Singleton Happenings

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OUR MISSION

To create a school environment where the co-operative effort of the parents, teachers and students working together to meet the needs of students as they strive to achieve their potential

School Fete

Singleton Primary school's bi-annual fete will be held on Sunday 23rd October.

So keep this date free for a family fun filled day.

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SINGLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Would like to welcome the Manning and Wickham families to our school.

Important Notice

School opens on Tuesday 26th July 2011 for staff and students. The office will be closed on Monday the 25th July 2011

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

ASSEMBLIES:
8th July 2011

WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL:
Yr 6-7 29th June and 6th July 2011

END OF TERM:
Friday 8th July 2011

START OF TERM 3:
Tuesday 26th July 2011

COMING ATTRACTIONS:
School Fete Sunday 23rd October 2011

Music Recital

Lost Property

LOST: Wednesday 29th June, A gold charm bracelet, has many charms on it including a Christmas tree, star, handbags, Virgo charm and many more. If found please return to the front office or call 0403 048 824

All lost property that have no names on them will be donated to the Singleton Op Shop at the end of term.

All uniforms will be placed into our 'second-hand' box.

A Word From Our Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers

The first semester is about to come to an end providing us with an opportunity to reflect on the year so far as well as enjoy a well deserved break. As always we have enjoyed great support from our parent community and a band of volunteers. Without this support much of what we do at Singleton just wouldn't happen. A very visible example is our Kitchen Garden program. Although this has been initiated through the efforts of Mrs Robinson and Mr Cousins, on the back of the work done by Mr McNear, Mrs Tucker and Mr Gardner to establish and maintain our Environmental Science program, its success has really been as a result of the engagement by parents and grand parents in volunteering their time and expertise to build what we now see. We all acknowledge the efforts of our parents and volunteers whether it be supporting classroom learning programs, sport, the Arts or Wakakirri. Without this support we would not be the school community we are.

SINGLETON HAPPENINGS

Stephanie Alexander Visit

We received some great news last week that Stephanie Alexander, whose Foundation provided the funding to support our Kitchen Garden program, will be visiting Singleton on Monday 1 August. This is exciting for our students and staff, and gives us a chance to show off what we have achieved so far. We are hopeful that our tipi will be erected by then giving our garden a centre piece that will be a unique focus for the program.

NAIDOC

We will be holding our NAIDOC Day celebration this Friday, commencing with an assembly conducted by Room T3. I know Mrs Buchanan, in consultation with staff, has a number of events happening during the day for the students to, not only enjoy, but also to learn more about the culture of Australia's original inhabitants. Mrs Marsh has also committed to the day by offering a special canteen menu commemorating the AFL and its commitment to the dreamtime concept.

Reports

Semester reports will be available to parents on Friday when they will be sent home with students. If you wish to pick them up in person, please arrange this with your child's teacher.

Moving Classes

Over the last two days of term a number of classes will be moving, commencing with the Kindy and Pre primary. Once they have vacated their classes Rooms T1, T2, T4, T6 and the Year 5 in the Music Room, will shift into the rooms made vacant. The new locations will be:

- Rooms 13, 14, 16, 17 & 18 will move into the new building.
- T1 (Mrs Krombas) to Room 13
- T2 (Mrs Heeney) to Room 14
- T4 (Mrs Rodgers) to T1
- T6 (Ms Gaskin) to T2
- Music Room (Ms Ennor) to T6
- Room 16 will remain vacant for the time being while I seek approval for the establishment of another kindy group to accommodate our waiting list.
- Rooms 17 &18 will remain vacant as we seek approval to run a before and after school day care program.

Parents of Kindy and Pre primary students will have the opportunity for an orientation tour of the new facility when we resume for Term 3. Your child's teacher will inform you of the logistics.

School Development Day

Monday 25 July is a designated school development day so school will be closed to students, who will return to school on Tuesday 26 July. The Office will be closed on the Monday as all staff are engaged in a program of familiarisation with significant aboriginal sites within the Peel Region, to better equip them with knowledge to enhance aboriginal studies curriculum across the school.

Staffing

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hatch who is resigning from her position for personal and family reasons. Mrs Hatch's commitment to the school and students during her time at Singleton has been tremendous and we all wish her well for the future. I am hopeful I will know her replacement by the end of the week so that I can inform the students and their parents before the commencement of the holidays.

I hope families have made some plans for the holidays that involves some quality time together. If you're travelling please take care, particularly by road. We want to see everyone back for the commencement of term three fit and healthy.

Regards
Bevan Ripp
Principal

You Can Do It! Education

Dear Parents / Carers,

In the last newsletter we asked that you take the time to talk to your child about the Foundation of Confidence. **Confidence means not being afraid of making mistakes and being willing to try things that you might not at first be very good at doing.**

Persistence

This week we would like you to discuss with your child how they can use '**Persistence**' during their day at school. We would like you to discuss the idea that in life (and school), "To achieve pleasant results in the long-term (good marks), you sometimes have to do unpleasant things in the short-term." You can pick an example from you own life or that of another person you both know to illustrate the idea that to be successful at things we do, we sometimes have to put off the fun activities until after we've put in the effort on activities that may not be so much fun. Have your child name one or two "unpleasant" things they have to do at school to get a good mark (for example, check their written work for mistakes).

When you catch your child trying hard, give lots of praise ("I like the way you did your work before having fun," or "You really tried hard!").

Kirsty Williams

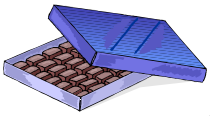
(You Can Do It! Co-ordinator.)

Thank You

A big 'Thank-you' goes out to Jason McGauley and the team at Coles Centro Mandurah for supporting the Wakakirri. They donated 77 enviro bags for our performance.

Pre-primary staff and students in Rm 14 would like to thank their Parent Helpers for their help this semester.

A special thanks to Ms Paxton for teaching us yoga, the D'Ambrosio and Robinson family and Noble family for their donation of books and Mr Noble for making speech re-sources for the school.



Primary School Bank Details

BSB: 016 745 ACC: 3408 78506

Please include student name and details of payment and then send an email to Gayle.Stevenson@det.wa.edu.au to notify.

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS 24/06/11

Room	Recipient
1	Shania Forth
2	Stephen Kay
3	Billy Hawker
4	Gabby Burke
5	Kaylee Wilkes
Music Room	Hayley Noble
7	Tayla Dunn
8	Brooke Luffrum
9	Bayley Manzoney
10	Lili-anne Allen
11	Sahara Zikmundovsky
	Alasdair Fleming
12	Amelie Hindes
15	Joshua Pearce
T1	Cameron Murdoch
T2	Noah Graham
T3	Jack Dance
T4	Ashles Lukins
T5	Cameron Fleming
T6	Natasha Saban
T7	Amelia Marshall
T8	Summer Lee Ryan
Library	Rm 23
Music	Rm24
Art	T5

Community Classifieds

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Singleton Primary School Ph;9537 3199

Port Kennedy Physiotherapy Centre

Gary Sheehan
Physiotherapist

Unit 2/1 Fielden Way Port Kennedy
Phone: 9524 6969
Fax: 9524 6559

Immunisation

If you're not sure what vaccinations your child has received, or you have misplaced your copy, you can get a copy of your child's immunisation record online.

Your child's immunisation history statement is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Medicare Australia's Online Services. You can register for Online Services at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online or at a Medicare office, or call 1800 653 809.

Important Health Notice

A student from our school has been diagnosed with Molluscum Ciontagiosum. It is a viral infection of the skin. It appears as small, pearl-shaped spots, which are whitish in colour. It is typically found in children. It is not a serious disease and usually clears up with in a few months. It can, however, last up to two years.

Advice: Avoid scratching because this may cause further infection. Do not share towels used on the infected area with other people. Wash your hands after touching the spots. Be patient—the condition will pass.

For further queries contact the HealthInfo on 1300 135 030.

Chaplains Bubble

Hi Everyone,

Can hardly believe it's the last week of term. I'm looking forward to the break.

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week and I thought of sharing a little bit of what I've learnt.

NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

Today, NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week in the first full week of July.

Since the holidays are around the corner I've looked up a couple of interesting places where I can take my own kids to discover a little more about the heritage and culture of this land and its people.

The first is the Berndt Museum of Anthropology situated in the grounds of the University of Western Australia. The website says that the museum provides an opportunity to examine a variety of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal artworks and cultural artifacts. The "Images of Aboriginal Australia" exhibition displays many intriguing paintings from the Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory and picturesque Kimberley region in the State's northwest. The website also states that you will have the opportunity to inspect an extensive photographic collection on the museums computerized database. Containing 15,000 photos it captures many aspects of the state's history.

The other good place to visit is the Perth Museum which has the '*Katta Djinoong*' Exhibition showcasing the history and culture of the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia from past to present. The exhibition focuses on issues identified as important by Aboriginal people - family, land and continuity between traditional and contemporary life. It also examines traditional Aboriginal hunting and gathering lifestyles in the four major cultural regions of the State – South-West, Desert, North West and Kimberley. *Katta Djinoong* also examines contemporary Aboriginal arts and crafts, and issues of ongoing importance from politics to success as sporting heroes. It also provides an opportunity for the Aboriginal peoples of this state to share their stories and for visitors to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of Western Australia's Aboriginal's peoples, their role in modern society, and their heritage and cultural values.

Hope you all have a wonderful school break.

Peace

Nicole