Great School = Great Opportunities

Thursday, August 20th, 2015

Calendar
Term 3

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN LESSONS: Monday, August 24th

Ready4School:
Wednesday, August 26th

MAKE-A-MOVIE WEEKEND: August 29th, 30th

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
August 31st

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STAGE 2/3 EXCURSION: September 2, 3 and 4.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: Friday, September 11th.

ADVANCE NOTICE LEARN TO SWIM: October 12th-16th

PRESENTATION NIGHT: Tuesday, December 8th.

How lucky are we? Our very own Miss Maher is Singleton Representative Coach for Netball NSW and she works with our keen kids on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunch time. Our students are learning fundamental ball skills, but also how to work as a team, regardless of their age and height!

A really important cog in the machinery of our planning systems is the note that goes home. Most weeks your child will bring a note home from School, or there will be a note included in the Newsletter. Whilst, sometimes, it can be a nuisance to round up all the pieces of paper, all notes that I send home must be replied and returned. I have an accountability around seeking information and permission and ensuring that it is on record. The records we keep are subject to audit. So, many thanks to those families who always get notes back on time; makes my and Mrs Morrison’s job easier.

On the subject of notes: our annual Learn to Swim week has been scheduled for Week 2 of Term 4. A note will go home in a few weeks to ensure that all students are able to take advantage of the facilities and qualified instructors offered by Singleton Swim and Gym.

You will notice that Community Conversations are on again. At this informal session our School Plan will be under scrutiny. If you missed your copy of our Plan please call at the office and collect one.

Regina
In our Ready4School program fundamental motor skills are targeted through fun activities. Fine motor skills are used to colour and cut the mask, and each child’s creative personality is demonstrated in their decoration of their work. Gross motor skills are exercised in song and dance activities, as well as games in the playground and on the equipment. Our aim is to promote quality learning through fun and play.

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Facts about the Dairy Industry
Did you know;
Cows use their tongues to twist the grass up from the ground.
Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.
K/1 Corner

This week in K1 we have been incorporating collaborative learning into all of our classroom tasks. Working with a partner and working in small groups during tasks helps give young people the knowledge and skills they will need to be good team members later. Within our literacy groups we have been working well on developing reading skills with sight word games and activities and guided reading. We have had a very exciting time preparing for book week, making lots of different ‘Under the Sea’ creatures to hang in the library. The K1 class have had a wonderful time exploring all of the brand new books available this year!

Thank you, Variety!

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Making Connections

When we finish each focus text in our literacy sessions students complete an assessment task to demonstrate their understanding of all aspects of the story. “Meet...Ned Kelly” has been a popular text and has evoked strong feelings in most students. Next term we will be moving onto a text that was written by a woman born in Japan, survived the atomic bomb of Hiroshima, and migrated to Australia. It’s a folk tale titled “A Piece of Straw” and students will learn about the rewards of generosity and compassion. Year 6 students will be having some more time at Singleton High School next term; when I have firm details I’ll let you know.

Friday Cake Raffle…
50 cents a ticket to support Student Representative Council.

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Canteen!!
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Book Fair 2015 ... Students visited our Book Fair this week to compile a “wish list”. From that list a book was selected for presentation at the end of the year. Families have the opportunity to purchase any of the books chosen by their children and commission is granted to the School, and we add to our own Library stocks.

Projected enrolments: From time to time we are called upon to provide information relating to projected enrolments. Please indicate below any children you know who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in the given years. Children can enrol in Kindergarten if they turn 5 before July 31st of that year.

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This is in no way a commitment but will help the Department of Education in its long-range planning. Please return the information to School as soon as possible.

Singleton District Junior Cricket Association

President
Luke Knight
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0455 156551

WHERE: Gowrie Street Mall

COST: Under 13s and under 16s $110

Under 16s and 13s play Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm
Season starts 9th of October.

T20 Blast $110
7-11 year olds

T20 Blast Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm
Starting 9th of October only runs for 8 weeks

2015-2016 Cricket Registrations

Thursday 20th August 3pm-6pm
Friday 21st August 3pm-6pm
Friday 4th September 3pm-6pm
Saturday 5th September 9am-1pm