students including TVET.
https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au/About-SWSI/Key-Dates#eventDetail

• Adept Training: Upcoming Courses
Digital Workshops
Sat 11th April, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo
http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/free-day-courses/
• Avondale College of Higher Education: Futures Day
Wed 3rd June, 10.00am – 2.00pm, 582 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong
Receive course information, attend HSC lectures and interactive tours.
Contact: 1800 991 392 or marketing@avondale.edu.au
http://www.avondale.edu.au/future-students::openday/
• Sydney Film: School Open Day
Sat 9th May, 2.00pm – 5.00pm, 92 Cope Street, Waterloo
View a number of short films produced by SFS students, learn about the training available at SFS and speak to teachers and students.

Other News

• Science Camp 2015: Indigenous Science Scholarship
Applications close Sun 19th April
Asian Science Camp: Sun 2nd – Sun 9th August, Thailand
A scholarship is available to an indigenous Year 12 or university student to join the Australian delegation and attend the Asian Science Camp in Thailand. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who best communicates how they will benefit from the experience, and how they will share that experience with their community when they return.
Contact: asi@asi.edu.au
• Girls’ Programming Network
Term 3: Sat 8th August, School of Information Technologies, J12 University of Sydney, 1 Cleveland Street, Darlington
Term 4: Sun 1st November, School of Information Technologies, J12 University of Sydney, 1 Cleveland Street, Darlington
The Girls programming Network is a program run by female IT students targeted at high school girls interested in IT. One day each term, Girls Programming Network hosts a workshop where you can learn about an exciting topic in computer science.
https://sites.google.com/site/girlsprogrammingnetwork/home
• Sydney Observatory: HSC Relativity
Tue 21st April and Thu 23rd April, 6.00pm – 8.15pm, 1003 Upper Fort St, Millers Point
This one night course for students in year 11 or 12 and their teachers, introduces the fundamental concepts of relativity without the aid of mathematics. The presentation will look at the theories of modern physics – Einstein’s development of the special and general Theory of Relativity.
• of Applied Arts and Sciences: Student Fashion 2015
Sat 28th March – Sun 23rd August, Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo
The exhibition showcases eight outfits from top final year students from the University of Technology, Whitehouse Institute of Design, Fashion Design Studio TAFE and Raffles School of Design and Commerce. The display illustrates the students’ diverse design signatures and technical skills.
• Cultural Care Au Pair Information Sessions Online: Tue 24th March, 6.00pm
Sydney: Sat 18th April, 10.00am, Level 2, 9-13 Young Street, Circular Quay
Canberra: Sat 18th April, 11.00am, Swanson Ct, Belconnen.
Cultural Care Au Pair offers work placements as au pairs/nannies in the US. Past au pairs will share their experiences and advice.

Cracker Night
Friday, 22nd May
5.00pm till 8.00pm
King Street Public School

Enjoy a great food, entertainment AND fireworks!
Proudly sponsored by Singleton Diggers

Go Green Team Handy Hints
Make your own cleaning supplies. The big secret: you can make very effective, non-toxic cleaning products whenever you need them. All you need are a few simple ingredients like baking soda, vinegar, lemon, and soap.
Making your own cleaning products saves money, time, and packaging-not to mention your indoor air quality.
Singleton High School is proud to have the opportunity to offer the parents of student’s free access to information on their children via an individualized portal to the schools online record keeping system. The portal to our Millennium system will give you daily updates on each of your children through one access point. Information can be accessed real time. As information is entered at the school level it is available to you through the parent portal.

- **Classes** (subjects / courses studied at Singleton High)
- **Timetable** (Day to day information relating to subject, period, teacher and room)
- **Mark book** (Every assessment task result and relative position within the course for that task)
- **Reports** (Access to Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports as they are entered by teachers)
- **Attendance** (Daily information relating to whole day absence, justified reasons for absence and identified occurrence of truancy)
- **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:


Access the 2015 Assessment Information folder to open and save Assessment Booklets for each Year group

Login or Register if this is your first time here?

Policy information

Specific Assessment information for every subject

Full Year Assessment Task Mapping

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Assessment Process

Year 7 Assessment Schedule 2014

English Faculty

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ENGLISH
**Uniform Price List**

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*****Specials*****

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

Second hand clothing is available and all items are $5.00 each. 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.

Payment: Cash, cheque or eftpos/credit card facilities available

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

Opening Times have changed
Monday 8.30am till 11.00am and 3.30pm till 5.00 pm

Online orders can be placed and paid for via the Singleton High School website and collected from the front office Tuesday to Friday.

**Canteen Roster**

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**Hot Food**

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

**Rolls**

- Salad Roll (no meat) $4.50
- Salad Roll (with meat) $5.00
- Salad Tub (with egg) $5.00
- Fruit Salad Tub $4.00

**Sandwiches**

- Chicken and Lettuce $4.00
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $4.00
- Egg and Lettuce $3.50
- Beef and Pickles $4.00
- Turkey and Cranberry $4.00

**Brekkie Ideas (before 9.30am)**

- Hash Browns $1.00
- Brekky Wrap $2.00

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

**Daily Specials**

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

**Drinks**

- Aroona, cans of drink $2.50
- Gatorade $4.00
- Dare iced coffee $4.00
- Plain milk $3.00
- Juice (large and small) $3.00
- Mineral water (large and small) $3.00

**Snacks**

- Pretzels (large) $2.00
- Red rock deli chips (large) $2.00
- Red rock deli chips $1.00
- Smiths Chips $1.00
- Jumpy’s $1.00
- Grain Waves $1.00
- Twisties $1.00

**Assorted Ice blocks from 50 cents**

**Canteen and Uniform Shop**