Great School ≈ Great Opportunities

Calendar

TERM 1

CRICKET CLINIC at Broke: Friday, March 20th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM: Monday, March 23rd

BOOT CAMP: Wednesday, March 25th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM: Monday, March 30th

FAMILY FEUD: Thursday, April 2nd

TERM 2

P&C MEETING: Thursday, April 23rd

SCHOOL ANZAC OBSERVANCE: Friday, April 24th

ENVIROMENTORS: Wednesday, April 29th

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM: Monday, May 4th

VARIETY BASH: Friday, May 22nd.

21st Century learning...

An integral part of learning in the 21st Century school is linked to out-of-school experiences. Our curriculum provides for a diverse range of excursions, in all subject areas. I try to expose our students to experiences similar to those from a bigger school, thus ensuring they enter High School confident in their own knowledge. The Cricket Clinic at Broke Public School on Friday will feature former Australian Test Cricket players, such as Greg Matthews, Terry Alderman, Peter Sleep and others. These men are proven achievers in their field and have more to offer our students than throwing a ball at a bat. These are men who have given of their best repeatedly, who have set high goals for themselves and achieved them, and they have learned to work collaboratively with others. These are skills that our students can take away from Friday’s excursion. They will probably be shown how to bat and bowl well, but the qualities of persistence and attention to detail will stand them in good stead, well into their adulthood. Therefore, I’m looking forward to every child in my class participating in this high profile event.

Regina

Hats in the Library! Lee and Montana shared a moment over a book during an interactive session in our School Library. Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students were treated to Lee’s entertaining storytelling and the message of reading for pleasure was reinforced in some fun activities.

- Respect - Organisation - Commitment - Kindness - Safety -
Lee and Natalie from Singleton Library visited last week, sharing all the Library has to offer in some fun learning activities. While Miss Ross’ class was dramatising stories about hats, students in Years 2-6 were in the computer lab exploring research websites. We appreciate the commitment by Singleton Library to interact with our students in a learning environment.
It’s been an exciting and exhausting week in K/1! With our boot camp continuing into next week, the students have come a long way and are now more confident with a range of fundamental movement skills. Our unit of work on the ANZAC Story in HSIE/History is coming to a close next week and the students have shown surprising knowledge and curiosity about the topic this term. We are continuing to improve our beginning reading skills and modelled and guided reading is always integrated into our lessons throughout the day. It is important to know that learning to read is a complex and sometimes frustrating process for your child. If you would like some ideas for assisting your child with reading at home, I am always happy to talk to you.

This week we took time out to participate in the CWA Cookery Competition. Like every cook on a daily basis we worried about how the butter would cream with the sugar, and whether we had prepared the pan well enough, and if the oven would be reliable — this one time! But it isn’t all about the cakes we produced; we participated in a community event. One that spans decades... And we have been learning about another community event, ANZAC Day. Our students occupy such a tiny spot on Australia’s timeline, and World War I didn’t take up a great deal of space either, but their very existence makes a difference to Australia’s history. Students have been asked to participate in a ceremony in Singleton on ANZAC Day, and I will send home that information next week.

Thank you to those families who have paid their Voluntary Contribution already. The $50 per child can be paid at the office for those outstanding. The Voluntary Contribution assists us in providing the “extras” in our day-to-day operations.

Minutes from the last meeting of the P&C are attached to this Newsletter. Some issues raised included:

- P&C members and volunteers are to complete a Working With Children Check
- The menu at the canteen is to be revised to come into line with Health/DEC guidelines

Thanks to those who have responded to our commitment to The Variety Bash. All offers of help on the day and donations are welcome.

Sarah Williams, Secretary.
If I had $1,000,000 ...

If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a horse and a big, big castle, and I would be a princess. Then I would get so many friends and we will go to the girl’s house. There is Shiane 1st, 2nd is Jayda, 3rd is Gracie and 4th is Aylah.

If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a little house with 20 hectares, a big motorbike track and horse stands. I would have lots of motor bikes and cars and dogs. Gus and I will become famous at Hungry Jacks for eating the McFeast, the biggest burger there. I will also work at a motorbike shop. I want to become a famous motorbike rider and I will be a fisherman on the coast.

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If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a house, an X-box and a computer. With my house: I would live in a big house with a pool. The reason I want a pool is that it gets hot all the time. Also, I will have a veranda. I would like to get an X-box so I could play all the games I like and have lots of fun. The games I like to play are Halo, Minecraft and Call of Duty. I would like a computer so I could get all the Minecarts in the world and it would be so much fun.

If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a big ship and lots of chairs. My ship would be a cruise ship and a holiday house for me. I’ll buy myself a pretty dress and some glass slippers with flowers on the side. I will also buy a white horse and get my hair done like Taylor Swift. I’ll wear one of her dresses and then I’ll go and see her at a concert. I’ll take her to my big ship and give her the fanciest room. I’ll make her a princess and give her a limo with a pretty cat that is white. I’ll give her a white poodle and I’ll sail away for three months, and then I’ll take her back.

If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a stretch limo. Then I would buy a beautiful and sparkly dress. I’ll go out for a royal dinner. On the next day I’ll go out for breakfast. I’ll go to the public pool, then I’ll go to the park with my friends.

If I had $1,000,000 I would buy a house and food. I would also let Mum, Dad, Georgie and Gypsie have some of my money so they can get what they need most. I would buy a house so I could have a nice place to live in and stay there forever. I would also have enough space just in case I have family stay the night. I would buy some food because I would need to have enough so I don’t run out. I would love to give money to my family because I can help them with anything like bills. A million dollars—WOW! - but I have to realise I have to spend it on stuff I need, not junk.

If I had $1,000,000 I would go to the bike shop and buy a bike. I would also buy a house because I think I would get sick of living with Mum and Dad. I would love a top-of-the-line car to go to place and go our with my friends. I would love a brand new bike, a five-star bike.

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If I had $1,000,000 I would save for a 25 metres swimming pool because I would be able to be active and I would have strong bones. I would pay some money to the homeless people and possibly build houses for them to be able to survive. I would be able to travel to Spain to see my family’s generations; where they grew up and what they visited. (Did you know that I am half-Spanish on my Mum’s side?)

As well as building houses for the homeless people I would send water and food over so they can eat and drink again. They don’t know really what it is like to eat because they haven’t eaten in a long time. I would also pay money so they could have a great education. I would also adopt some young children.

Singleton Netball Association is calling for girls turning 11 this year for our development squad. The squad is not selected.

Singleton Netball Association
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Phone: 6572 4551 Website: www.singletonnetball.com Email: singletonnetball@hotmail.com

Singleton Netball Association is calling for girls turning 11 this year for our development squad. The squad is not selected.

We train on Thursday nights from 5-6.30pm and attend 5 carnivals.

Girls develop their skills with qualified coaches. If you are interested you can either email the association on the above email or come to the netball courts this Thursday night and speak to our representative convener Abby Burden.

REGISTRATION
JERRYS PLAINS PUBLIC SCHOOL
FAMILY FEUD
Thursday, April 2nd, 2015
10.00am

Teams of 4 are invited to register to participate in this fun event.

Team Name: ________________________________

Team Member 1: ___________________________ Team Member 2: ___________________________

Team Member 3: ___________________________ Team Member 4: ___________________________

Team Registrations need to be in the hands of the Principal by the close of School Monday, March 30th.

PRIZES!

Sausage sizzle lunch!
What's happening in our community?

FAMILY FUN AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
Easter School Holidays 2015

Easter Fun Day
Saturday 4th April 9.30am - 1.00pm
Join the Easter Bunny for:
• Wetlands Adventures, • Craft & Face Painting, • Fun Games,
• Reptile Encounter, • BBQ.$5 Adults, $2 children under 12 (under 3 free)

School Holiday Activities
There’s lots to do, so come along and join in the fun
• Dipnetting, • Canoeing, • Bike Riding (bring your own bike or hire one),
• Playground, • Walking Trails, • Become a Wetlands Explorer (go in the draw for a weekly prize pack), • Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe.

Wetlands will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday
Book in for these activities on Wednesday 15th April
Bush Skills Adventure 8 to 12 yrs ($20 per child)
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, a bush damper & learn about useful bush skills too!
Wriggly Wetlanders 5 to 8 yrs ($20 per child)
Explore the wetlands, get creative and crafty with our fun wetland activities.

Bookings Essential - 4951 6466

SPECIAL EVENT
Fundraiser Movie Event - 2nd April
Get your friends together & join us at Glendale Events Cinema for the premiere of
The Spongebob Movie Sponge Out of Water 3D.
All tickets $12. Entertainment from 5.30pm movie starts at 6.30pm.
Tickets from www.stickytickets.com.au

Friday Cake Raffle… Bring 50 cents for a ticket Tomorrow!

Friday, March 20th
Julie Elbourn
Friday, March 27th
Julie Elbourn
Friday, April 3rd
TERM 2
GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, May 1st
Friday, May 8th

Please leave your name with the Office if you can help with this Roster in Term 2. Funds raised go to the Student Representative Council.

Facts about the Dairy Industry
Throughout life, bones are constantly changing in both size and shape.
Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.

safeTALK
Suicide Prevention Awareness Program

LivingWorks safeTALK is a half-day presentation to increase suicide awareness.
This program alerts community members to signs that a person may be considering suicide. It acknowledges that while most people in risk of suicide signal their distress and invite help, these intervention opportunities are often overlooked.
safeTALK participants learn to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and to respond in ways that link them with further suicide intervention help. Suicide alert helps contribute to a suicide safer community. It is intended that safeTALK participants will be better prepared to:
• Recognize that invitations to help are often overlooked
• Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss and avoid conversations around suicide
• Notice and respond to situations in which thoughts of suicide may be present
• Apply basic TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe)
• Connect the person with thoughts of suicide to suicide first aid and further community resources

Suicide alert community members are better prepared to become a vital link in connecting people at risk with further help.
safeTALK is designed to complement the LivingWorks ASIST workshop (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). The program shares the same beliefs about suicide and preventing suicide. However, each presentation has a specific role.

safeTALK for SEASONS for GROWTH
Cost: dates and venues:
1 April 10:45-13:00
Toodyay, Roman Catholic Diocese
841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
24 April 9:00-12:30
Woodberry Family Centre
11-13 Lavina Ave, Woodberry
5 May 10:00-13:00
St Mary’s High School Library
Pacific Highway, Gateshead
21 May 10:00-13:00
Edgeworth Heights Primary School
Library, Crest Avenue, Edgeworth
12 June 9:00-12:30
Singleton Heights Public School
Donnerman Drive, Singleton
Cost: Gold coin donation appreciated
Registration:
Companions must register at www.goonparg.org.au
All other participants please phone
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For further information contact Dr June Anderson
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www.lifelinehunter.org.au

Canteen!! Please have orders and payment at School by Tuesday each week.

Friday, March 20th
Cherona Mullane
Friday, March 27th
Nat Young
Friday, April 3rd
GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 24th
Friday, May 1st
Kylie Peel
Friday, May 8th
Robyn Cramp