IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7
Wednesday March 12th
Young Teen Talk (Year 5 & 6) at Singleton Library

Week 8
Wednesday March 19th
Year 6 Transition Day @ Singleton High School
Thursday March 20th
Cross Country at Fernance’s property
Friday March 21st
Seniors Day Performance at Broke Hall

Week 9
Tuesday March 25th
12.30pm-1.00pm BBQ lunch, come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle with the students and community members.
1.00pm-1.45pm Cricket Match
Students v’s Parents/Community
1.45pm-3.00pm Assembly
Friday March 28th
Zone Cross Country

Week 10
Wednesday April 2nd
P&C Meeting 3:10pm, Koala’s classroom

Week 10
Friday April 11th
Last day of term

Nut Free Zone
Our School is a nut free zone. We have several students with life threatening allergies. Some of our students have recently brought nutella & peanut butter to school.
Please be careful not to send food to school that contain nuts. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Working Bee
There will be a working bee on Tuesday 11th and Friday 14th March after school to weed and tidy up the front gardens. Please come along with some gardening gloves, garden tools and some muscles to help tidy up the front gardens. This really is a case of “many hands make light work!”

Naplan
Parents of students in Years 3 & 5, please find a letter attached explaining NAPLAN and dates for 2014.

Bunnings BBQ
Sunday 16th March
If you are able to help out, even for just an hour, at the Bunnings BBQ please see Jodie Green or give her a call on 0488794519.

P&C
Thankyou to the parents who came to yesterday’s P&C meeting, it was great to see some new faces. There were a lot of great ideas discussed and I look forward to the year ahead as we support our great school.
Our meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of every month.
Next meeting: Wednesday April 2nd 3:10pm
Jodie Green
P&C President
School Vineyard
The P&C would like some suggestions for the school vineyard. Some parents would like to remove some of or all of the vines. Currently there is no maintenance program for the vineyard. The grapes go to waste and for safety reasons the students are not allowed to play in the area. If you have any suggestions for what could be put in this area of the playground, could you please talk to one of the members of the P&C.

P&C & Year 6 DISCO
Friday 2nd May
Broke Community Hall
6pm-9pm
More information coming later in the term.

Snow Camp
Thank you to the students who have returned their Expression of Interests for the Snow Camp. Now that we have final numbers we have determined the cost of the camp to be $300 per student. Please feel free to make payments by instalments if this helps with budgeting. Final payments will be due by the end of Week 1 Term 3, Friday 17th July.

Raw Art
Tuesday 11th March
K-2  9.30am – 11.00am
2-6  11.45am- 1.15pm

Young Teen Talk
Students in years 5 & 6 have been invited to attend the Young Teen Talk at Singleton PCYC on Wednesday 12th March. Please return permission notes and payments ASAP. Parents are welcome to attend and pay their entry at the door.

Year 6 High School Visit
Year 6 will experience their first taste of High School on Wednesday 19th March. They are permitted to wear their Year 6 t-shirts. More information will sent home as it is released from the High School.

Premiers Debating Day
Eight students from the Wallabies attended the Premiers Debating Day at Singleton Heights Public School on Tuesday. They were entertained by the presenters and learnt about the basics of how to prepare for a debate. An exciting and fun filled way to learn the art of delivering a persuasive argument.
In the words of the trainer:
Reef:  ‘Flawless Debator’
Ruby:  ‘Brilliant, just be conscious of your order of arguments’
Sia:  ‘Rocking explanations’
Rose:  ‘Quiet Genius’
Kayla:  ‘Absolutely Brilliant’
Murray:  ‘Very close to perfect’
Zinc:  ‘Perfect rebuttals and arguments, but needs to be more assertive’
Andy:  ‘Great arguments; need to be more forceful’

Cross country
Our Cross Country day has been moved to Thursday 20th March at the Fernance property. Thanks for being so flexible and accommodating Sam!
Staff Development Day
Staff from Milbrodale, Jerrys Plains, Mt Pleasant and Broke will be meeting on Saturday 8th March at Broke to complete essential training in Child Protection, Code of Conduct, Anaphylaxis, Asthma and eCare awareness.
This day is one of our SDD from the end of the year which we have been able to bring forward. Therefore finishing one day early in Term 4.

Friday 21st March
Senior Citizens Day
All students will walk to the Broke Hall to entertain the Senior Citizens. Students will perform a number of items which they have been learning this year.
The P&C will be holding a cake stall at his event and ask for donations of wrapped cakes & slices to be dropped into the office on the morning of March 21st. Please list ALL ingredients on each product.

Wallabies
Years 4, 5 & 6 students are asked to bring a botanical specimen into class next Thursday. It can be a flower or a piece of a plant.

Library
We already have overdue books at the library. Overdue notices are attached to today’s newsletter for those students.
Please remember your library bag every Wednesday and to return borrowed books.
REMEMBER.......NO BAG NO BORROWING.

Tuesday 25th March
Harmony Day and Pink Stump Day
Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.
Pink Stump Day is a day we are raising money for the McGrath foundation. The McGrath Foundation raises money to place McGrath Brest Care nurses in communities across Australia to assist families cope with the stress and anxiety associated with breast cancer.
This year are going to combine these 2 events with a celebration.
12.30pm-1.00pm BBQ lunch, come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle with the students and community members.
1.00pm-1.45pm Cricket Match Students v’s Parents/Community members
1.45pm-3.00pm Assembly
Please wear Pink &/or Orange. (Pink for Breast Cancer and Orange for Harmony Day)
Class News

**Bilbies**
This week in the Bilbies class we have been working hard on learning new sight words and writing them in sentences. In cogs we conducted an experiment to investigate what energy forces are applied to a ball when it bounces. The students dropped 4 different balls from 3 heights and measured the height of each bounce. We then recorded our data in a table and began to draw conclusions from the results.

*Miss Cunningham*

**Koalas**
This week in the Koala’s classroom we have been working hard on addition, subtraction and place value. In COG’s we have all worked together on ‘understanding each other & getting along’.

We had a very special visitor for news this week, Leo’s mum Kelly came with their pet baby Wallaby, “B B”.

Thank You Kelly & Leo.

*Mr Gilmour-Walsh*

**Wallabies**
The students had a great week with Miss Pickles last week.

In COGs, we are continuing with our studies of the Industrial Revolution in Britain and its impact on Australian Colonisation. This is a lengthy unit and will continue throughout Term 1 & 2.

In maths, we are learning about 2D shapes and Multiplication and division. Students are working well in English and most are completing their homework each week. They need to remember to practice Look, Cover, Write & Check when doing their spelling words rather than just copying their words.

*Mrs Nott*
Weekly Award Winners

Principals Awards
Bilbies
Ally for working hard in Jolly Phonics
Koalas
Emily C for working hard in all activities
Wallabies
Sia for working hard all week

Student of the Week
Bilbies
Jacob for a more focused approach to his learning
Koalas
Bethany for excellent work in spelling
Wallabies
Zarlie for completing all her work

Merit Certificate
Bilbies
Kye for an excellent effort in class this week
Koalas
Justin for being a great role model
Wallabies
Ayeisha for being a wonderful student and working to the best of her ability

Playground Ethics Award
Nina Boticki
Where: Beryl Humble Sporting Complex, Metford Rd, Tenambit
What to Bring: A bike, preferably wear long pants & long sleeve shirt, sturdy enclosed shoes, a helmet and a drink. Contact: maitlandbmx@hotmail.com
The first 25 children to register at the track will receive a show bag.
Time: 9am till 12 midday