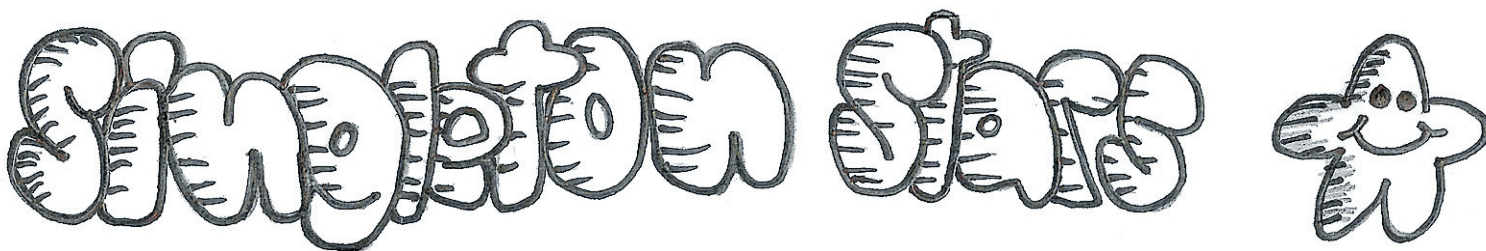


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Mrs Fleming at school, passed away late last year.

## Remember our teacher Mrs Fleming

By COEL MULREADY, WILLIAM HALL and JOEL FURNISS

MRS Fleming was a much-loved mother, wife, grandmother, friend and teacher. Sadly for us all, she died from a suspected heart attack on Christmas Day aged just 53.

Mrs Fleming had been a wonderful teacher and mentor at Singleton Heights Public School since 2012.

She was known for her sense of humour and love of coffee. Every morning she arrived with a take-away cappuccino and a couple more were bought from the shop across the road throughout the day.

She ran many programs including chess club, Tournament of Minds, the newspaper group, soccer, public speaking and debating. She particularly enjoyed chess with her pupils. She was the assistant principal and was loved by the school community.

In the wider community Mrs Fleming was heavily involved with football and soccer clubs and was a highly respected member of the Anglican Parish of Rutherford/ Telarah where she established chess and craft groups to young parishioners.

Mrs Fleming is survived by a loving family: her husband Bob and children Michael, Kate Patrick, Ellen, Bridget and a treasured grandson Caleb.

Her funeral in Maitland was attended by many staff and children from Singleton Heights Public.

# Positive playgrounds

By BELLA AVERY and IZZI SPEECHLY

SINGLETON Heights Public School is continuing with a wonderful program called Positive Playground, which was begun by Mrs Norris, Mrs Faustini and Miss Rutherford, three valued teachers at Singleton Heights Public School.

This involves fun and entertaining activities for younger students at lunchtime. This program has been running for roughly eight years now, and the year 6 students are really enjoying helping younger kids make new friends and have fun in our lunchtimes. There are various jobs for the year 6 students to take part in, which include:

- "Supervisors" – when two people make sure that everyone can make it to their job/duty, and then at lunchtime they walk around making sure that everyone's activities are running smoothly.

- "K-2 games" is when you run games such as tenpin bowling or skipping, for kids in area A.

- "24 sport" is when you run sport games such as soccer or touch football for kids in area D.

- "Help desk" is when you put out blocks, car mats, a tea set and other mats and games for little kids to play with. You also write down the names of little children who would like to borrow a car or pony



Isabella Speechley setting up equipment.

*Kolisha:* The bouncy balls at K-2 games!

**What do you like about that activity?**

*Indica:* I like it because it's fun!

*Hailey:* I like it because it's fun when I go down the slide!

*Bethany:* I like it because I can wave it around and be crazy!

*Kolisha:* I like it because it's fun!

**Do you think year 6 does a good job? Why or why not?** *Indica:* Yes! Because they are funny!

*Hailey:* Year 6 does a very good job because they are nice!

*Bethany:* Yes! Because they have lots of games ready to play with us! *Kolisha:* Yes! Because they are nice!

In continuing the Positive Playground Program, year 6 has created a cheerful playground where children are occupied with fun activities, and are not bored during lunch. Stopping fights, disagreements and unhappiness between younger kids at lunchtime is positive.

to make sure that they return it.

- "Music Station" is when you play music on the school boom box and encourage younger kids to dance and have fun.

Bella's kinder buddies enjoy Positive Playground a lot, and so do their kinder friends. Bella's buddy Eva often plays with the tea set, and Bella's other buddy Kolisha enjoys listening to music that comes from the school boom box. Izzi's buddy

Pippa enjoys K-2 games; it helps her make new friends and get active during lunchtime.

We interviewed a few girls in Kindergarten and this is what they said:

**What is your favourite Positive Playground activity?**

*Indica:* Skipping at K-2 games!

*Hailey:* The slide at K-2 games!

*Bethany:* The parachute at K-2 games!

## Student a world figure in archery

By FLETCHER KING and ASHLEY ANDERSON

SINGLETON Heights student, Jamie Hatch is a leading figure for his age group in the sport of archery. He is ranked first in Australia and seventh in the world. He has won many trophies.

Not surprisingly his father Matthew Hatch was an Olympian in archery. Jamie became interested in competing when he accompan-

ied his father to many events. Now his whole family, including Jamie's mother and sister, also compete.

Jamie said archery has made him very fit. It had also improved his strength. He has travelled to many places seeing many interesting things. Jamie has also made many new friends through competing. It has also given

the Hatch family quality time together.

Archery is the skill of using a bow to propel arrows. Historically archery has been used for hunting and combat. In modern times it is mainly a competitive sport and recreational hobby. A person who participates in archery is called an archer or a bowman. An expert at archery is called a toxophile.

Jamie Hatch, a student at Singleton Heights Public, is ranked seventh on the world for archers his age.



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