Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Coal and Allied Visit
We had a visit from Coal and Allied this week to give Amalie a small gift to go with her winning the Citizenship Award at the end of last year. Our visitors were also very pleased with our trophy for most improved as they sponsored the swimming program last year.

Argus
A reporter from the Argus came out to visit to take some photos of Amalie with her citizenship award and Chanel for our new kinder enrolment. Please keep an eye out in the paper for these photos.

Coal Festival
On 14th March there will be a Community Day for the Coal Festival happening in Singleton at Singleton Civic Centre from 10am-4pm. There will be many activities including face painting, entertainment, markets, food and fun. There will also be tours of various mines surrounding Singleton. A program of events will be attached to this newsletter. There is an opportunity for the students to be involved in the games on the day.

If you think you and your family will be attending this day can you please let me know so that I can organize a team for the tunnel ball event, we would need 6 students committed to the event on the day?

Cross Country
We will be travelling to a property at Broke to participate in the Cross Country again this year. Please find a permission note attached to this newsletter with further details.

Harmony Day
Due to a clash with other events we have had to change the date of the Harmony Day at Broke to Friday 6th March. There will be a note with further details attached to the newsletter.

Art and Craft
The students have been learning a lot of new art techniques with Miss Pickles this term. They are learning to make, create and appreciate art. This is an important part of our curriculum and creates opportunities for learning through different means. Please talk to your children about the importance of a well-balanced education which includes many more aspects as well as reading and mathematics.

Self-portraits with Miss Pickles

Regards
Kristen Kime

School Calendar

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Canteen

Please let Margaret or Narelle know if you can help out in Term 1.

Normal hours for the Canteen are from 9.30am to 11.40am.

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P&C News

The next P&C Meeting is to be advised.

Due to this year’s Tuff Trucks being held in the school holidays, therefore being a lack of volunteers, the organisers have been advised we are unable to help with support this year.

If you are unable to do canteen on your rostered day, please try and arrange someone to take your place or contact Narelle on 6579 4649 (before 8.00am)
Art with Miss Pickles
Self-Portraits
From the NSW Department of Education and Communities:

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership)

When older kids struggle with reading

**Saturday, March 14**

Hunter Mining Show: Singleton Civic Centre, Singleton, 10 am-4 pm

Community Day, Singleton Civic Park, 10 am-10 pm, incorporating FREE music, rides, face painting, entertainment markets, food and fun for the entire family, including:

- 11.15 am: Welcome to Country
- 11.30 am: Introduction to the Community Day from Big Brother host Mike Goldman (emcee of the event)
- 11.45: Simulated mine rescue, featuring Mines Rescue and Westpac Rescue Helicopter evacuation
- 12 noon: Indigenous concert, including dancers
- 1 pm: Kids Concert, featuring Little Scallywagz, Peppa Pig & George, plus free rides, face painting and kids music in kids' corner
- 1.30 pm: Paul Bennet Air Show
- 1.30 pm: Coal and Spoon races for the kids
- 2 pm: Coal Shovelling competition
- 2 pm: Tug of War competition, Singleton Civic Centre
- 2.30 pm: JC Action Sports Freestyle motorcross
- 4 pm on: All-Ages Concert: an evening of great music featuring country rock, original blues, including soft-rockers Shaka, country rock stars Rob Wilson and Richard Ball and The Voice’s Sarah de Bono
- 8 pm: Fireworks

**Tours**

- Mines Rescue mine simulator tours (1 pm, 1.30 pm, 2 pm, 2.30 pm)
- Mount Thorley/Warkworth Open Day (from 10 am)
- Rix's Creek Rehabilitation Program Mine Tour (from 10 am).

**All-day happenings**

- Free rides
- Face painting
- Stiltwalkers
- Balloon twisters
- Upper Hunter Conservatory of Music performances for younger children
- Food, produce and market stalls
- Coal & Allied interactive mine for kids (very hands on)

Variety Pit-to-Port Car Rally, Hunter's historical mine sites to the Port of Newcastle and return
COMMUNITY IDEAS BBQ

In 2014, we asked for your feedback on the great and not-so-great things about Singleton Heights. We also asked for any suggestions you had for improvements, activities or events. This info was gathered and used to create a five year Singleton Place Making strategy. Now, with the help of the community we want to get stuck into the ‘doing’ phase, and help improve your places and spaces in Singleton Heights!

Join us for a free BBQ and some ideas generating!

Where: Alroy Park, just outside the Singleton Heights Sports Centre.

When: Monday March 9, drop in anytime between 3.00– 6.00pm

For more information please email placemaking@singleton.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 6571 5888.

This Place Making in Singleton project is proudly brought to you by Singleton Council, in partnership with Coal & Allied, through its Community Development Fund.