Wednesday, February 3rd

Calendar

Term 1

P&C CANTEEN: Friday, February 5th.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Friday, February 5th.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM LESSONS BEGIN: Monday, February 8th.

Ready4School
Wednesday, February 10th.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT: Thursday, February 11th.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Friday, February 12th.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM LESSONS: Monday, February 15th.

Ready4School
Wednesday, February 17th.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT: Thursday, February 18th.

The start of a school year is always hectic... it would be nice to have a slow, calm start—and that is always my aim—but it never happens! I'm happy to say that our little people are flexible, and while we're all learning rules and routines, it's great to see the "old hands" eager to ensure that our younger students get it right.

Each fortnight (even week) we will have a Positive Behaviour for Learning focus that will be promoted through the Newsletter as well as in PBL lessons. Our first PBL focus is: Listen to the teacher. While it might seem a fundamental skill, many children do not listen attentively. We will be teaching them to look at the speaker, ready their minds and bodies for instructions by keeping still, and then working out how to respond appropriately. The majority of our students do not stay still to listen and are often planning their response before they hear the complete instruction.

This will be an important tool to ensure effective learning, so I encourage you to reinforce this, and the other PBL focus skills we will be promoting, outside of school.

Next week, Week 3, Miss Ross will be conducting Best Start, the standardised assessment connected to a child's readiness for Kindergarten learning. The happy, smiling faces of our Kindy students confirm that our crew is ready!

Regina
**Years 3–6**

**Making Connections**

It is taking us a while to get back into our routines, and it’s hard to work by the clock, but we’re slowly getting there... The weekly lists are based on each student’s assessed spelling age and focus on the skills and decoding strategies they have learned. Daily reading and writing of the words will help students become proficient in their use in independent writing. I am introducing activities where students will be spelling words out loud as well, to help reinforce the knowledge. Every Friday, students will be tested on their word lists, and they will also have a dictation test to see if they can spell the words in context.

**P.B.L. FOCUS**

LISTEN TO THE TEACHER

- Bodies still
- Look at the person speaking
- Wait for your turn to speak

**SPOTLIGHT ON P&C**

It’s important to the wellbeing of our school to have a strong parent body. Our Parents and Citizens’ Association supports the school in all areas and it provides a platform for meaningful discussion. Please come along to our **Annual General Meeting**

on Friday, February 5th

- P&C Canteen begins on Friday, February 5th. Orders and money must be at school by Thursday.

**Friday Cake Raffle...**

50 cents a ticket to support our Leadership Team.

- Friday, February 5th
- Friday, February 12th
  - NO CAKE RAFFLE
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival
- Friday, February 19th
- Friday, December 26th

**Canteen!!**

Please have orders and payment at School by Thursday each week.

- Friday, February 5th
  - NO CANTEEN
- Friday, December 26th

**K/2 Corner**

Well we have officially kicked off 2016! Our new Kindergarten students are settling in well and have quickly picked up our classroom and playground routines. This week they have begun the process of learning their sounds though the Jolly Phonics program and they will be participating in the Best Start Assessment on Friday. Years 1 and 2 and have also jumped back into the school routines quickly and are eager to continue their learning this year. Homework has gone home this week and is due back on Friday. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any issues or concerns regarding your child. Welcome Back
Holiday Birthdays!

Best wishes to Briony, Jarrod, Heath and Dakoda, who celebrated birthdays during the holidays. Briony is now 7, Jarrod turned 12, Heath and Dakoda are now 8. Congratulations!

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.

Ann Landers

Focus ingredient for cooking lessons in Term 1 will be eggs. If you have eggs you would be happy to donate please drop them in to the office. We are grateful for your support.

Registration is now open for the 2016 rugby season and the club would like to invite all interested players to register online or attend one of our registration days at the Cook Park club house canteen.

New players to the club will need to provide birth certificates at registration and fees for all player registrations must be received by the club before commencing training.

Fees; 1st child $100, 2nd child $80, 3rd child $70 (which includes socks and shorts)

Registration Days
Tues 9th Feb 4-6pm, Sat 13th Feb 10am -12pm, Thurs 25th Feb 4-6pm.

To register online or for more information, please head to the club website; http://www.singletonjuniorrugbyleague.leaguenet.com.au or email the club secretary on singeltonjrl@yahoo.com.au
1. Play games together (number games, card games, board games, dice games, computer games).

2. Use the language of mathematics - words like 'under', 'over', 'bigger', 'smaller' when your child is young or 'prism', 'pyramid', 'cone' when your child is older.

3. Discuss the mathematics your child is learning at school. Ask your child to explain what they have learnt and how they can use the ideas.

4. Show your child the mathematics that people use every day - for example, in an Australian Rules football game you need to count in sixes for goals and ones for behinds.

5. Show your child the mathematics that you use every day - for example, in the kitchen you measure ingredients or use a timer.

6. Show your child the mathematics that is all around them, such as money, maps, distances, patterns, time.

7. Solve mathematical problems with your child, discussing and comparing different strategies. Remember that there may be several ways to solve the same problem.

8. Encourage your child to try different strategies when solving problems, including the use of diagrams, and to check solutions for accuracy.

9. Provide opportunities for your child to investigate mathematical ideas such as estimating; probability; 2D and 3D.

10. Use technology, including calculators and computers, to solve problems, and graphics programs to create shapes.
STUDENT INFORMATION / CONSENT FORMS
General information forms relating to minor walking excursions outside of school grounds, Scripture, Emergency Services, permission for photographs, etc have been distributed to every child on a pink note. Please return the forms as soon as possible. It is a Department of Education requirement that school information is updated each year.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION
Sometimes it will be necessary for your child to have prescribed medication administered whilst they are at school. You need to complete and sign an “Administering Prescribed Medication” consent form and lodge it at the office before we can give medication. Under no circumstances will we give a student medication that is not prescribed by a Medical Practitioner.

ANNUAL SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Friday, February 12th, 2016
at Singleton Swim and Gym

This annual event is a coming together of Broke, Mount Pleasant, Kirkton and Milbrodale Public Schools, with us, to represent our individual schools and encourage the efforts of participants.

Parents are asked to organise their own transport for their child to and from the carnival.
All staff will be at the pool on this day (There will be no staff at school).

Events commence at 9.30am sharp! Conclusion approximately 2.30pm

We have been advised by Singleton Gym and Swim that they are currently undergoing renovations so the following applies:
- Car parking as usual in the designated areas
- Entry to the pool will by via the back of the Bowling centre - please have correct money if possible $3 for competitors $2 for spectators
- Hot food will NOT be available - only drinks, packet chips etc will be available -

When students attend school-based events they are under the care and responsibility of the School. Our school will occupy an area for supervision and students will not be allowed out of that area without the permission of the teacher. they should bring their own fruit, food for recess and lunch, and a bottle of water (no cordial or juice), hat and sunscreen.

______________________________

Annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival

I consent to my child/children ________________________________ attending the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Singleton Swim & Gym, on Friday, February 12th.

I understand that I need to get my child/ren to and from the carnival on the day.

In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining on my behalf such medical assistance as my child may require.

As a DET requirement, please indicate below whether your child is a:

☐ Competitive swimmer
☐ Non swimmer = novelty events

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Facts about the Dairy Industry

Did you know;

- You can lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs. Cows' knees can't bend properly to walk downstairs.

Sponsored by the Gee Partnership. Local family proudly producing quality milk.