Singleton High School News

Term 2 . Week 8

TEACHERS GET DUNKED • LUNCH WITH THE GOVERNOR • SINGLETON OVERTAKEN BY HSC STUDENTS • HOSPITALITY STUDENTS WORKING OVERTIME
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.

15 JUNE
KNIGHTS KNOCKOUT 14S AND 16S SEMI FINAL
16 JUNE
YR 10 PERSONALISED LEARNING AND TRANSITION MEETINGS
17 JUNE
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE
ICAS SPELLING TEST
ICAS WRITING TEST
CERT II HOSPITALITY GRADUATION DINNER
20 JUNE
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS SINGLETON
22 JUNE
LUK KENNEDY TALK
COWS CREATE CAREERS PRESENTATION
23 JUNE
YEAR 9 WELL DONE ASSEMBLY
OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE SCHOOL BOY TROPHY / COUNTRY CUP
24 JUNE
YEAR 8 WELL DONE ASSEMBLY
SHS NAIDOC ASSEMBLY
25 JUNE
HSC BIOLOGY EXCURSION
COWS CREATE CAREERS
YEAR 10 WELL DONE ASSEMBLY
26 JUNE
WELL DONE ASSEMBLY YEAR 7
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM 2

School Information

Jo Gray
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Year Advisors 2015
Cindy Koletsis-Tatt & Tristan Chapman
Year 7
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Year 8
Nathan Jones & Jaye Sunerton
Year 9
Andrew Sommerville & Daniel Mead
Year 10
Daniel Higgins & Megan Smith
Year 11
Bob Collins & Maddy Valentine
Year 12

P&C Association meets the 3rd Monday of the month in common room at 7.30pm
Next meeting 15 June 2015

School Office Hours
8.30am - 4.00pm

Events

Principal News
Deputy Report
Wellbeing News
Year Reports 9, 10 and 11
HSC Seminar Day Report
Tom Baker: Student Spotlight
Meet a Teacher
Faculty Happenings
Support News
Dunk Tank Fun
Parliament House Visit
Sports Reports
SOS for SES
Careers News
Uniform Shop Roster
Canteen Menu
In 2011, Steve Jobs told President Obama, that Apple employed 700,000 factory workers in China and those factories and workers needed 30,000 on-site engineers. “You can’t find that many in America to hire,” he said. The factory engineers did not have to be PhDs or geniuses; they simply needed to have basic engineering skills for manufacturing. It was not the cheap labour for factory workers that saw jobs shipped off-shore, it was the lack of supply of skilled workers, especially engineers.

In Australia there is a growing chorus of concern that we have too few students studying science, engineering and mathematics; subjects that are emphasised in our high growth Asian neighbours. It is possible to speculate that in a few decades, unless this is addressed, we might become a low skilled, cheap labour nation.

At Singleton High School the ME (Manufacturing and Engineering) program is one of our extra-curricula initiatives that attempts to motivate and add to student awareness about the importance of these areas of study. While the demand and employment prospects for engineers ebbs and flows in Australia, engineering is the most needed job category in the Asia-Pacific region, and worldwide has the highest 21st century growth prospects. Of these, biomedical, civil, computer and environmental engineering jobs are expected to grow fastest.

As a school we need to do our bit to build awareness and encourage those who have the potential, to engage with these subjects. As educators we help students gain the skills and values to be successful in a global and not just a local context. Of course, not all students will have the desire or aptitude to follow any of these pathways. Nevertheless, a more formal STEM (Science, Technology/ Engineering and Mathematics ) approach is being investigated at SHS as it is designed to build some of the key skills identified for success in the 21st century. These include:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration
- Agility and adaptability
- Initiative
- Effective oral and written communication
- Accessing and analysing information
- Curiosity and imagination: creativity

One of the strengths of Singleton High is that students are provided with opportunities through involvement in extra-curricula programs, for students to develop these key skills. Recently we sent a team of teachers to a two day STEM development course. Those teachers are now planning a formal STEM program for students at Singleton High School to begin in 2016.

League Success
I would like to congratulate our students who played in the two rugby-league finals this week, and also their coach Mr Daniel Higgins.

Both teams showed outstanding sportsmanship and despite one win and one loss, all students who played deserve accolades for the exemplary way they conducted themselves. Winning the Buckley Shield is an absolute credit to the team.

Thanks also to our junior students for their vocal support of the team. Ground staff commented on their manners and the clean way the fields were left.

Thank a Teacher Lunch
I felt very fortunate to be invited to one of the ‘Thank-a-teacher’ lunches. This assessment task is the culmination of our Hospitality students’ coursework. The individually designed menus highlighted the creativity of our students, who were nervous and excited, as each of the courses was served to the oohs and ahhs of those present. The level of sophistication in the preparation was quite remarkable and the students were justifiably proud of their efforts.

Parliament House
Thank you to our school captains who visited Parliament House with Mrs Johns and met Governor David Hurley. Our captains met other school leaders from around the state and enjoyed a wonderful lunch with the Governor and his wife.

Year 12
Our Year 12 students are currently having interviews with members of staff regarding their plans for 2016 and beyond. Students have provided us with information and we are now looking to help them plan for the future. We will also publish the Year 12 holiday workshop timetable for the upcoming holidays to assist with preparation for the trials and the Higher School Certificate.

It is important that students ‘plan their run’ in plenty of time. One of the most important times for preparation and revision is between the trial and the HSC. It is vital that this time is used wisely.

Jo Gray, Principal
It is with great excitement and pride that I am able to share the amazing combined feats of my two year groups, Years 8 and 12.

Mr Bob Collins and the SRC recently organised an initiative ‘SOS for SES’, where our student body were raising valuable funds to support and acknowledge the tremendous work of our local State Emergency Service volunteers. Collectively they were able to raise a total of $834. In recognition of their remarkable financial contribution both year groups were hosted by our school’s SRC to a delicious pancake breakfast.

The Semester 1 student report will form a strong basis for discussion at Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews will be conducted during the first week back in Term 3 on Wednesday 15 July. I would like to reiterate the importance of your attendance at this event. Parent Teacher interviews provide a great opportunity to connect with staff and discuss your child’s strengths and areas for development, ensuring that they continue to progress and display improvements. Please see the parent teacher booking sheet in this newsletter for instructions on how to book through your Millennium Parent Portal. The instruction sheet can be found in this newsletter.

Year 12
Year 12 are well and truly coming to the business end of their school life at Singleton High School as they begin preparations for their final HSC school assessment, the Trial HSC examinations. These examinations will commence in Week 3 of Term 3 on Monday 27 July. Students are implored to develop an effective study timetable, submit practise exams to their teachers for feedback, utilise their study periods productively and complete additional homework or extension work. These concentrated and focused efforts will produce improved results over the coming weeks.

To assist our Year 12 students with their final preparations they have been involved in a variety of programs. Students have completed a self-assessment survey and have been interviewed to assist in identifying their HSC goals and post school aspirations. A teacher/student mentor program has also evolved through this process, providing students with the opportunity for additional one-on-one support and guidance.

During roll call on a Wednesday Week A, Ms Nicole Apps is conducting workshops to assist in goal setting, self-confidence and stress management. Additionally the hugely successful HSC Seminar Day recently provided our students with valuable exposure to some of our area’s most experienced HSC examination teachers and markers. During the holidays teaching staff will again be conducting study tutorials. A timetable will be released over the coming week.

As Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to thank all the students of Years 8 and 12 for their support during a very busy term. I hope that the holiday break is filled with fun and relaxation. I look forward to your safe return to Singleton High for a fantastic Term 3.

Rochelle Dooley, Deputy Years 8 and 12
Well Done Assemblies
Our Well Done Assemblies are a positive and enjoyable way of recognising hard work, pride, respect and citizenship within all our students. These assemblies are a formal event held in the school’s Multi Purpose Centre in front of students peers and executive. The assemblies are run by the year advisors and leadership teams for each year individually. This term’s Well Done Assemblies are being held on the following dates:
Year 9, 23 June
Year 8, 24 June
Year 10, 25 June
Year 7, 26 June
Invitations to these events will be issued next week by the year advisors.

Uniform
Why we wear uniform
Singleton High School is a uniform wearing school. This policy is the result of extensive consultation with the school community. The reasons for uniform include:
All students are equal
People judge one another by their appearance. It can shape expectations, influence reactions, often inaccurately. Uniform helps to ensure that people are not misjudged as individuals.
No competition
The forces of fashion are very strong. Without a uniform, many students would compete in fashion stakes. A costly exercise. The winners would be those who could afford it. This would divide our school.

Reduce Conflict
By wearing a uniform we identify as one group. Without it there would be splinter groups based on clothing styles, e.g. colour gangs are a major problem in US schools.
Safety
Uniforms help us make our school safe. We can easily identify people who should not be in the school and who place students at risk. We can also identify you if you need assistance. Your uniform says ‘you are one of us!’

Members of a team ...
We all enjoy and take pride in being part of a successful team. The community supports us in wearing our school uniform, showing we are proud of our achievements and our team. The workplace expects young employees to be team players.

Students’ reputation in the community
Uniform builds pride. Our community wants to be proud of our school and it’s students. They expect high standards and judge students poorly when they do not meet community standards. Uniform enhances our students’ reputations and their prospects in a competitive job market.

Preparation for work ...
Most work places have dress codes or uniforms these days. A visit to local businesses, banks, corporations and even supermarkets and shops will highlight this. Construction sites have strict codes. Therefore, our school policy reflects the workplace.

But we are all individuals ...
By wearing a uniform we are foregoing some of that individuality. However, we can express our individuality in many ways through our achievements and contributions in academic, sporting, musical, social, technological and creative aspects of school life.

Boys Uniform
Dress Shorts / Trousers: Grey. Navy track suit, preferably the school design. (Winter only)
Shirt: Pale blue collared polo shirt (Year 7–10)
White collared polo shirt (Year 11-12)
School endorsed Year 10 shirt may also be worn by Year 10 students
Socks: White
Shoes: Enclosed black leather shoes (WH&S requirement). Shoes must be in good repair*. Jumper: Navy woollen jumper or fleecy jumper with the school logo. Seniors may wear the approved senior jumper for their year.

Girls Uniform
Skirt: Grey checked skirt with pleats
Dress Shorts/Slacks: Must be to school design: Navy. Navy track suit, preferably the school design. ( Winter only )
Blouse / Shirt: Pale blue blouse OR pale blue polo shirt (Year 7–10)
White blouse OR white polo shirt (Year 11-12)
School endorsed Year 10 shirt may also be worn by Year 10 students
Socks: White
Pantyhose (tights) plain or ribbed: Black or Navy
Shoes: Enclosed black leather shoes (WH&S requirement). Shoes must be in good repair*. Jumper: Navy woollen or fleecy jumper with the school logo. Seniors may wear the approved senior jumper for their year.

Sports and PE Uniform
Shorts: Navy sports shorts, preferably, with the SHS logo. Not football shorts.
Tracksuit: Navy track suit, preferably the school design.
T-shirt: The Singleton High PE shirt. (Navy with light blue and white).
Socks: White
Shoes: Sports shoes.
Why wearing the correct footwear is essential
The NSW Department of Education and Training has made it very clear that thongs, sandals, sandshoes, canvas type shoes and similar footwear are not to be worn on any occasion when a practical component of a subject is being taught. These subjects are Science, Agriculture, Industrial Arts, Home Science, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts and Design and Technology. Failure to meet these standards will become a Work Health and Safety issue.

Continued failure to have correct uniform will involve disciplinary action which may prevent students from participating in excursions, sports visits and other representative events.

Banned Clothing Items
- Denim jeans or shorts
- Writing, large logos and advertising
- Bike pants
- Football jumpers are not worn to school except where special permission is given, as has been the tradition with Year 12’s approved design
- Football shorts
- Visible undershirts with the exception of a white long sleeve shirt which is visible on the arms only
- School related representative sporting jackets may be worn on sport days and for PE
- Canvas or mesh shoes
- Ballet flats, thongs, sandals, high heel and platform shoes
- Patterned, striped, check shorts
- Shirts or jumpers with hoods
- Excessive or inappropriate jewellery
- Senior jumpers by any other student

What if I am unable to wear uniform?
When unable to wear uniform, students bring a note explaining the reason or see the Head Teacher Wellbeing.

Kathleen Ballard and Nicole French
Wellbeing Team
YEAR 9

This term has just flown by. Congratulations Year 9 for your consistent effort with your exams over the past couple of weeks, completing both NAPLAN and half yearly exams.

Youth Frontier
Students involved in the youth frontier program are working hard on their community projects, already up to our 2nd group session. These students are proud representatives of Singleton High School and our year group.

University of Newcastle Residential Program
Year 9 have an opportunity to apply for the University of Newcastle residential program. Students participate in a program of activities, lectures, workshops and industry visit which are designed to inspire students to build upon their potential to succeed in Years 10, 11 and 12. This program will expose the students to a wide range of study and career options that exist for HSC graduates. Successful participants only have to pay $50 for the experience which includes all meals, activities and accommodation. We would love you support to encourage your children. For more information or an application form see Mr Jones in the Science staff room, or Mrs Phillips in the Careers office.

Uniform Reminder
Once again with the cold weather well and truly upon us it is timely to remind parents/carers of the appropriate school uniform, especially in regards to jumpers. All jumpers must be navy blue in colour. No hoodies or logo jumpers are permitted. If any student is having difficulty obtaining the correct winter jumper, please see Head Teacher Wellbeing or Year Advisers.

Mr Jones and Miss Sunerton

YEAR 10

It has been a busy term. Assessments for the semester should be wrapping up and reports will start to be written. Well done to all the students who have worked to their full potential. The whole year group will be undertaking the following events, work experience, Roundtable, RYDA, end of year excursion and parent teacher night. 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.

It is important during this busy year to manage your time effectively, so 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.

All Year 10 students have the invaluable opportunity to undertake work experience during Week 9 this term. It is important that the students take advantage of this and think about what they want to do in the future and try it out. This will help guide them into further subject selection and future training opportunities. Good luck and work hard.

‘Round Table’ will be held in Week 10 of the term at school. This is an opportunity where the students can get themselves ready to experience a practice job interview.

The RYDA program aims to educate students in many important aspects of road safety and assist in the reduction of accidents on our roads. The program targets 16-17 year olds and is a community-based initiative of Rotary. It involves six interactive sessions presented by road safety professionals. There will be a parent information evening on the 22 July and the excursion will take place in August.

The Year 10 Gold Coast Queensland excursion was cancelled due to the small number of students who were interested in attending. In the coming weeks there will be a survey sent out to parents and students asking you what you would like the students to do and what educational initiatives you believe they should participate in.

Parent Teacher Night will be held the first week back next term. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Stay positive and work hard Year 10!

Andrew Sommerville and Daniel Mead
The Preliminary year is counting down and it is approximately 10 weeks until the Preliminary examinations. We strongly recommend that students begin to revise their work, make study routines, talk to their teachers for exam tips and use the skills they have developed. Good luck Year 11.

We have some students moving into the Pathways program. As these students turn 17, Pathways is a way to keep some students engaged in their education. We wish all of these students luck with their studies.

Year 11 are hoping to start a new roll call arrangement of a morning. They will be moving in homeroom style arrangements with a senior mentor. We are all looking forward to these new arrangements.

Year 11 Hospitality students treated teachers last week in the Thank a Teacher program. The teachers were able to experience the hard work and creativity our students have to offer. A huge shout out to all the teachers and students involved and their teachers.

Have a great holiday everyone.

Daniel Higgins, Megan Smith, Toby Karakasch and Ian Skilton

KIDS CAMPS

WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

- New friendships
- Fun
- Great value
- Safe

Our popular Winter Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular ski / snowboard camps at Jindabyne.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years* and range from 1 to 7 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

*Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10-16 years.

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

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HSC Seminar Day 2015

The HSC Seminar Day for 2015 occurred on Friday 29 May and again was a wonderful day of learning. Students and staff came from a far. Those that visited from Narrabri made an overnight excursion of the event and the Armidale schools did a day journey.

The dedication of staff and students to attend makes this event an essential and high profile one to assist our Stage 6 students in getting the best for their future. In all 33 schools, public and private were here on the day bringing the total seniors at the sessions to around 1000. The students and staff took up the opportunity to gain hints and tips on how to maximise marks, what traps to avoid, what this thing called a ATAR really means, knowledge on study techniques (positive do’s and corrective don’ts), speak to practicing archaeologists who specialise in Roman and Egyptian history, compare with other students as to how their courses are progressing and learn from each other how best to tackle the HSC. Non ATAR students were also catered for with sessions being delivered on career paths, VET and TAFE delivered courses. Schools that had not been here for some time returned, Wee Waa and Farrer Memorial Agricultural School.

Presenters travelled from as far north as Taree , out west from Gilgandra and south from Sydney. We also had several staff who are senior or HSC markers from Singleton High School, including Ms Joanne Gray, our new Principal who presented on the subject of Music. The presenting team have always been keen to balance the inequity of learning opportunities for rural students. Sydney students have far greater access to HSC subject days on a more regular basis. There were 43 presenters who came out of schools, universities or just retirement. The presenters are HSC markers or senior markers, have worked in curriculum development, past HSC examination committees, university lecturers on education and all have subject particular knowledge, particularly about how the HSC is marked, where a student can gain or how they can lose marks. A couple of the presenters were Kim McCorquodale who is an Egyptologist and recently retired Ancient History teacher; Stephanie Schwarz teacher of Software Design and Development as well as Information Processes and Technology; Bob Aus-mathematician and textbook writer. They are some of the presenting team who are at the top of the game in knowledge of subject content in the State.

There are 13 venues and six 50 minute sessions at each venue. The local community has been highly supportive every year, rallying around with venue availability and local food establishments ensuring the day is a great success.

Some anecdotal evidence to the value of the day was:

“Thank you again for a lovely day. Students were great and no problems whatsoever in terms of delivering. Numbers looked to be up this year and that was heartening. Responsive group for both sessions. Of the three staff on our coach and the two other teachers we met at Scone McDonalds (heading further north than us) all of them were so enraptured (if I may go so far) by the day and the hospitality and organisation. How lovely to be looked after. I love it every year and this was their first year. They found it a relief and so pleasant. Please pass on our thanks for a great day. Students were also happy and enthused. I think the switch may have flicked on for some of them at long last.” – Sue McLeod- English presenter from Armidale

“Spoke to a kid I tutor from Grossman on Friday afternoon. She said the seminar day lifted a HUGE weight off her shoulders. It gave her new techniques as well as making her feel that she is on the right track. Just wanted to pass on the compliments.” – Kristina Lowe- Drama teacher SHS

My ongoing thanksgo to our students and staff who assisted to make the day another success. Year 11 and 12 are more armed and keen to achieve their goals in life, as mentioned to me after the day. I look to have greater commitment from our senior students by way of attending in 2016.

In, particular thanks goes to the hardworking hospitality crew, Margaret Richardson and the SAO’s, the Singleton High School staff who were venue co ordinators and the SRC staff and students. Ms Cowmeadow deserves huge thanks for her devotion to working out the day’s pattern of cover and in ensuring classes for juniors were covered and staff were enabled to visit sessions to be up skilled as well.

I am already in planning for HSC Seminar Day 2016.

Ian Skilton, Seminar Day Co ordinator.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Thomas Baker from Year 9 was recently selected as part of the NSW Combined High Schools Boys Under 15s Rugby League side. We asked Tom a few questions.

What did you have to do to get into the team?
The Regional trials were held at Raymond Terrace and I made the Hunter Team. After that the Greater Regional trials occur at Coffs Harbour, which is for Northern NSW, then I trialled for the NSW Combined High Schools team. These trials were at Toronto for three days.

What position do you play?
Front row.

When do you have to play for this team?
There are a few training camps, but the National Championships are held in the last week of this term.

Do you have any plans for when you leave school?
I haven’t really thought about that yet. I would like to take football as far as I can.

Who was your childhood hero?
Don’t really have one. I didn’t start following football until I was around 9 or 10!

What team do you support?
Sydney Roosters

Name some things you can’t live without...
Family, friends and football

Something that makes you happy?
When I was selected in the team.

Favourite thing about SHS?
Hard to choose one thing...I enjoy practical subjects and sport.

SECRET OF THE HOSPITALITY KITCHEN

Crepe Suzette

**Ingredients**
- 100g Plain flour
- Pinch salt
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 300ml milk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted melted butter
- extra butter to fry crepes
- Ice cream to serve

**Sauce**
- 100g caster sugar
- 35g unsalted butter
- 150ml orange juice
- 2 oranges, zested, segmented
- Icing sugar (garnish)

**Method**
1. Place first 6 ingredients into a food processor and mix until combined and mixture forms a smooth batter. Pour into a jug and let sit for 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, zest and segment the orange.
3. Heat a small frying pan and melt extra butter. Cover the base with batter mixture and cook until browned, flip and repeat.
4. To make the sauce, heat sugar and 1 tablespoon water in a frying pan over low heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add butter, increase heat and cook for 4-5 minutes until golden brown. Add orange juice and zest and simmer for a few minutes. Dip crepe into sauce and fold in quarters and place on serving plate.
5. Repeat until each serving has 3 - 4 crepes. Garnish with orange segments, icing sugar and scoop of ice cream.
Mrs Val Ellis is one of the friendly faces you will meet when you visit the front office and the helpful listener at the other end of the phone when you ring the school. Mrs Ellis brightens our day with her little ‘thought of the day’ that is published in our daily notices. We asked her a few questions.

How long have you worked at Singleton High School?
I’ve been here since May 2000, so 15 years!

Tell us about your experiences as a school student?
I hate to say that I was a real “goodie two shoes”!! I loved to join clubs, such as the Interact Club, the choir and I loved being in musicals. I had a great circle of friends, some of whom I’m still in touch with – ALL these years later!

What was your favourite subject at school?
My favourite subjects were Art & German ( in those days we didn’t learn Japanese, we studied German & French ), but my BEST subject was English.

Best memory of your childhood school?
I went to Raymond Terrace High (now Hunter River High) and of the best memories I have was an obstacle course, riding scooters through mud puddles, crawling under nets (through mud ) & all sorts of other fun obstacles. The whole school was involved – even the teachers did the course.

What do you enjoy most about your role at Singleton High School?
I love watching the students “grow up” – they come here so young and nervous and gradually get more confident as they grow older. I get to interact with our amazing staff and students every day. Every day brings something new!

Something that makes you happy?
My family ( husband, 2 children & Granddaughter ) make me the happiest, but I also love making patchwork quilts.

What is the best thing about Singleton High School?
The dedication and passion of Singleton High School staff – we have an amazing team and a strong feeling of “family” at school.

Tip to win the 2015 NRL premiership?
St George all the way!!!

Anything you would like to add?
Singleton High School is a fantastic place to work, we have had some amazing student success stories which can be attributed to the professionalism & dedication of all of our staff.

Meet the Staff
Valerie Ann Ellis

Go Green Team Handy Hints

GARDEN
AND FOOD
ORGANICS

ORGANIC WASTE INCLUDES ANY ANIMAL OR PLANT BASED MATERIAL AND DEGRADABLE CARBON SUCH AS GARDEN ORGANICS, FOOD, TIMBER, PAPER AND CARDBOARD. WHEN SENT TO LANDFILL THE ORGANIC MATERIAL UNDERGOES ANAEROBIC DECOMPOSITION, GENERATING A POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS, METHANE.

Mulched or composted garden and food organics are a valuable nutrient dense material that can be used to create and maintain a healthy garden.

Organic materials decompose in landfill to form greenhouse gases including methane, which has a global warming potential 25 times higher than carbon dioxide.

Temperatures generated by this composting process destroy any pathogens and weeds in the materials.

The second largest source of methane in Australian landfills is food organics.

About two thirds of all waste sent to landfill in Australia consists of food organics.

56 litres of waste is saved for every kilogram of food that is recovered.

25 Organic materials decompose in landfill to form greenhouse gases including methane, which has a global warming potential 25 times higher than carbon dioxide.

Gases produced in landfill from garden and food organics continue to be generated for at least 15 to 30 years.

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The second largest source of methane in Australian landfills is food organics.
Providing strengths-based, client-focused casework & support for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Youth

Referrals can be made via;

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FAX 6571 5777
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**Faculty Reports**

**CAPA Faculty**

**Creative and Performing Arts Contributions.**
The CAPA faculty would like to remind all students and families that contributions for Creative and Performing Arts subjects are now due. The CAPA faculty relies on student contributions to purchase all consumable materials and equipment. Non-payment of these contributions puts enormous strain on the faculty and limits the practical experiences we can offer our students. Contribution payments can be made to the front office before school and at lunch breaks.

**Fees for 2015**

- **Year 7**
  - Visual Art $40, Music $10
- **Year 8**
  - Visual Art $40, Music $10, Drama $10
- **Year 9**
  - Visual Art $60, Music $20, Drama $20
- **Year 10**
  - Visual Art $60, Music $20, Drama $20
- **Year 11**
  - Visual Art $80, Music $20, Drama $20
- **Year 12**
  - Visual Art $80, Photography $80, Music $20, Drama $20

**Jane Johns, Head Teacher CAPA**

**School Band Performance**
The school band recently performed at the Colleen Gale Childcare Centre’s 25th anniversary celebrations on Friday May 29. The band was depleted as our senior students were involved in the HSC Seminar Day but our juniors did a fantastic job entertaining the guests. Our thanks to Ms Schmitt who accompanied our band and to all the band members who did their school proud. We are so lucky to have this depth of talent in our students and teachers.

**English Faculty**

**Extension English 1**

On Sunday 31 May, Teagan Lawrence, Conrad Fuller and Laura Baker attended the English Teachers Association Seminar Day for students studying English Extension 1 at Newington College in Stanmore, Sydney.

Teagan, Conrad and Laura are currently studying the Module ‘Texts and Ways of Thinking’ looking at texts within the context of post WWII up until the end of the Cold War. The course requires students to build on the modules for study in the English Advanced course. The course also focuses greatly on a student’s ability to be self-directed learners in pursuing a love of literature.

Teagan, Conrad and Laura commented that the day’s lectures helped to consolidate ideas about the importance in creating a thesis reflecting their own engagement with the Module, Elective and texts which is a key factor in being successful in the HSC. All three students were able to ‘eye’ their opposition which is important when it comes to being in a rural high school fairly isolated from other high schools within the region. This was also timely with regard to the HSC Seminar Day which took place on the Friday at our school.

From my perspective, it is an invaluable experience for the teacher as well as the student.

It was an enjoyable day and we even managed to bridge the generation gap with a shared understanding and mutual appreciation for the kinds of music we all like on the drive down and back featuring a discussion of Queen, The John Butler Trio and Xavier Rudd.

**Mrs Linda Wilkes**

English Faculty/HT T & L
Home Economics
Food Fight 2015
Singleton High School attended the Hunter Culinary Association 6th Annual Food fight at Crown Plaza Hunter Valley on Tuesday 2 June.
There were two great teams of chefs, Hunter Valley versus the Southern Highlands with the assistance of Hunter Region apprentices and selective Singleton High School students involved in the competition. With the food being amazing from both teams and difficult decisions being made, it was the Hunter Valley team that came out on top. This day was an wonderful event and a perfect day for professional development and industry updating for both staff and students.
The event was hosted by Colin Fasnidge and Matt Kemp, students had the opportunity to meet and talk to two wonderful high profile chefs in the industry.
Miss Sunerton and Mr Means were so proud of the students, both in the kitchen and enjoying the food. We look forward to next year.

Jaye Sunnerton, Home Economics

HSC Seminar Day Catering
HSC Seminar Day was held on the 29 May and the Hospitality students had the task of catering for approximately 150 staff members from Singleton and across the region.
Miss Sunerton’s front of house team set the common room elegantly, with crisp white table cloths and vases of native flora. They also provided impeccable service during the day.

There were many comments made on how good all the students looked in their chef uniforms, the way the girls braided their hair and how all the students just knew their roles and how they all upheld the school’s PBL expectations.

Mr. Mead’s back of house team produced a number of dishes which included a slow cooked beef casserole, coconut chicken curry, spinach and ricotta cannelloni along with the old faithful and crowd favourite honey glazed ham.

The day was a great success with the students again receiving the highest praises from the teachers and schools from around the region. A job well done.
Thank a Teacher Hospitality Assessments
Thank a Teacher took place over the last week with three senior classes participating in the assessment task. Thank a Teacher is a great task for the senior students at Singleton High School to take the opportunity to thank someone who has inspired them to achieve. This assessment task is the culmination of our Hospitality students’ coursework. They each have to survey their guests; and then individually design and research possible meals for a two or three course menu. They then have to experiment with it, cost it, prepare it and evaluate it.

The students were all very nervous on the day, however, they all exceeded expectations. These are the thoughts of one thankful teacher. “Thanking a Teacher event was great and in my entire teaching career I’ve never seen anything like it. I appreciate that a student chose me and he cooked a great meal. And you can tell the students were very enthusiastic and happy about it. I loved the décor and how it was all laid out. It just looked beautiful. The students were fantastic, all the meals looked awesome. I really appreciate it all and enjoyed the whole event”. Well done seniors, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Daniel Mead, Home Economics

Expression of Interest to Host Takahata Visitors
My child __________________________ of Year _________ is interested in hosting a Japanese exchange student from Tuesday 28 July until Monday 3 August 2015.

We understand this note is just an expression of interest and does not indicate a final decision of host families.
Signed ___________________________
**Support Unit News**

**A wonderfully generous community**
The students and staff would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for the support we have been receiving from the community this year. After hearing on the grapevine that our support classes were in need of some funds to upgrade our technology, we were contacted by The Lioness Club in Singleton who kindly offered to hold a raffle for us. We look forward to inviting these ladies to our support classes for a little morning tea to say thank you. Watch this space for photos.

**Class Reports**

**K1**
As part of our living skills program we investigated the use of a Co2 fire extinguisher. The students researched the steps involved in putting out a fire effectively and watched demonstrations on the Internet. This was followed by the opportunity to operate a real fire extinguisher under the guidance of our local expert from Chubb. In Science the students are studying the Solar System and have investigated the Earth, the Sun and a number of planets. They were very interested in what causes day and night and the different seasons.

Our current unit of work for History is Ancient Roman Society and the students have been surprised to discover that we can thank the Romans for much of our language, the calendar, toilets, concrete and public swimming pools. We have also investigated Roman Art, and the students are currently creating individual mosaic plaques.

Our Community Access program is thoroughly enjoyed by the students, where we visit local shops and community spaces. Although most students were initially reluctant, our visit to a cemetery to discover glimpses of our town’s history was very informative and the students soon relaxed and realised that this was not such a scary place after all. Everyone was keen to try their hand at operating an automatic teller machine in town recently and all of my hard-earned dollars withdrawn on the day have now been re-banked!

Vicki Lindsay.

**T14**
As Term 2 draws to a close it is nice to be able to look back at the achievements the students have made both individually and as a group.

Our main achievement this term has been the commencement of our Community Access program. The students, along with my wonderful SLSO Jodi Hay and myself, have been walking from the school to Gowrie Street Mall for shopping. Here the students are encouraged to make individual purchases as well as help purchase supplies for our Coffee Shop program. This is all part of our Maths money program as well as developing the skills required to shop independently.

The coffee program is an initiative of our wonderful Head Teacher Kristen Strachan. The class and I have developed a menu which is sent out to all staff who have the opportunity to have a hot beverage and a sweet treat delivered to them. The preparation takes place in T14. With the support of Tracey Jones, students deliver orders to the locations requested and collect the money. Our aim is to provide quick, polite and professional service. Thank you to the staff who support us in this and my wonderful students for their positive attitude and enthusiastic attitude.

I would like to wish everyone a good holiday break and I look forward to working with your students and the rest of the staff at Singleton High School next term.

Susan Gittoes
IM Support Class Teacher 2015.

**K2**
It has been a busy one in K2, but this set the tone for a fantastic, fresh Term 2. Here are some of our class highlights:

- Students and staff attending the NRL Eels v Knight at Hunter Stadium.
- ANZAC Day march with Samantha O, Tallis D & James P representing our class and all Support classes.
- Our wonderful work experience program at Bunnings Singleton with students being supported by Jenny Means. James P & Teagan P are...
Support Unit News

loving their Tuesdays!

• Student and staff involvement in the school audit “How do we value learning?” We are very proud of Riley M and Luke M for getting involved in a whole school initiative.

• K2 participation in the school athletics carnival with Samantha O progressing to AWD State Athletics. We can’t wait to support her achievements at State level.

• Our class SLSO Jasmin was invited by James P to the Thank a Teacher Event. Jasmin has referred to this event as an absolute highlight of her career.

• Hayden S our student council representative helping to organise and run Epilepsy Purple Day & SES fundraisers.

• Our fabulous 15th birthday celebration for Daniel T – who doesn’t like a delicious caramel sponge cream cake!

• Kiara F and James P attending their Year 12 Transition to Post Schooling meetings.

• Year 10 work experience organised for Kirkwoods Produce for Tallis D, he CANNOT wait to start.

It is hard to believe there is less than 3 weeks to go. We are looking forward to celebrating our successes at Well Done Assemblies, then kicking off another great semester.

K2 staff and students

K4 News

Can you believe there are only 3 weeks left of Term 2 – nearly half way through the year? It’s a busy time for students with assessments and exams and a really busy time for teachers with the reporting period in full swing.

K4 has had a wonderful Term 2 and as voted by our K4 students we would like to share with you our two favourite activities this term:

ANTS ANTS ANTS ANTS. We have been studying these little creatures in English, Maths, Science and Creative Arts. We have loved being scientists and researching what food ants like the most. Our writing has contained lots of ant related words. We have enjoyed studying about an ant’s life cycle and learning some interesting facts about them. Our room has many ‘walls that teach’. Mrs Daley, Mrs Strachan, Jane and Louise are so very proud of the work we complete. Our classroom makes us happy when we walk in and see all of our work proudly displayed on each and every wall. Our creative art and craft projects are amazing!

K4 just adores going on our Community Access program with Mrs Daley to the community pool. It’s a time for students to learn about appropriate ways of speaking to others in the community, learn how to catch a taxi, pay for goods and services in the community and of course relax and have fun with each other in the pool. This social interaction has strengthened peer relationships. The program is marked on the calendar once a fortnight and all students count down the days until they are able to go to the pool again. Mrs Daley always spoils them with a special treat.

We hope you really enjoy looking at our class photos – a ‘picture really does paint a thousand words’.

Cheers, K4 team
# EVERY DAY COUNTS....

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Give your child every chance to succeed...  

Every day counts!
Support Unit

Bunnings Dunk Tank

An enthusiastic group of dunkers assembled to spill some crazy staff members into very cold water, over and over again on Saturday the 30 May at Bunnings in Singleton. Big thanks to Ms Gray, Ms Dooley, Mr Yates, Mr Means and Mrs Means for volunteering to be dunked with me to help raise some funds for our Support Classes. Thank you to one of our SLSIO’s Jasmin for her enthusiastic MCing of the event and the many SHS staff that showed up on the day and showed their support. We raised just over $300 which is absolutely fantastic. A big thank you to Bunnings for offering the use of the Dunk Tank and making this fundraising happen for the benefit of our students.

Cheers.

Kristen Strachan, HT Special Education
Singleton High School Captains and Vice Captains were invited to attend Parliament House along with a number of other NSW Schools on Wednesday 3 June. Accompanied by Mrs Jane Johns, they were extremely fortunate to visit Government House and meet the Governor David Hurley and his wife Linda. The students also spent some time at State Parliament where they gained insight into how politics works and had the opportunity to converse with other student leaders from across New South Wales and enjoyed lunch with the State Governor and his wife.
Sports Report

Rugby League
Under 14s and 16s Knights All School Knockout

The under 14s started their Knights NSW All Schools Knockout with a comfortable win over Muswellbrook. Singleton’s defence was strong keeping Muswellbrook try less for the duration of the game. Our attack was good with a strong platform layed by front rowers Joey Ragh and Tom Caira-Mandra along side lock Jack Turner. Centre Brendon Chalker featured score 5 tries.

Having lost a couple of key players to injury in the previous game Singleton started well against Aberdeen with front rower Jacob Reid scoring an excellent long distance try to allow Singleton to go to an early lead. What followed was some excellent goal line defence from Singleton that was needed due to some poor ball handling. Singleton managed to hold on to go into half time leading 6-4.

The second half was similar to that of the first with some tough end-to-end football and some try saving defence from James Bradley and Cody Landers. After the loss of key forward Lewis Hamilton to injury the Singleton side had to dig deep and were unable to hold on as St Joseph’s managed to score again and took out the game 12-6. However, due to St Joseph’s being beaten by Muswellbrook in the following game Singleton managed to go through to the next round. Both sides will now go through to play in the quarter finals to be held in mid June.

University Shield and Buckley Shield Regional Final 9 June 2015

Under 14s Rugby League – Buckley Shield
In the regional final of the Buckley Shield the Singleton side came up against a well-drilled side from Callaghan College Wallsend. Singleton started well with a strong defensive set that forced an early error. As a result Singleton managed to score their first try through Brendan Chalker. The Singleton High side controlled the ball well during the first half with tries to Maui Carroll and George Reid with Singleton leading at half time 16-6.

The opening minutes of the second half was competitive but the fitness of the Singleton side and some powerful running in the middle of the field by Tom Caira-Mandra, Joey Ragh and Cooper Stair laid a platform for the Singleton to run away winners 30-10. Kobe Davis was named man of the match leading the team around the park.

The side will now meet a North Coast school that has yet to be confirmed in the final 16 schools in NSW in an away fixture.

Open Rugby League – University Shield
The regional final held great promise for a tough encounter with a strong Toronto side. Singleton started well with strong defence however their lack of respect for holding onto the ball was going to be an issue. Singleton lead early with a great ball from Hayden Bourke sending Brandon Hardy over in the corner. In windy condition William Nieuwenhuiise converted to make the score 6-0. From here Singleton’s completion rate was appalling turning over cheap ball coming out of their own end. At half time the score was in favour of the visiting side 16-6.

In the second half, Singleton’s struggle to contain the ball and some poor defence allowed Toronto to score, taking the lead to 22-6. Singleton then managed to score again with some smart work from Bohdi Cope making the score 22-10. Singleton then failed to continue the come back in a game where momentum continuously changed. Toronto won 26-10.

Solid performances from William Nieuwenhuiise, Lewis Hamilton, James Bradley and Te Ata Carroll were features of the game. Singleton will now meet Karabar High School in the final 20 to progress into the final 16 in of the University Shield. The side will also meet the Central Coast in the Country Cup.

Daniel Higgins, PDHPE
were strong in defence. Newbies to Proudlock, Matt Cooke, Trae Proudlock opposition. Our backline of Jayden easily accounted for the highly fancied boys put on a football masterclass and ready to go. Again the Singleton High in the first game and were fresh and who were lucky enough to have a bye Game 2 saw us up against St Josephs, looked like being a good day. Adapted to the speed of the game and it who were filling our team quickly went on to win 77-7. The league boys, Nieuwenhuise and Koby Old. Singleton High had was repeatedly repelled by Will ballers running the ball out of the centre dominate Newcastle High with our on-half . This lead to a couple of interesting match ups, with the boys on the opposition roughing up their mates from the Singleton team. By the end of the first quarter Singleton held onto a narrow lead. An inspirational talk at half time saw the Singleton boys come out and play no differently, in fact the game degenerated to a soccer match with no team able to adequately pick up the slippery footy. Singleton held on to win by 1 point. Game 2 was a whole different ball game, up against a strong Newcastle High team, Singleton’s lack of experience quickly became evident. Newcastle consistently peppered the Singleton goals, with the boys only managing 1 entry into their forward fifty the whole game. Needless to say we were convincingly beaten by 12 goals, with the Singleton boys not able to register a single point. There’s always next year. Well done to the boys for representing the school with pride and conducting themselves with exemplary behaviour.

AFL
Opens AFL
On Thursday 14 May, 17 boys travelled to Feighan Oval Warners Bay for the Hunter Region Open Boys Swans Cup Knockout. Once we got close to the field we received a phone call indicating the game had been moved for safety reasons, a quick U turn, a short drive and getting changed on the bus; the boys were at Tulkaba Oval, Teralba ready to take on Newcastle High School in the first knockout game with only 10 minutes to warm up.

With only a handful of Aussie Rules players in the team, warm up consistent of a quick run down of the rules of AFL, then a little bit of kicking. Game 1 saw Singleton completely dominate Newcastle High with our on-ballers running the ball out of the centre with ease. Any response that Newcastle High had was repeatedly repelled by Will Nieuwenhuise and Koby Old. Singleton went on to win 77-7. The league boys, who were filling our team quickly adapted to the speed of the game and it looked like being a good day.

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Game 3 saw us jump back onto the mini bus and head back to Feighan Oval, Warners Bay for a clash with our nemesis, Tomaree HS. With the game about to get underway, we were informed that Tomaree had been given permission to use Muswellbrook players to top up their playing roster, reluctantly we agreed. The boys used this as motivation to put in a strong performance to totally dominate Tomaree, (and Muswellbrook) winning by 10 goals. Our midfielders of Sam Howard Jackson Kolatchew and Lachlan Foote were untouchable.

This meant Singleton had made it to the Hunter Region Final for the first time in 6 years. By the time we got to the final, the boys had played 108 minutes of football. Hunter Sports High stood between us and victory. Strong running from Will Holz and good forward line pressure from Blake Langdon and James Bradley meant the game was an arm wrestle. After a tight tussle it was the Sports High, (who incidently have a dedicated AFL program at their school) who were the champions having beaten us by less than 2 goals.

A huge congratulations to all the boys who represented the school with pride and fighting spirit, 144 minutes of football in one day!!!! 2016 promises to be the year we go one step further.

Under 15s AFL
On Wednesday 10 June the under 15s AFL team travelled to Warners Bay for the Hunter Region Knockout. Having progressed straight to round 2 due to a forfeit by Hunter Sports High the boys were pumped for their game. By the start of the first quarter against Morisset, the heavens opened up and the ground became a muddy mess. Morisset, turned up with only 11 players, so in the spirit of fair play, 6 players from Singleton went over and played for the opposition, 3 per half. This lead to a couple of interesting match ups, with the boys on the opposition roughing up their mates from the Singleton team. By the end of the first quarter Singleton held onto a narrow lead. An inspirational talk at half time saw the Singleton boys come out and play no differently, in fact the game degenerated to a soccer match with no team able to adequately pick up the slippery footy. Singleton held on to win by 1 point.

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Girls Soccer
Bill Turner Trophy
On Thursday 28 May, Our 16s Girls Soccer team travelled to Fieldsend Oval at East Maitland to contest the next round of the Bill Turner Trophy Girls Soccer. The weather was with our girls as the sun was shining and it was a perfect day for a game. They met a tough St Peter’s Maitland side in the match and although they gave it their all they lost 3 nil. In the runners up matches they found their stride and defeated Scone High 1 nil and St Philip’s Nulkaba 2 nil. Everyone played awesome football with a special mention to Kyah McBride, Sophie Fishpool and our goal scoring dynamo, Keeley Bell.

Thanks to all the families and friends that were there to support our girls.

Mark Henderson, Coach
Athletics Carnival Results
Results from the Athletics Carnival are now complete and several of our athletes are off to Zone Athletics today.

The winning House for 2015 was Elliot with 1180 points, second was Munro with 1023, third Burdekin on 995 and fourth was Howe on 845 points.

We had some fantastic individual results with two longstanding records broken. Samuel Barry broke the school triple jump for 17 yrs with a jump of 12.35m. It was held by R Reinstra in 1974 with a jump then of 12.1m. The other record broken on the day belongs to Daniel York in the 16 yr Discus with a throw of 36.55m. The old record was set in 2003 By N Summerville with a throw of 35.6m.

Individually our Age Champions are:

12yr Girls
1st Kanisha Long
2nd Sharneakia Nikora
3rd Stevie Willows

12yr Boys
1st Murray Ede
2nd Daniel Pope
3rd Oliver Berry

13yr Girls
1st Kristen Cox
2nd Chantelle Smuts
3rd Josie Bates

13yr Boys
1st Braedon Messenger
2nd Andrew Lambkin
3rd Jordan Self

14yr Girls
1st Maddison Berry
2nd Isabella Loran
3rd Taneesha Burley

14yr Boys
1st Maui Carroll
2nd Nicholas Watson
3rd Brendon Chalker

15yr Girls
1st Sarah Noble
2nd Olivia Williams
3rd Emma Cheetham

15yr Boys
1st Joshua Shade
2nd William Tatt
3rd Cameron Shearer

16yr Girls
1st Taylor Giggins
2nd Maggie Ruigrok
3rd Kendall Alston

16yr Boys
1st James Bradley
2nd Mark Fogerty
3rd Morgan Amidy

17yr Girls
1st Laura Baker
2nd Eliza Crebert
3rd Laura Avard

17yr Boys
1st Sam Howard
2nd Samuel Barry
3rd Mitchell Bradley
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

NAIDOC

Saturday, 20th June 2015
9:30am - 2:30pm
Singleton Visitors Centre, Town Head Park
The Flag Raising Ceremony,
Live Entertainment: Bareki Knox,
Kids Jumping Castle, Indigenous Food Tasting,
BBQ, Singleton Art Prize Awards, Market Stalls,
Indigenous Dancing and Music.

Don’t miss out on the Aboriginal Site tour!
Sunday, 21st June 2015
“An interpretive cultural experience for the whole community.”

For more information about NAIDDOC or the site tour
Email us at; singleton.naidoc@gmail.com
or phone Jenny Campbell 04 4806 5660

www.facebook.com/singletonnaidoc
The State Emergency Service (SES) is the leading response agency for floods, storms and tsunami across NSW. Under the SES Act of 1989, the SES has a responsibility to ensure that communities throughout the state are adequately prepared to reduce the impact of these events.

Assisting communities prepare for these events can reduce the damage, loss and costs associated with floods, storms and tsunami. The protection of life is the priority for the SES in these events.

It was in relation to their response to the recent State Emergency that we experienced in Singleton that the Singleton High School Student Council decided to recognise their efforts. Many local residents would testify to the very important supportive role the local SES played in helping residents affected by the disaster.

Tim Merrick is a commander of the local SES and during the recent disaster worked with the rescue boat at times having very little sleep trying to maintain the workload, as it was so demanding. Over a period of two weeks representatives collected $2 coins from students in empty 600ml Coca Cola bottles. A total of $1500 was raised and the two year groups who raised the most money celebrated breakfast with SES representatives who came in on June 5.

Pancakes with maple syrup and cream were served with bacon and sausages to the six SES representatives who attended. Those representatives were;

Amanda Williamson - Hunter Region Controller
Robyn Barco - Hunter Region Deputy Controller
Amanda Hyde - Hunter Region Media Officer
Simon Merrick - Singleton Local Controller
Dave Jones - Singleton Rescue Officer
Tim Merrick – Singleton Rescue Officer

At an assembly after the breakfast all students were able to watch a very emotional slide show of the disaster put together by Mr Merrick’s young daughter. Plenty of free give aways and a really interactive fun assembly followed the cheque presentation.

Bob Collins, SRC
Opening Night & Winners Announced Friday 17 July 2015
$25 per head including finger food, wine & entertainment
Viewing from 6.00pm Food 7.00pm Prize Winners announced 8.00pm

Music by Cavalier Acoustica
Open daily 10am to 6pm (entry $2)
Saturday 18 July to Tuesday 21 July.
Venue Singleton Civic Centre - Queen Street Singleton NSW 2330
For further information contact David Gausden 0429 775 556 or John Drinan 02 6577 6156
www.singletononhunterrotary.org.au
In this Week’s Newsletter:

**Universities**

**UTS: Engineering Industry Merit Based Scholarships**
Applications Open: Mon 6th July
Applications Close: Mon 5th October
A number of Industry Sponsored scholarships are available to provide financial support for the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering Diploma in Engineering Practice degree. Scholars will have direct access to industry sponsors and many undertake an internship with their sponsor company. Applicants will be chosen based on their academic performance, skills evidence in leadership, commitment to an understanding of the engineering profession, and demonstrated initiative in extra-curricular activities.
Contact: +61 2 9514 2666 or FEITOutreach@uts.edu.au
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/0000017874

**UTS: Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program**
Round 1 Applications Close: Fri 19th June
Round 2 Applications Open: Mon 3rd August
Round 2 Applications Close: Wed 30th September
The Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program provides students with $15,500 per year of study, and two six month full-time industry placements with sponsor organisations. There are two rounds of applications in 2015 for the 2016 intake.

**UTS: New Digital Course Guides**
New interactive course guides are designed to help students explore their UTS course and career options in new and engaging ways.

**UTS INSEARCH: Guide Available for 2015**
The guide showcases academic programs, support services and activities available at UTS INSEARCH.

**University of Sydney: Discussion Paper on Education Strategy**
The University of Sydney has released a discussion paper about its courses. The proposals in the discussion paper are intended to simplify the University’s complex course offerings, improve student experience, and provide graduates with the skills to contribute effectively in today’s rapidly changing world. Importantly, the changes will not be implemented until at least 2017, and will not affect those applying for a University place in 2016.

**UNSW Rural Clinical School – Health Careers Kit 2015**
This guide covers information about health, medicine and nursing programs offered throughout NSW in addition to the options available to assist rural high school students with university. Hard copies are also available.
Contact: (02) 9385 3677 or j.monoja@unsw.edu.au
https://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/health-careers-kit

**CQ University: Virtual Open Day**
Thu 10th September, 10.00am – 6.00pm
Prospective students can learn about CQ University courses and study options by watching an information session, chatting online with CQ University staff, and having questions answered.

**Charles Sturt University Webinar: Bachelor of Health Science (Food and Nutrition)**
Wed 10th June, 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Learn about the course content and career opportunities upon graduation.
http://news.csu.edu.au/events

**Macquarie University: New Pathways into Law**
Students who have been admitted to a non-law degree at Macquarie University in 2016 will be able to apply for admission to the Pre-Law Pathway prior to their first session of studies. To gain entry into the Pre-Law Pathway prospective students are required to have completed the HSC in 2015, achieved an ATAR above 93, and be accepted into an approved degree at Macquarie.
http://law.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate_law_programs/new_pathways_into_law/

**Macquarie University Discovery Day**
Fri 12th June, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Fri 31st July, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Fri 6th November, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Thu 3rd December, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Fri 4th December, 9.30am – 2.00pm
An opportunity for Year 10 students to get a feel for the campus, attend interactive workshops, and speak to lecturers and students about what it is like to study at Macquarie.

http://www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/parents_and_teachers/teacher_information/macquarie_discovery_day/

Macquarie University Global Leadership Entry Program for Year 12 Students
Applications close: Sat 15th August
The Global Leadership program provides students with the opportunity to gain practical skills through volunteering and participating in leadership activities in Australian and overseas. As part of the program students will gain early entry into a limited number of Macquarie degrees and will also receive invitations to special events and pre-study programs. The program is open to Year 12 students who are not only doing academically well but are also leaders in their community.

Contact: 1800 351 117
https://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/

ACT Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program
Applications close Fri 12th June
The ACT Government is offering scholarships valued up to $6000 over four years to individuals wanting to study an early childhood education degree. Twenty-five scholarships will be awarded under the program in 2015-16, and paid to scholarship holders in installments of $1500 per year.

Contact: 6207 1104 or cpru@act.gov.au
http://www.mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/entry_program/

TransGrid: Apprentice Program Intake 2016
Applications close Sun 21st June
TransGrid is the owner, operator and manager of the NSW high voltage transmission network that connects generators, distributors and major end users across NSW and the ACT. TransGrid is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who have completed year 10 or equivalent, have sound mathematics and communication skills, and a genuine interest in working within a high voltage electricity transmission network. Apprenticeships may be available at Western Sydney – Western Creek, Newcastle, Tamworth, Orange, Wagga Wagga and Yass.

Contact: (02) 9620 0222

Glencore Coal NSW Apprenticeship Intake 2016
Applications close Sun 21st June
Glencore is offering mechanical and electrical apprenticeships in the Hunter Valley, Mudgee and Southern Highlands regions of New South Wales. Glencore will provide apprentices with the opportunity to gain skills and experience to become a qualified tradesperson as well as strong career pathways for their future.

To be considered, candidates must have completed year 10 by the end of 2015.
https://www.glencorejobs.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.home&CurATC=AUS&CurBID=15c6f576-6ca6-4f10-a792-9db401357a6d&persistVariables=CurATC,CurBID

Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art: Scholarships
Prospective students must register for the drama workshop on Sat 20th June to apply. Canberra Academy of Dramatic Art has announced 6 new scholarships for students planning to commence full-time study in semester 2 2015. These scholarships are:

• One tuition scholarship (valued at $2 500)
• Five $500 cash scholarships
To be eligible, applicants must be aged 13 – 45, have approval to study in Australia, and can demonstrate an interest in acting. Applicants can apply for one or both of the scholarships, however only one scholarship can be awarded per applicant.
Workshops
- Short Film Course: Mon 29th June – Fri 3rd July
- Stage and Screen: Mon 6th July – Fri 10th July
- Sketch Comedy: Mon 29th June – Fri 3rd July
- The Outsider: Mon 6th July – Fri 10th July
- Pier 4/5 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay
- Contact: (02) 9270 2400 or hello@atyp.com.au

Bedford College Open Days
- Sat 29th August, 9.30am – 1.00pm, Glebe Campus
- Thu 12th November, 5.00pm – 8.00pm, Glebe Campus
- Sat 12th September, 9.30am – 1.00pm, Norwest Campus
- Learn about the courses on offer, discuss career opportunities, view student work, and tour the campus.
- http://www.bedford.edu.au/about/opendays

Martin: New Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration
- Learn how to conceptualize and plan the layout of a residential or commercial space by studying the Diploma of Interior Design and Decoration either online or on-campus.

Other News
- Moore Stephens Accounting Cadetship Program
- Applications close Wed 24th June
- Cadets will study part-time while working an equivalent of 4 days per week during study periods and full-time during semester breaks. Cadets will work with a range of companies and individuals while receiving a salary, study support and mentoring.

Working at the ABC
- A host of opportunities are available for students interested in gaining work experience within the media broadcasting sector through the ABC.
- Cadetships, Scholarships and Work Experience places are on offer and all applications can be made online.
- http://www.abc.net.au/careers/cadetshipsandworkexperience/

Pasifika Achievement to Higher Education: PATHE

Middle Years Conference
- Fri 12th June, 10.00am – 2.00pm, UWS Werrington Campus
- A one-day conference that encourages year 8 and 9 students to consider the importance of education on their future, whilst understanding the various pathways available to achieve their goals.
- Careers advisors with students who may be interested in participating in the conference can contact Sandra Lilomaiava at s.lilomaiava@uws.edu.au

Miranda Tutoring Centre: HSC Booster Sessions
- Physics: Tue 30th June, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Chemistry: Tue 30th June, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Maths General: Wed 1st July, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- HSC Mathematics: Wed 1st July, 10.00am – 2.00pm
- HSC Maths Ext 1: Thu 2nd July, 10.00am – 2.00pm

MedStart Masterclass Revision Course Chatswood
- Sat 20th June – Sun 21st June, 9.00am – 5.00m, Talent 100 Chatswood Learning Centre
- Sat 27th June – Sun 28th June, 9.00am – 5.00m, Talent 100 Chatswood Learning Centre
- Sat 18th July – Sun 19th July, 9.00am – 5.00m, Talent 100 Chatswood Learning Centre
- Learn about the UMAT in depth, exactly how to solve questions in all three sections, and how to effectively prepare in the lead up to the exam.

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions
- Sydney – Army Reserve: Tue 9th June, 6.30pm, Defence Force Recruiting, Parramatta
- Newcastle – Army Reserve: Tue 9th June, 6.30pm, Bullecourt Barracks, Adamstown
- Armidale – Army Reserve: Tue 9th June, 7.30pm, Gaza Training Depot, Armidale
- Tamworth – Army Reserve: Tue 9th June, 7.30pm, 12/16 Junter River Lancers, Beersheba Barracks
- Muswellbrook – Army Reserve: Tue 9th June, 7.30pm, Chauvel Training Depot
- Wollongong – Commando: Wed 10th June, 6.00pm, Defence Force Recruiting Wollongong
- Newcastle – Army Officer: Wed 10th June, 6.00pm, Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle
- Sydney – ADF Fitness: Wed 10th June, 6.30pm, Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta
- https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events

Regional Express Pilot Cadet Program
- The REX Cadet program provides pilot training over 32 weeks as well as guaranteed employment within the REX group upon satisfactory completion of the program. The pilot cadet program has three intakes throughout the year.
- Applications for their next intake are now open.

Regional Aviation Association of Australia
- Applications close Tue 21st July
- The Regional Aviation Association of Australia has a number of scholarships available for Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers, Apprenticeships, and scholarships designated to current or future pilots training or working in the Australian aviation industry for an RAAA member.

Defence Jobs: Job Finder
- This website will help people interested in entering the defence force find a possible role or career suited to them.

National Mathematics Summer School
- Sun 3rd – Sat 16th January 2016 – applications close in July
- NMSS is a two-week program held at ANU for students interested in and talented at maths. Students usually attend in the summer between years 11 and 12.

National ICT Week
- Monday 27th July – Sun 2nd August
- ICT companies, professional associations, women in ICT groups, TAFEs, universities, state, territory and federal government agencies will be highlighting the opportunities available to young people in ICT.
- http://www.ictcareersweek.info/
NCSS is a program for students going into years 11 and 12 who are interested in and talented at computer science, and want to develop skills in computer programming and website development while meeting like-minded peers. The program is held at the University of Sydney. View their website closer to the date to find out more about applications.

http://www.ncss.edu.au/summer_school/

BrainTeaser
Forward I am heavy, but backwards I am not.
What am I?

MyDay is your day at CSU
Do you want a career that:
• is challenging yet secure?
• can take you from outback communities to international cities?
• gives back to the community?
• can change someone’s life?

Experience what it would be like to undertake study in the criminal justice or policing fields @ MyDay Bathurst

When: Monday 29 June, 2015
11am – 2pm
2pm – 3pm Optional Campus Tour
Where: Charles Sturt University – Bathurst
Panorama Ave
Dress: Casual clothing
Please note that it is a requirement that enclosed footwear be worn on the day
Food: BYO or food and beverages can be purchased from the on campus food outlets

Travel and study through various CSU Global programs in destinations including North America, Europe and Asia.

Did you know?
• You can gain employment with NSW Police whilst finishing your Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree.
• Studying criminal justice can lead to careers in: corrections, probation and parole; working with offenders & families; juvenile justice; justice research and policy making.

A CSU degree can take you all over the world before you even graduate!

Find out more about our Policing courses @
www.csu.edu.au/courses

Did you know?

See your Careers Advisor for a Registration Form or register your interest at:
www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Answer back page
Real time access to a wealth of information on your child

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

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

- **Classes** (subjects / courses studied at Singleton High)
- **Timetable** (Day to day information relating to subject, period, teacher and room)
- **Mark book** (Every assessment task result and relative position within the course for that task)
- **Reports** (Access to Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports as they are entered by teachers)
- **Attendance** (Daily information relating to whole day absence, justified reasons for absence and identified occurrence of truancy)
- **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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**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. 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.
**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 really 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
- Sauce $0.30

**Rolls**

- Salad Roll (with meat) $5.00
- Salad Tub (with egg) $5.00
- Fruit Salad tub $4.00
- Frozen Pineapple $0.50

**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
- Assorted Slice $2.00
- Muffins/Finger bun $2.00
- Coffee and Hot Chocolate $3.00

**Daily Specials**

- Monday
  - Egg and Bacon Roll $4.50
- Tuesday
  - Toasties $2.00
  - Cookies $2.50
- Wednesday
  - Hot Dogs $3.50
- Thursday
  - Mini Pizzas $2.00
- Friday
  - Chicken and Gravy Roll $5.00

**Drinks**

- Cans of drink $2.50
- Powerade $4.00
- Dare iced coffee $4.00
- Plain milk $3.00
- Juice (large and small) $3.00
- Mineral water (large and small) $2.00
- Iced Tea $3.00
- Slushies $2.00
- 600ml Water $2.00

**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

**Garlic Bread**

- Sweet Chilli Subs $1.00
- Salt and Vinegar Tenders each

(Not every day)

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