Every year we stand in a field, usually in bitter cold, and cheer, encourage and cajole our little people to “have a go” and put in their best effort. At the Small Schools Athletics Carnival in Singleton yesterday our School was admirably represented by families and friends, and our students were enthusiastic participants. Thanks to those supporters of our School who braved the cold and reinforced our overarching values: Respect, Organisation, Commitment, Kindness and Safety. Our little people follow the examples that we set and those who were involved in the Athletics Carnival in any way yesterday were models worth emulating.

Ready4School began yesterday as well, and seven smiling pre-schoolers stepped onto the road to Kindergarten. Our comprehensive transition to school program is developmentally appropriate, incorporating the Early Years Learning Framework and the Department of Education’s prior-to-school guidelines. Our little people spend the day learning the fundamentals of pre-reading, pre-writing and early numeracy in a play-based program. They also have the opportunity to play with and integrate with our Kindergarten and Year 1 students. This type of introduction to formal schooling has been proven to prepare children socially, emotionally and academically – and it’s a lot of fun!

Regina
We like to read and write...
Each week our little people will participate in play activities that encourage the development of reading and writing skills. Some special work will go home each week and Miss Ross and Miss Maher will be collecting work for individual portfolios.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
In line with our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus, we teach our students about personal hygiene and taking care of their bodies. Miss Ross will be teaching Kindergarten to Year 2 about the importance of washing hands, brushing teeth, combing hair and blowing noses. I will talk with Years 3-6 about caring for our bodies to ensure we remain strong and healthy. Our emotions and how we handle them will also be a component of my lessons. Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child participating in these sessions.
Jump Rope for Heart and family picnic

Pop into the office to see more photos of our fun last day of term!
**K/1 Corner**

What an exciting first week back! Congratulations to all of our students who took part in the small schools athletics carnival on Wednesday! We were finally able to show off all of the very valuable skills we’ve been learning in athletics this year. Wednesday was also the first day of our 2015 Ready 4 School Program which is a comprehensive transition program for the little people who will be coming in to Kindergarten in 2016. The program targets many of the essential skills that allow young people to have a positive start at school both socially and academically. We had a sensational first day and jumped eagerly into learning! Term 3 is going to be a busy one so make sure you read the newsletter and feel free to contact us at school if you have any questions or concerns.

**INTENTION TO VISIT COOLMORE**

I, .................................................................................................. intend to visit Coolmore on Monday, August 24th.

My child/children ........................................................................................................... will be accompanying me.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................

**Melbourne Cup 2015**

Coolmore will be hosting the Emirates Melbourne Cup and our community has been invited to visit on Monday, August 24th. Parents who would like their children to participate in this experience will need to transport them to Coolmore, and remain to bring them back to School. Guests are asked to be at Coolmore by 9.30am, and they will be taken on a tour of the facility after viewing the Melbourne Cup. Singleton Council, who is sponsoring the event, requires numbers of those who will be attending, students and their accompanying adults, by Friday, July 24th. Please complete the form below and return to School immediately.

**CANTEEN: begins Friday, July 24th**

Orders and payment to be at school by Tuesday.

**Years 2—6**

Our symbol to the left is about making connections and, in our lesson, we work at connecting what we know with what we need to know. All our learning is influenced by our experiences and the knowledge we hold. This term we will continue with our Maths Text Book and, in English, our focus text is “Meet... Ned Kelly”. This text is a narrative poem so don’t be surprised if your children begin speaking in rhyme! In Science, Miss Em will be exploring all facets of weather, a very timely topic. In Visual Arts we will be giving our Picasso Cow a new look, with the focus being our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Another term of real learning coming up!

**Years 3—6 Hill End Excursion**

Hill End Excursion: payment of the deposit of $100 needs to be done to ensure that our place in the excursion program is ensured. Please contact me if there are difficulties in meeting this commitment.
SMART Science Show – coming soon!

The SMART team are really excited to be bringing amazing science to your school. Be prepared to be inspired by our interactive science shows! With the generous sponsorship of Coal and Allied the SMART team from the University of Newcastle will be coming to WOW you with one of our interactive science shows on Friday, August 7th.

Brought to you by Coal and Allied and the University of Newcastle.

IMPORTANT: Permission to participate in all school events is mandatory. Please check that you have completed, signed and returned notes for the upcoming events.

It’s back! Woolworths Earn & Learn starts on Wednesday 15th July.

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

LOOK FOR THE JERRYS PLAINS BOX AT WOOLIES IN SINGLETON!
Facts about the Dairy Industry

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