Events

24 AUGUST
MELBOURNE CUP VISIT
PLAYGROUP

25 AUGUST
CONCERT BAND
MAX POTENTIAL SHOWCASE

26 AUGUST
HSC LEGAL STUDIES LECTURES
SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT YRS 7, 8, 9

27 AUGUST
TOMMY’S DAY

28 AUGUST
INTER SCHOOLS SPORTS CHALLENGE YR 7, 8, 9

3 SEPTEMBER
7/8 TOUCH FOOTBALL CHS
YEAR 11 EXAMS START

4 SEPTEMBER
HOSPITALITY CATERING SINGLETON PS FETE

School Information

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Deputy Principal Yr 8, 12 (rel)
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Year Advisors 2015

Cindy Koletsis-Tatt & Tristan Chapman
Year 7
Margaret Bagnall & Rowen Lewis
Year 8
Nathan Jones & Jaye Sunerton
Year 9
Andrew Somerville & Daniel Mead
Year 10
Daniel Higgins & Megan Smith
Year 11
Bob Collins & Maddie Valentine
Year 12

P&C Association meets the 3rd Monday of the month in common room at 7.30pm
Next meeting 17 August 2015

President, Mrs Salli Avard
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Woolworths Earn and Learn
Double points weekend
This weekend earn 2 stickers for every $10 spent at Woolworths.

Please leave your stickers at the main office or place in the Singleton High Box outside of Woolworths
We were saddened this week to learn of the death of Uncle Les Elvin, a respected Wonnarua man who has had a great deal to do with our school and community. His recent contribution to our NAIDOC week ceremony was enormous, and we will pay tribute to him in our next newsletter.

**RYDA program**
We are fortunate to have such wonderful community support at Singleton High School and I would like to thank Rotary for their generous donation to enable our Year 10 students to participate in this excellent program. You can read about this in detail in this newsletter.

**India-Bridge Scholarship**
SHS recently applied for a scholarship through the Asia Education Foundation to set up a sister school relationship with a school in Delhi, India. We found out this week that we were successful, and look forward to a visit to Singleton in October from a representative from the Bal Bahrati Public School, GRH. A representative from Singleton High School will then travel to Delhi in January to visit our new sister school. This will open up exciting exchange and hosting opportunities for our students and staff.

**Rugby League**
Our 14s Buckley Shield Team had an amazing 50-10 win against Kingsgrove on Wednesday. This puts the team through to the state semi-finals, which is an absolutely amazing achievement. Congratulations to the team for their skill and excellent sportsmanship, and all the best for the next game against Young High School.

**Captains Interviews**
I was so impressed when I arrived at Singleton High School and met the current school captains and SRC, who are exemplary leaders of our student body. We are currently interviewing candidates for the captaincy next year, and the quality of applicants is outstanding. It is a tribute to the students, their families and the Singleton community that such high quality candidates are produced.

On Thursday our deputies Ian, Rochelle and Tracey attended the Deputy Principal’s Conference, at which Wayne Pearce was the guest speaker.
As we enter into Week 6, I am astonished with the work that has been completed by our amazing students and staff and the opportunities they are provided throughout their education at Singleton High School.

From Year 9 doing the Pit Stop talks to Year 10 completing the Ryda excursion, our students are receiving a wide range of opportunities exposing them to all forms of education needed for their future life.

**Year 10 Subject Selections**

This leads to the next step in our Year 10 students’ lives with the beginning of the subject selection process. It was so pleasing to see so many parents and students attend last Wednesday evening in the cold weather to value the information being delivered by the staff of Singleton High School to assist their children/out students with choices for Year 11 2016. At this stage all the executive staff are interviewing Year 10 students and helping them with information or directing them to seek further information to ensure their first choice of subjects is the best choices for them. Each Head Teacher, Careers Advisor, Deputys and Principal has specific students to work with and assist with this process.

**Year 12 Major Projects**

Congratulations must go to all our Year 12 students with their major projects coming to a finish with completion dates and HSC Markers arriving soon to mark their projects. Well done to all and good luck. Hard work does pay off!!! Special thank you also to the fabulous staff who work tirelessly throughout the years to get these projects to the highest level and for the hours of extra work they do to ensure their students are given the best opportunities possible.

**Gifted and Talented Program**

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to work with several of our staff on future programs for our Gifted and Talented students at Singleton High School. There are some fabulous ideas and great programs that are in the pipeline. This will extend our program and redefine areas of need for students within stage 5 and 6 – so watch this space for information to follow.

**STEM**

Other target areas being worked on are the development of the STEM programs into Year 8 Technology. This is a pilot program being delivered to two classes within the Year 8 curriculum in 2016. This program has been developed by staff from within the Key Learning Areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We are currently working on further sponsorship for this program to develop it further within the school. This sponsorship will come in the form of mentors and businesses related to future careers within this area of study. We are currently working with the Singleton Business Chamber for ideas and possible businesses for support.


Expand your opportunities and choice for your future by studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

STEM skills are essential in many jobs and offer pathways to diverse occupations. For example aircraft engineers, nurses, bio scientists and even motor mechanics. Industries needing STEM skills include clean technology, food science, health and digital technology. For more information about industries which are growing in South Australia see growth industries.

STEM skills are used in lots of ways:

- helping our planet adapt to climate change
- enabling science to develop new vaccines
- creating innovations in areas like entertainment and engineering

**Not just scientists and engineers**

Many jobs require STEM skills at basic levels to problem solve, understand and apply innovations. There is more technology in how we work than at any other time because businesses are adopting new technologies to remain competitive. STEM skills are valuable as an employability skill and are in demand now to help improve businesses.

Study STEM subjects in high school, vocational education or at university and give yourself a variety of pathways into careers in emerging industries and the digital economy.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Tracey Holloway
Deputy Principal (Rel) Year 9 and 10
Wellbeing News

The last half of Term 3 will be a busy one for all at the school. In the next two weeks alone we have lots of exciting events happening in the Wellbeing Faculty.

**Pit stop for Youth**

Pit Stop for youth is an interactive ‘road show’ based on a mechanical concept likening the parts of the body to parts of a bicycle. It is a program to promote the idea of maintaining the body at an optimum performance level.

Pit Stop for Youth is designed for young people aged 13 -16 years. The aim of the program is to reduce risk-taking behaviours before they become an issue whilst increasing young peoples knowledge of available health services in the local government area.

Year 12 Meditation

Interested Year 12 will begin meditation classes on the 27 August in the hope of developing a positive growth mindset and alleviate any stress they may be experiencing as the Higher School Certificate draws closer. The meditation classes also run at the Singleton Youth Venue one evening after school for anyone who might be interested.

**No to Discrimination, Harrassment or Vilification**

Singleton High School does not tolerate discrimination, harassment or vilification of any kind and as such I believe it is important to occasionally remind our students of the anti discrimination board fact sheet in regards to this matter. Please take the time to read the fact sheet and discuss its implications with your young person.

Kathleen Ballard, HT Wellbeing

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### Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

**What is discrimination?**

Discrimination occurs when someone is treated unfairly because they belong to a particular group of people or have a particular characteristic. Many people have fixed ideas about groups of people who are different from themselves. If we aren’t careful, this can lead us to discriminate against people who belong to those groups.

In NSW many types of discrimination are against the law. The laws dealing with discrimination help give everyone in NSW an equal chance.

**What is the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW?**

The Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW is part of the NSW Attorney General’s Department. It administers the anti-discrimination laws.

The Board has the power to deal with complaints of discrimination and harassment. It can try to prevent discrimination happening — by educating people about what the anti-discrimination laws say and why they are important; and report to the Government if they think the laws need changing to help prevent discrimination.

**What types of discrimination and harassment are against the law in NSW?**

The following types of discrimination are against the law:

- **Sex discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you are a woman or because you are a man. This includes being treated unfairly or harassed on the same grounds as you are pregnant, or because you are breastfeeding.

- **Race discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your race, colour, ethnic background, or race or ethnic background.

- **Religious discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your beliefs or because of your religious background, descent or nationality.

- **Disability discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you have a disability, or because you are perceived to have a disability. It is also against the law to treat you unfairly or harass you because you had a disability in the past, or because you will or may get one in the future.

- **Age discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your age, for example, because people think you are too old, too young or middle aged. Forcing people to retire at a old retirement age is also against the law.

- **Marital status discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your marital status — for example, because you are single, or married, or living in a de facto relationship.

- **Sexual orientation discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you are lesbian or gay, or someone thinks you are lesbian or gay.

- **Homosexual discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you are lesbian or gay, or because you have supported someone with a discrimination or harassment complaint.

- **Criminal responsibilities discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you have a criminal record, or because you are suspected of having one.

- **Carer’s responsibilities discrimination**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your responsibilities as a carer, or who you associate with.

- **Sexual harassment**
  - when you are subjected to sexual behaviour that you do not want, and is unwelcome or offensive.

- **Harrassment or vilification**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because of your sex, pregnancy, race, age, marital status, pregnancy, sex or disability. However, they are not allowed to discriminate against people because of their race. In addition, they must not allow or tolerate sexual harassment.

- **Discrimination on the basis of family responsibilities**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you are the main or secondary carer of a child or an adult who you are responsible for caring for.

- **Discrimination on the basis of carers’ responsibilities**
  - when you are treated unfairly or harassed because you are responsible for caring for someone else in the same or similar circumstances, and this is because of their sex, pregnancy, race, age, marital status, homosexuality, disability, transgender status or criminal responsibilities. For example, if an employer won’t hire someone just because they are a woman this is likely to be direct sex discrimination.

- **Indirect discrimination**
  - means a requirement (rule) that is unfair for everyone but has an effect that is unequal and unreasonable having regard to the circumstances. For example, an employer who says that they need a person over 180 cm tall for a certain job could be indirectly discriminating against women and some ethnic groups who are less likely to be this height or not people from other ethnic groups. They could claim indirect sex discrimination if they could show that the job does not really need someone that tall to do it.

**Victimisation is also against the law**

It is against the law for anyone to hassle or victimise you or treat you unfairly because:

- you have complained to your employer or another person about discrimination or harassment;
- you have complained to the Anti-Discrimination Board;
- you have supported someone with a discrimination or harassment complaint, or acted as a witness in a discrimination or harassment case.

You can lodge a separate complaint of victimisation with the Anti-Discrimination Board if you have been victimised as a result of discrimination or harassment.

**Racial vilification, homosexual vilification, HIV/AIDS and transgender vilification are also against the law**

Racial vilification means any public act that could incite or encourage racial hatred, serious social contempt or severe social ridicule.

Homosexual vilification means any public act that could incite hatred, serious social contempt or severe social ridicule against people who are or are thought to be homosexual.

HIV/AIDS and transgender vilification means any public act that could incite hatred, serious social contempt or severe social ridicule against people who are or are thought to be HIV/AIDS and transgender.
Keeping Kids Safe online
Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

• Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
• Set a technology curfew.
• Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
• If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
• Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
• Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
• If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
• Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
• If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.
• Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.
• Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that both of you are comfortable with so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.
• Establish one or two other trusted adults your child is comfortable in approaching about their concerns.
• Be aware of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.
• Keep the lines of communication open so your child will be comfortable about talking to you if something is worrying them. Help your child to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.
• Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home. Discuss the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not and have clear rules about online activities.
• Cyberbullying won't stop if it's ignored – you can help by listening to your child and working with them to take control of the situation.
On Friday, 14 August, 171 Year 10 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) training course at Tocal College, Paterson. With the majority of our students at various stages of working towards their driver’s licences and with road use and transport such large aspect of our culture this was a very timely and valuable extra-curricular learning experience for our students. The timing of the course also coincides with the Road Safety unit currently being studied in Year 10 Personal, Development and Physical Education for Term 3. Road and vehicle related incidents are seen as a significant health burden on our society, largely preventable and have far reaching implications for our communities.

The RYDA program was strongly supported this year in regards to student attendance and engagement, which highlights the importance and relevance that our students, their families, the school and the broader community place on road safety education.

The program itself comprised of the year group being split into six smaller groups, moving around the college’s classrooms, lecture halls and outdoor facilities in order to participate in learning experiences aimed at developing awareness and understanding of key road safety issues. Each session encouraged all participants to challenge their attitudes, knowledge and experiences towards keeping themselves and others after on and around the roads.

Guest speakers from NSW Police Highway Patrol, brain injury survivors and a practical demonstration of stopping distance at varying speeds helped to provide valuable, ‘real-life’ and concrete learning experiences for staff and students.

Our students’ participation in such a worthwhile and valuable learning experience would not have been possible without the commitment, organisation and support of a range of people and organisations from the school and broader community.

The costs for the day were able to be kept to a minimum with significant financial support from the Rotary Club of Singleton and the Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter as well as Bulga Coal. Organisational and logistical support on the day, including providing lunch for students and staff, was provided by the RYDA presenters and also support volunteers from the Rutherford Telarah Rotary Club. Singleton High School’s commitment to student wellbeing was also evidenced by not only further subsidising student costs but also committing significant staff and time resources.

A huge thank you on behalf of the students to the staff that attended. It was also appreciated that our principal Mrs Gray personally welcomed our arrival at Tocal and was able to be involved in the first session. This says a lot for her and the schools’ support of the program. Specific mention must also go to Mr Mead for the countless hours of organisation and commitment to ensuring as many students as possible were able to attend such a valuable program.

Lastly, a sincere thank you and congratulations for our students who not only attended on the day, but also engaged and actively contributed to their learning experience. When our students go out into the community they always represent themselves, our school and community with great pride, respect and responsibility.

The other major event for Year 10 last week was our Year 11 subject selection information evening on Wednesday night. This event was very well attended by students and their families, with the opportunity to access staff knowledge, expertise and advice in regards to selecting subjects for their senior education in 2016 and beyond. Students and their families are encouraged to think carefully and diligently about their choices, ensuring fully informed decisions are made. Students are advised to seek further clarification from key staff such as our Careers Advisers, subject Head Teachers, Head Teacher Administration or Senior Executive to assist in their selections.

Remember, subjects offered are strongly based around student interest and choices, with the curriculum ‘line’ structures being developed from this, so it is vitally important that students select their subjects in a timely manner.

Mr A Somerville, on behalf of the Year 10 Wellbeing Team Mr D Mead and Mrs A Brown.
YEAR 9

It is hard to realise that we are into week 7 of Term 3 already.

Year 9 are currently in their busy phase of the term with majority of subjects having assignments. We encourage each student to utilise their time effectively and be sure to complete at task on time. If you are unaware of assessment schedule this can be located on the school calendar and also with your teachers.

Tommy’s Day is coming up and the leadership team are excited to be able to be a part of this fantastic fundraiser. Year 9 are going to be selling baked goods. Any students wishing to be involved in this day or within the leadership team are always welcomed to attend the meetings. We encourage students who have a desire to be a school leader or help with the organisation and planning of special events just like this one to become involved.

Year 9 students also have the opportunity to be involved with student peer support. This is a great chance to be involved with the new year 7 students for 2016. This program is selective as only a certain number of students are required. Those successful will undergo peer support training. This is, once again, an excellent opportunity to be involved in a whole school program and show involvement in leadership activities.

Finally, it is with great pleasure to announce that Thea Leggett has accepted an opportunity to be involved in the LIFT program. LIFT collaborates with Hunter youth development organisations to design and implement tailored programs. This is a tailored and practical aviation based program that teaches risk management and decision making life skills while building self-esteem.

With not long of the term left, keep up the positive energy Year 9!

Nathan Jones & Jaye Sunerton.

YEAR 11

It has been a busy start to Term 3 for Year 11 with many students successfully managing to juggle work, sport and extra curricula activities with their studies. Term 3 is always a busy time for senior students with Year 12 drawing to a close for 2015 and about to begin for 2016.

Year 11 will commence their yearly exams during Week 8 and conclude in Week 9. It is important that students are preparing for these exams with regular study plans also ensuring that they are looking after their health through eating and sleeping well and still taking time to refresh. It is also important that all parents and students are aware of the assessment misadventure procedures and exam etiquette.

This term will also see the appointment of the Singleton High School captains and leaders for 2016. With the nominations closed we wish all the best to those who have applied, with a lot of high quality applicants in the running.

The Year 12 jumper design for 2016 is being finalised and information will be sent home in the coming weeks for students regarding sizing and price.

Week 10 will see the Love Bites on Wednesday 16 September. LOVE BITES is an extremely successful school-based domestic and family violence and sexual assault prevention program that evolved on the Mid North Coast of NSW. Love Bites is based on best practice standards for education programs as recommended by the Federal Government funded Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearing House and other leading academics in the area of violence against women.

We wish students all the best with their exams

Daniel Higgins, Megan Smith
Please help Darcy Gilson (Yr 8 SHS student) to compete at INAS Global Games, September 20 - September 27 2015.

Darcy’s family and friends have creatively and desperately tried to help raise funds for Darcy to attend the games in Ecuador. Time is running out. Darcy will be travelling without his parents with the team to Ecuador next month. Darcy trains hard and always puts in 150%. Living in Singleton the family travel sometimes 2-3 hours for meets, many of them being overnight stays. His parents are supportive, down to earth people who are trying their best to help open doors for their talented aquatic son. While not a school fundraiser, we are sending out one last appeal, on their behalf, to encourage your help towards supporting Darcy’s sporting dreams.

What can you do:

• Donate big or small: http://www.gofundme.com/vh6w4c4c
• Spread the word (quickly via your networks)
• Attend the Black Tie event this Saturday...

A big thank you to everyone who have already supported fundraising efforts for Darcy (go fund, chocolate sales, raffles, disco and bowling). financial contributions and support have been warmly received by Darcy and his family.

About Darcy Gilson (Jill-son)

Early Years (2011 to 2013)

Darcy was diagnosed with Global Delay at a young age, which affects his social and emotional aspects of his life. In Year 4 (2011) Darcy started achieving outstanding results in the school swimming carnivals making it to the state level giving Darcy the confidence to start relating and socializing with his age group. In year 6 (2013) Darcy outdid himself by breaking his personal best times and was selected to represent NSW at the National Swimming Titles.

Now (2014 to 2015)

With Darcy feeling like he had the confidence to integrate with other peers, he joined the Singleton Swim Club. Within the past 16 months Darcy has broken 6 NSW 13 years and under SB14 Multi-class records both short and long course, and one Australian 13 years and under SB14 Multi-class record. This year Darcy competed at the 2015 Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Swimming Championships coming home with a handful of medals, PBs and a NSW state record.

The future

At the age of 14 Darcy’s dream is to someday represent Australia. He has been selected into the NSW Development Squad which will open the doors up to help him reach his goals. He has now been selected to represent Australia at the Global Games in Ecuador.

On Thursday night the 13 August, thirty six students and four teachers set off for our annual snow trip to Perisher Blue. The students from Years 7 to Year 12 were treated to 2 bluebird days of snowboarding and skiing. New skills were learnt during lessons and these were perfected on the slopes. The students are to be congratulated for their excellent manners displayed throughout the trip.
We can’t wait to do it all again next year.
Riley Stewart from Year 8, was recently successful in gaining a position in the Junior Parliament. This is an apolitical program that introduces young people to the legal and parliamentary process of NSW and empowers them to be advocates for their community. At Junior Parliament, young people have the opportunity to create solutions to the problems facing NSW and debate those ideas in NSW Parliament House in front of real MPs. Each participant will be working in a committee with young people from across the state formulating youth legislation in portfolios they are most passionate about.

We asked Riley a few questions.

What youth issues are you most passionate about?
Bullying, coalmines around Singleton and terrorism.

Why are you passionate about these issues?
These are all big issues in our community that can affect everyone. Possible negative outcomes can occur if they are not fixed.

Do you have any plans for when you finish school?
I plan to work in Science, possibly forensic Science.

What made you interested in Science?
Learning new things. I like to know everything about topics, and I find it really interesting.

Favourite music?
Ed Sheeran.

What sport do you play?
I play soccer and futsal.

Name some things you can’t live without...
Food, music, friends, soccer, family

Something that makes you happy?
Friends and running

Favourite thing about Singleton High School?
There are lots of choices about what you can do with subjects.
Mr Bob Collins works in the information technology section of the school, works with the SRC and is one of the current Year 12 Year Advisors. We asked him a few questions.

What made you want to become a Year Advisor?
I was approached by the then HT Welfare Jenny McDonald and asked to be a Year Advisor after having been a teacher for a short time having a background in Industry, namely BHP. I guess the motivation to be Year Advisor was much the same as wanting to become a teacher, that being a passion for my job and the responsibilities that go with it. I accepted with a little apprehension at first but grew to enjoy so much I have know been a Year Advisor for the past twelve consecutive years. Kay Sheeley and myself were both relatively new to the school and she agreed to be assistant year advisor and I believe we developed a great working relationship. Also the year group that I commenced with in 2003 were a group of students that will live in my memory for all time.

Why did you choose to work with the SRC?
I chose to become involved with the student council in 2008. Annie Phillips was the SRC coordinator at the time and I took on the position as her assistant with a great deal of enthusiasm, keen to make the experience for students worthwhile and significant in that they could actually set goals and fulfil a significant role in the school. There have been some terrific school captains at Singleton High School and it has been my privilege to work with them on the student council.

Tell us about your experience as a school student?
I began my schooling at Plattsburg Public School in Wallsend. My memories of the early years include leading the march with Joe Cook to the Anzac Memorial Service, when I was in 2nd class, through the streets of Wallsend with all the girls in their Red Cross Veils similar to what was worn by nursing sisters at the time. We finished up on the front page of the Newcastle Morning Herald the next morning after laying a wreath at the memorial. Plattsburg School went from Kindergarten to third year, equivalent to the current Year 9, when most students left school and got themselves a job. By the time I had completed second year at high school the new Wallsend High School opened and I was in the first intake in third year. I went on to complete my Leaving Certificate in 1961, which was the equivalent to the present HSC. Several years ago Wallsend High School celebrated its 50th anniversary and this year Plattsburg is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

What was your favourite subject at school?
My favourite subject at school is a subject little attention is given to in the present system and that is Technical Drawing.

Best memory of your childhood school?
My best memory of my early years at school, include the many friends I had at school and the good fun we all enjoyed. No television, computer games, mobile phones and no money and so made our own fun.

What do you enjoy most about your role at Singleton High School?
I love my job. Being fortunate enough to have been offered the opportunity of a full time position as a teacher at Singleton High School after teaching for only a short period of time was something that makes me feel very fortunate. Peter Mitchell was my head teacher in Industrial Arts when I started, and the staff working in the Industrial Arts and Hospitality staff room at that time, were an unbelievable group of people. What do I enjoy most about working at Singleton High School is everything I experience everyday I come to school.

Something that makes you happy?
Seeing students enjoy success in whatever they might attempt. Working with the many great staff here with whom I like to think I have become friends, and having a bit of fun with ladies in the front office, especially Margaret.

What is the best thing about Singleton High School?
It has to be the students and staff at Singleton High School and the opportunities I have been given during my time here.

You are currently organising Tommy’s Day along with the SRC. What can you tell us about this event?
Tommy’s Day is a day that all students have the opportunity, particularly those on the student council, to have a sense of doing something worthwhile for a great cause that can impact on anyone’s life at any time without notice. It is going to be one of the best days at school this year!

Anything you would like to add?
Thank you for the opportunity to be your guest this week and I hope my response to your questions is interesting enough to read.
**Home Economics**

**Hospitality**

On Tuesday 11 August, the Singleton Chamber of Commerce met in T1 for a breakfast and information session around traineeships and apprenticeships. Mrs Tracey Holloway was one of the guest speakers. Year 11 Hospitality students catered for the event and once again drew high praise from the guests.

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**Childcare**

Child Studies Initiative.

In 2008, I was lucky enough to visit Nepal and trek in the Annapurna region. It was truly one of the best experiences I have ever had. The one thing that stood out was the hospitality of the beautiful Nepalese people. Seeing how the Nepalese live instilled in me just how fortunate I am to have access to education, clean water, great food etc.

I wanted my classes to never forget how lucky they are, being able to access good education at Singleton High, having a clean bed to sleep in and having access to good food. So began the sponsorship of Laxmi and Shankar over five years ago. My aim is to sponsor the children with the help of students at Singleton High, until they have achieved the level of education they wish for. Laxmi has just turned 17 and has recently expressed her interest in becoming a nurse. Shankar, at 11 years of age dreams of becoming a doctor.

Thankyou to all the students of Singleton High School who help raise funds for the continuing sponsorship of Laxmi and Shankar.

_Sue Hartnett_

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**Chess Club Report**

The Singleton High Chess team was knocked out of the NSW Country Chess Tournament by Waratah Technology Campus. Depleted by assessment tasks and delayed by traffic on the New England Highway, the team barely arrived in time and was soundly defeated by a well prepared Waratah team.

The Chess team looked strong going into next year with more than a dozen players representing the school this year.

The Singleton High School’s Chess Merit league has begun with the aim of finding Singleton High Schools top chess player.

Leader Board at the moment is

- Jayden Zanardi 25
- Jack Worcester 18
- Ben Cattorall 5
- Lachlan Maher 2
- Noah Treacey 2
- Zach Webb 2
- Josh Buxton 1
- Sam Connors 1
- Blake Edwards 1
- Caleb Hall 1
- Anthony Bolton 1
- Brady Frazer 1

_Martin Gray, Organiser_
According to RDA Hunter’s ME Program manager, Ashley Cox, ME is equipping the Hunter’s students with skills for the jobs of the future - giving them options for their ‘escalator ride’ to the next level in their career journeys.

Elevators or Escalators?
Last week the Hunter was lucky enough to host a visit by two champions of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education in Australia. Both the Australian Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb and Parliamentary Secretary the Minister for Industry and Science the Hon. Karen Andrews MP were unanimous in their call for a National focus on STEM education for our country’s continued prosperity. They maintain that in order for Australia to flourish our young people must be steered towards STEM subjects at school in order to secure the jobs of the future.

For someone who has worked to increase the focus on STEM education in the Hunter for the last five years as part of RDA Hunter’s ME Program these two visits from such vocal proponents were like visits from royalty. Overwhelmingly, the response from the community was positive but these visits also attracted some scepticism. If the future lies in STEM education then where are all these STEM jobs?

It was Professor Chubb’s response to this very question that resonated with me. “We must teach our children that the careers of the future are gained by taking escalators not elevators.” What he meant was that the careers of the future don’t involve getting into a course of study and pressing “6” for fashion design, “7” for surveying or “8” for hairdressing and expecting a long term career. The nation’s Chief Scientist meant that preparing for the future involves gaining a series of skills, step by step to combine and adapt them according to interest, observations and changes in technology.

This analogy requires a significant shift in our thinking about the future for our young people. As a specialist in career education I am often asked by parents “What should my child study to ensure they have a job in the future?” The answer is often unsatisfactory but ultimately true. Young people have more options than ever before, they should study the subject that interests them but should always include subjects from that magic pudding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The reason is not because these subjects are elevator rides to success but because all jobs in the future will require some journey into these sectors.

If you’d like to be a hairdresser then being a leader in the field will require a fundamental knowledge of chemistry, a surveyor will be required to fly an Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) to map an area and a fashion designer may well be required to construct a three dimensional image using computers and then print their design on a 3D printer. In short, no career path will escape the requirement for greater levels of STEM education and so we need not ask how many jobs in the future will be STEM jobs but how many won’t require a greater level of STEM education. The answer?.. None Since 2010 RDA Hunter’s ME Program has boosted the uptake of these subjects significantly. Against falling subject selection rates of these vital subjects nationally the Hunter’s ME Schools have bucked the trend. Much more is required for our region and our nation to remain internationally competitive but it’s a comfort to know that teachers at High Schools in the Hunter are as prepared as any to embrace technological change and provoke an appreciation and capacity for new things in our young scholars.

Whilst there is no longer an elevator ride to success for our young people that will allow them to step into an education pathway and emerge employed there is a growing number of pathways available to the Hunter’s young people that will take them on an escalator ride to the next level in the journey of their career. These journeys include RDA Hunter’s iSTEM program, Hunter TAFE’s Industrial Design course, Mechatronics at the University of Newcastle and UAVAir’s ground-breaking course in remote piloted aerial vehicles. It’s not that any of these journeys guarantee success but they do ensure that young people have options that can be enhanced with other skills and educational journeys as they choose their own adventure.

Ashley Cox is Program Manager for Regional Development Australia - Hunter’s ME Program.
Open Hospitality Day
10am to 3pm Sunday, 23 August 2015

Free Tea, Coffee and Scones • Live Music • Barbecue

The doors are open, come and join us …

As a light morning tea will be provided, it would be appreciated if you could register your participation on 65711199.

A gold coin donation would be welcome.

All enquiries to Sharon Bourne
Teacher of Child Studies
Singleton High School
The Max Potential program in Singleton, offers 22 weeks of personal leadership development, including individual coaching from community volunteers, to young leaders from schools and the community to help them maximise their potential.

Coaches and participants discover their ability to lead their own lives effectively, to lead others in a team, and to make a difference in their community. This program occurs during the final years of school and beyond. It activates participants to focus on their local community, and on ways that they can work to improve their local community through a leadership project.

WHEN: Tuesday 25th August, 2015
TIME: From 3pm - Light Refreshments served
       Official Welcome & Showcase 3:30pm
WHERE: Singleton Diggers, York St. Singleton
RSVP: Annette Bedford 02 6572 2622
EMAIL: annette@singletondiggers.com.au

The SHOWCASE is the culmination of an exciting personal journey of discovery! This is your personal invitation to come and support our future community leaders.

Proudly delivered through
Catherine Cox and Rebecca Bulley
Will be holding two coaching clinics in Singleton on Friday 25 September from 2pm to 3.30pm [8 to 11 yrs] and 3.30pm to 5pm [11yrs & over].
The cost for the clinic is $45 per person. Numbers and payment are now being taken.
Payment options: by cash or cheque at the office on Saturdays. Please provide your email address and a mobile contact.

Direct deposit to:
Singleton Netball Association
BSB 062 599
Acc number 1014 9528
If making a direct deposit please use the word ‘cox’ and your surname as reference. Please then email us at singletonnetball@hotmail.com and list the age group preference, a mobile phone contact and your deposit date.
PLEASE NOTE: confirmation of attendance at the clinic will only be confirmed when full payment is made.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS
Cade Hunter to Represent NSW
Cade Hunter has been selected in the NSW Showjumping team of four riders to compete at the Australian inter schools championships at the Horsley Park Olympic Stadium in September.

He had to do well at the state championships held recently as well as other equestrian Australia events to be selected. He will be competing in the highest level at the Nationals which is 1.20-1.30 in height. The event is only held in NSW every few years so he was lucky enough to be chosen.

Cade also received a local government award from Joel Fitzgibbon for his sporting achievements in show jumping
Cade’s brother Jake, a former student of Singleton High School is now competing successfully in Ireland and Europe. Jake has competed at the prestigious Dublin 5 International horse show which he had to qualify to compete and is then riding up to fifteen horses the next week at Mill Street International.
Unfortunately he is ineligible for the Olympics because he doesn’t have his own horses to ride. Hopefully one day ...

Singleton District Junior Cricket Association

2015-2016 Cricket Registrations
Thursday 20 August 3pm-6pm
Friday 21 August 3pm-6pm
Friday 4 September 3pm-6pm
Saturday 5 September 9am-1pm
WHERE: Gowrie Street Mall

COST: Under 13s and under 16s $110
Under 16s and 13s play Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm
Season starts 9 October.

T20 Blast $110
7-11 year olds
T20 Blast Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm
Starting 9 October only runs for 8 weeks

Woolworths Earn & Learn program
Equestrian Team News
Our team travelled to Meriwa to represent the school in Horse Sports on Monday 10 August. It has been a long wait for the students as ‘administrative issues’ were sorted through. Finally they are back in the saddle and enjoying the sport. It proved to be a very successful day for those students that made the trip west. Candice Gardiner, 1x 1st, 3 x 2nd, 2x 3rd, 1x 4th places as well as Reserve Champion High Point Score 15 years girls. Renee Atfield, 2x 1st, 2x 2nd, 1x 3rd, 2x 4th placings. Taylor Giggins, 1x 1st, 3x 2nd, 4x 3rd places as well as Reserve Champion High Point Score 16 Years and over girls. Sarah Giggins, 2x 1st, 1x 3rd, 2x 4th, 1x 5th places. Sarah also managed to fall off safely! Aiden Sargent, 6x 2nd, 1x 4th places as well as Reserve Champion High Point Score 13 years boys.

Well done team and a big thank you to all the parents once again for your help.

Late News
Tameeka Woodbury has competed at the Hunter Valley Grammar horse sports event on two horses and had a great day being named Equestrian Champion on 43 points. Her results were:
Riding Rosco they took out the 95cm Showjump Champion, the 105cm Showjump Champion and Secondary School Showjump Champion.
Riding Joey they won the 95 cm Showjump Reserve Champion, 105cm Showjump Reserve Champion and was Secondary Schools Showjump Champion as well.

Bruce Withers, Manager

Rugby League
Buckley Shield Quarter Finals
Singleton High school Under 14s league side had its long awaited state quarter final on Wednesday at Pirtek Park, after beating Maclean High School a month ago. The side meet Kingsgrove High School who previously accounted for last year’s champions Chifley College and Balgowlah Boys High School.

With a large crowd there to watch, Singleton started well with strong running from their forward pack lead by Tom Caia-Mandra. This intensive start to the game saw an early try to Tytan Lord from a classy kick from Kobe Davis. Singleton then went to work with a high completion rate and strong defence which resulted in Kingsgrove making mistakes and George Reid scoring Singleton’s second try. Singleton continued to complete sets leading to a try to Tom Caia-Mandra after another great run, and Singleton’s fourth try in the 13th minute through Blake Trees who ran a wonderful line off Kobe Davis after strong work in the middle of the field again.

The next 10 minutes of the game saw possession dominated by Kingsgrove with Singleton holding them out four set in a row and then nearly scoring at the opposite end of the ground. Singleton lead at half time 20-0.

The second half was one way traffic after the dominate control of Singleton with Aiden Partridge crossing for his first try. Blake Trees backed up a strong first half scoring two more tries, George Reid crossed for his second and Maui Carroll scored two. Kingsgrove scored two late tries to make the final score Singleton 50 Kingsgrove 10.

Well done boys and thank you to all that came to support the team. The team now are inching closer to the grand finals and we will keep you posted on where the semi finals will be played and against whom.

Daniel Higgins, Coach
All the hard work of the past eight weeks will come to fruition on August 27 for Tommy’s Day. It has become a feature day of recognising the need to support funding for the research into a treatment and cure of cancer in children. It has only been called Tommy’s Day for the past three years in recognising Tom Kirkwood, and before that Wacky Hair Day, but for the past nine years it has made an almost unbelievable contribution to the Australian Children’s Cancer Council – Medical Research of just over $100,000.

This year the student council has worked extremely hard to ensure the success of the event. If you can help in any way to support Tommy’s Day, either by sponsorship of a student shaving their head, purchasing a raffle ticket in the Hot Air Balloon Ride and Champagne Breakfast, or getting involved in an activity on Tommy’s Day which is raising money, it would be greatly appreciated. The day will be overflowing with activities and some special guests. Sara DeBono (pictured below with Margie Furness from the front office) will be a guest judge for the talent quest and will also perform on the day. Newcastle band Southern End will perform also and the Rural Fire Service will be hosting displays. Liam Kelly will be our DJ for the day and every faculty is hosting stalls and activities such as face painting, tug o war etc and of course our brave fundraisers will give up their locks all to raise money for Children’s Cancer research.

Khloe Kaiserfeld has organised a fundraising function at Singleton McDonald’s on August 25th between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. Ten percent of all sales from the front counter and drive through will go to Tommy’s Day, and we need people to attend and demonstrate their support. Everyone is welcome and your support would be appreciated.

Bob Collins, SRC
Universities
On-Campus Accommodation at Warrane College UNSW for 2016
Warrane is a residential college affiliated with UNSW which offers its residents a more complete university experience. Residents are encouraged to develop academically, culturally, socially and on the sports field. We run a number of extra-curricular programs to develop a sense of leadership and community service among residents, including a yearly overseas workcamp.
- Residential and academic tutors
- Weekly VIP guests and industry connections
- Fully catered and affordable fees
- Wide range of accommodation scholarships
Check out our website for more details: www.warrane.unsw.edu.au

UTS Engineering Bonus Points Questionnaire
Questionnaire closes Fri 11th December
Students applying to a UTS engineering degree could be eligible for up to 5 bonus points by completing the UTS Engineering Year 12 Bonus Points Questionnaire. Early round offers will also be made on the basis of this questionnaire.
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Open Day
Sat 29th August, Macquarie street
Receive one-on-one advice, attend a lecture or masterclass, and bring an instrument to participate in the wind symphony and choir performances.
Contact: 1800 793 864
http://music.sydney.edu.au/study/open-day/

Charles Sturt University Pathways Options
Charles Strut University has a range of pathway options for students wishing to gain entry into the university. This publication outlines these pathways.
Charles Sturt University: You’re Living It
Sign up to ‘You’re Living It’ to see what life at CSU is really like. Students who sign up will get blogs from current students, sneak previews of the busy social calendar and insights into the hands-on learning experience that is unique to CSU.
http://www.csu.edu.au/go/livingit2

UNSW High School Scholarships Now Open
Scholarships for high school students are now open and close Wed 30th September, to access scholarships use the following search tool.
https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/scholarship/sc_search.login

UAC Educational Access Schemes
Most of UAC’s participating institutions have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage gain admission to tertiary study. To be eligible for EAS consideration, student educational performance must have been seriously affected for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond their control and choosing.
http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/

UWS Get Ready for Study and Work: Student Workbooks and Parents Guide
Booklets which provide information, contacts and activities to help students make a successful transition from school into tertiary study, work or post school activities. The website has a number of booklets with individualized versions available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, as well as parents.

University Exchange Programs
Most universities offer exchange programs, which involve already enrolled students studying for a half or whole year at a partner institution of their own university. Study abroad programs are slightly different, and do not involve studying at a partner institution; this means students sometimes need to contribute extra funds towards their tuition fees. As an alternative to exchange, some universities also offer short study tours, or the option to study at an international campus of their own. Most universities offer various forms of financial assistance to students going on exchange. Below are some links to the international study options offered by a number of universities.
Macquarie University: http://students.mq.edu.au/opportunities/student_exchange/
The University of Sydney: http://sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange.html
UNSW: https://student.unsw.edu.au/exchange
Applications are open to those who will be completing Business and a Certificate IV in Building and Construction Estimating, while also completing a Certificate III in Sales, Customer Service, Sales Estimating and Production within different departments in the company including The Cadetship program enables participants to work.

McDonald Jones Homes Cadetships
Contact: Gary Rudnick from HIA on 02 9978 3333

Not a necessity.
driver’s license and their own transport, however this is a major rural publication.


TAFE & Apprenticeships
McDonald Jones Homes Brick Laying Apprenticeships
McDonald Jones Homes currently have two Brick Laying apprenticeships available. Apprentices will be required on sites around Western Sydney and South Western Sydney. It is advantageous if applicants have a current driver’s license and their own transport, however this is not a necessity.

Contact: Gary Rudnick from HIA on 02 9978 3333

McDonald Jones Homes Cadetships
The Cadetship program enables participants to work within different departments in the company including Sales, Customer Service, Sales Estimating and Production Estimating, while also completing a Certificate III in Business and a Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Estimating).

Applications are open to those who will be completing the HSC this year, or have completed their HSC within the last two years.

Contact: Mark Maguire on (02) 4918 2645

Sydney TAFE: Parent Information Night for Year 10, 11 and 12 Students
Tue 8th September, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, Sydney TAFE, Building W: Ground Floor, Customer Service Centre Information will be provided on choosing the best career, steps for getting into TAFE, pathways to university, apprenticeships and traineeships.


Sydney TAFE: Sydney Science Festival
Weird Food Dinner: Tue 18th August
Food Forensics or Human Forensics: Tue 18th – Thu 20th August

A day in the life of a hospital patient: Wed 19th August
As part of the Sydney Science Festival, Sydney TAFE has assembled a number of activities through which attendees can get a taste of various aspects of science.


Sydney TAFE: Graphic Design Information Session
Wed 2nd December, 4.00pm – 6.00pm, St George College, Building M, Level 1, Room 3 (M1.3), 19 Montgomery Street, St George

Learn about studying graphic design at Sydney TAFE in 2016.

http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/graphic-design-information-session-3

The Northern Institute: HSC Visual Arts Holiday Enrichment Workshops
Tue 22nd September – Wed 23rd September, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Meadowbank Campus
Two days of hands-on workshops that will help students develop ideas that will create an impressive HSC Body of Work. Attendees will be inspired to explore different levels of practices and techniques while having fun.

Contact: Tony McDonald on 9942 3686 or tony.mcdonald@tafensw.edu.au


NSW Government: Fee-Free Scholarships
Young people (aged 15 – 30) who meet the Smart and Skilled Fee-free scholarship criteria will be eligible for a government subsidy which covers their Smart and Skilled course fee. To be eligible for the scholarship, prospective students have to study a Certificate I, Certificate II, Certificate III or Certificate IV level qualification on the NSW Skills List, and be either a Commonwealth Welfare recipient or the dependent of a Commonwealth Welfare recipient. https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/fee-free-scholarships

TAFE South Western Sydney Institute: Lidcombe/Chullora College Taste of TAFE Day
Wed 11th November, Lidcombe/Chullora College
An opportunity for Year 10 – 12 students to attend TAFE for a day and discover a wide range of potential study areas, with hands-on activities.

https://swsi.tafensw.edu.au/About-SWSi/Key-Dates#eventDetail

Private Colleges
Flight Centre Travel Academy Information Session
Thu 27th August, 2.00pm, Level 13, 33 Berry Street, North Sydney
Flight Centre Travel Academy allows students to participate in real-world training in a blended online and offline mode.

https://fctravelacademy.com/about-the-academy/information-sessions/

AIT Information Night
Tue 18th August, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo
An interactive seminar providing an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum, course requirements and study pathways at AIT.


Le Cordon Bleu Open Day
Thu 20th August, 3.00pm – 6.00pm, 250 Blaxland Rd, Ryde
Learn how Le Cordon Bleu’s culinary, hospitality and management programs open the door to global opportunities.

SIJT Open Day
Sat 29th August, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Level 1, 11 York Street, Sydney
Attend an information session on diploma programs and pathway options, participate in one-to-one consultations, meet with current and past SIBT students.

Raffles College of Design & Commerce: 8 Scholarships offered for 2016
Applications close Fri 6th November
Applications are open to all current year 12 Australian high school students for 2016.
Scholarship awards are based on outstanding creative abilities. One full-fee and one half-fee scholarship is available for the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Arts (visual communication), Bachelor of Accountancy and Bachelor of Commerce.
Contact: jaimiwalker@raffles.edu.au
http://www.raffles.edu.au/apply-now/3-scholarships

Avondale College of Higher Education Nursing Campus Open Day
Sun 30th August, 11.00am – 2.00pm, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga
Tour the Clinical Education Centre Facilities, participate in interactive sessions, learn about courses available and get some HSC study hints and tips.

National Art School Open Day
Sat 29th August, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Explore real working artist studios, take part in a range of interactive art workshops, attend information sessions and view the campus.
http://seeinspiration.nas.edu.au/#

AFTRS: Summer School
AFTRS will be running an expanded and extended summer school program between November 2015 and February 2016. Introductory and intermediate level film, TV and radio courses, offering practical and hands-on learning will be available.
Bookings made before October 1 will receive a 20% discount.
http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/summer-school

Whitehouse Institute of Design: 2016 Bachelor of Design Enrolments Now Open
The Bachelor of Design is an industry-facing multi-disciplinary program designed to develop students’ design thinking and creative output within a range of specializations.
To apply, prospective students are required to attach their most recent academic results and resume, prepare a creative portfolio, and attend an interview.
http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-design

Australian Institute of Fitness: Open Day NSW & ACT
Sat 22nd August, 10.00am – 3.00pm, Parramatta, Rockdale, St Leonards, Canberra
Learn what it’s like to be a student at the Australian Institute of Fitness by visiting a campus and speaking to staff.
http://fitness.edu.au/open-day/

JMC Academy: Information Session
Wed 9th September, 6.00pm, 561 Harris Street, Ultimo
Receive personalized advice and guidance to plan a future in the creative industries.
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/information-sessions/jmc-academy-information-sessions-(1)

Macleay College: New Bachelor of Advertising and Media Degree
Developed in consultation with key industry leaders, the new degree aims to be up-to-date with dynamic industry change and prepare graduates for careers in the areas of marketing, management, creative, social media, digital production, and media.

Shillington College Information Session
Fri 16th October, 6.00pm, Level 3, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney
Learn about studying a course in graphic design at Shillington College.

Campion College Summer Week 2016
Mon 11th January – Fri 15th January 2016
Campion College Summer Week gives students the opportunity to live at Campion College for five days and nights before making any long-term tertiary decisions. The camp aims to develop students’ leadership, personal, spiritual, and social development as well as showcase Campion’s subjects. The week will also include numerous activities including sport, bush walking, trivia, dancing and a beach trip.

International Screen Academy: Free Open Workshops
Sat 10th October, Sat 7th November, Sat 5th December 12.00pm – 3.00pm, 242 Young Street, Waterloo
Attend a workshop and learn about acting, filmmaking and animation.

Australian Theatre for Young People: School Holiday Workshops
Audition Monologue Techniques: Mon 21st September – Wed 23rd September, 10.00am – 4.00pm, The Big Education Centre
Investigative Scene Work: Mon 28th September – Fri 2nd October, 10.00am – 4.00pm, The Big Education Centre
Race Down Under: Mon 28th September – Fri 2nd October, 10.00am – 4.00pm, The Big Education Centre

Australian Academy of Beauty and Spa Therapy: Open Nights
Bella Vista: Wed 26th August, 7.00pm
North Strathfield: Wed 26th August, 7.00pm
Chatswood: Tue 25th August, 7.00pm
Kogarah: Tue 25th August, 7.00pm
Learn more about the courses available by speaking to staff.
http://www.australianacademyofbeautytherapy.com/

St Patrick’s Institute of Education: 2016 Diploma Information Session
Sun 13th September, 11.00am – 1.00pm, Level 1, 65 York Street

**Other News**

**TSFX HSC Exam Revision Lectures**
Sat 19th September – Wed 30th September, The University of Sydney, Camperdown
Each lecture will review and then extend on knowledge taught at schools, demonstrate how examination questions are marked, how answers must be presented, and finally provide attendees with detailed course notes complete with model exam responses.
Lectures will be available on a number of HSC subjects.

**HSC in the Holidays: HSC September Workshops**
Mon 21st September – Fri 2nd October, Macquarie University, UTS Broadway, UOW Wollongong, UOW Southern Sydney, University of Newcastle
Learn about the most effective way to prepare fully for the final HSC exams, clarify course content, and work through potential HSC questions in small groups and with expert teachers.
Workshops are available in a number of HSC subjects.

**Sydney Dance Company: School Holiday Workshops**
Contemporary Lyrical: Mon 28th September – Tue 29th September
Jazz, Hip Hop, Theatre Jazz, JFH: Wed 30th September – Fri 2nd October
Sydney Dance Company, The Wharf, Pier 4, 15 Hickson Road, Dawes Point
http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/

**The Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize**
The Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize is presented each year to a student or students who have overcome significant hardship to attain academic excellence in their HSC. The recipient receives a grant, trophy and certificate.
Nominations can be made well before HSC results are released.
Contact: Maureen Stevens on (02) 9367 8309 or maureen.stevens@bostes.nsw.edu.au

**Post-School Expo for Students with Disabilities**
Thu 27th August, 11.00am – 4.00pm, South Sydney, The Juniors Leagues Club
An opportunity for school students and their family to meet a variety of service providers and discuss the options and assistance available post school.

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**Year 12 Save the Dates**

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**After Dark**

ALL AGES FLIP OUT PARTY FEATURING DJ KÄHTELLE
FRI 11 SEP 2015, 7pm-12am

- Ultraviolet face painting, games and prizes
- Access to the arena throughout the evening
- 2 slices of pizza and a bottle of water
- Passes (available in store only):
  - Flyers $35 (pre-event), $40 (at the door)
  - Non-flippers $20

Supervising parents enter for FREE. This is an alcohol and drug free event. Terms and conditions apply. See in store for details.
TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION

Get your teams ready NOW for the Twilight Netball Competition.

Competition starts
October 12 and finishes December 14

Played at the Rose Point Courts
Monday nights from 6pm.

Cost is $300 team registration.
Non registered players from the
2015 season also need to register,
$72 senior, $55 junior rego.

There will be a mixed competition offered to
11/12 year olds and 13/14 year olds if enough
interest is shown. Girls and boys must be 14
years and over to play senior mixed.

Register online through Netball NSW.

Team registration night is at the Clubhouse
on Wednesday September 9.

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1957.

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

Module one: A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

Module two: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: $140.

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:

www.saferdrivers.org.au

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more.

PCYC Singleton 25 High Street, Singleton, 2320 Ph: 02 65 721 653.
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Donations of second-hand uniforms would be greatly appreciated. All money raised is donated back to the school. Unfortunately we do not sell pre loved 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
Monday 8.30am till 11.00am and 3.30pm till 5.00 pm

Online orders
Place orders and pay online via the Singleton High School website and collect from the front office Tuesday to Friday.

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Menu

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

Garlic Bread
Sweet Chilli Subs $1.00
Salt and Vinegar Tenders each

(Not every day)

Daily Specials

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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
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- Smiths Chips $1.00
- Jumpy’s $1.00
- Grain Waves $1.00
- Twisties $1.00

Orders only

- Healthy Meal Deal $4.50
- Sandwich, juice and fruit
- Spag Bog $5.00
- Mac N Cheese $4.00

Sandwiches

- Chicken and Lettuce $4.00
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $4.00
- Egg and Lettuce $3.50
- Beef and Pickles $4.00
- Silverside $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
- Raisin Toast $0.50