IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1
Week 11
Thursday April 10th
Easter Raffle tickets due back.
Friday April 11th
Easter Hat Parade 2pm
Easter Raffle drawn
Last day of term

TERM 2 DATES
Students return Tuesday 29th April.
ANZAC Day Service at school
Tuesday 29th April at 9am.
Family members are more than welcome to attend.
Grandparents Day, Open Day & Book Fair - Friday 2nd May
On Friday May 2nd we will hold our annual Book Fair and Grandparents Day.
More information will follow in coming weeks.
DISCO – Friday 2nd May
Broke Community Hall
6pm-9pm
More information coming later in the term.
NAPLAN
May 13-15 for Years 3 & 5
Fitness-a-thon (Year 6 Fundraiser)
Friday 16th May

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Active After School

In Term 2 the Active After School program will consist of a one week Intensive Swimming program at Singleton Swim and Gym. This is for ALL students at Broke Public School.
A big thank you to the P&C for their support.
The program will run from Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May and will consist of 2 swimming lessons per day. These will be run from approximately 12:30-1:15 and 1:30-2:15 each day. There will be a maximum of 10 students in each of the lower groups which will be led by a qualified AUSTSWIM instructor.
To get the most out of this program a number of ‘helpers’ will be required to assist and follow the lead of the instructors. This means that they will get into the water and work closely with the students. A Working With Children Check will be required and this only takes 5 minutes to fill out the forms (100 points of identification). This can be done at the front office. The more helpers we can get involved, the better the outcomes for the students.
This program will replace our afternoon AAS sessions in Term 2.
Language Development Program
Hunter New England Area Health Service and the Department of Education and Communities are involved in a joint program to bring Speech Pathology services to our K/1 classroom in term 2. Ms Shannon Allan is the speech pathologist who will be team teaching with Miss Cunningham. Whilst the aim of this project is to support teachers to develop strategies for students with communication difficulties, there are many benefits in relation to language development and use for all students within the class. As part of the program the Speech Pathologist may be working with your child. If you do not wish you child to be involved in the program would you please let the school know before the beginning of next term. Thank you to Bulga Coal for again supporting our students with this program.

PBL Picnic Lunch
Next Thursday we will be holding our PBL picnic lunch day at Broke Park. Permission notes will be sent home on Monday for all students who have achieved 35 Dojo points. Students will take their lunch and a drink and walk around to the park and enjoy lunch in the park before having a play and then walking back to school.

Environmental education workshops
On Friday 11th April, Singleton Council is offering free environmental workshops to our students. Students in the Koalas and Wallabies classes will be participating in these activities.

Broke ANZAC Service
Broke War Memorial at 10.00am followed by morning tea at Broke Village Store. Any student who is able to attend the service please meet Tash at 9.50am in full school uniform. Some students have been requested to read prayers and part of the service on the day.

Easter Hat Parade
We will be having an Easter Hat Parade next Friday 11th April at 2pm. Hats will be made at school on Thursday 10th April from 9-11am. If you are able to come along and assist in the classroom with hat making it would be fantastic. P&C have kindly donated eggs for the students as prizes. After the Easter Hat Parade we will draw the raffle. Please remember to return your Easter raffle tickets by next Thursday.

P&C
Our next P&C meeting will be on the Wednesday 7th May at 3:10pm in the Koalas classroom.
### Class News

#### Bilbies
This week in the Bilbies class we have been listening to nursery rhymes. The students knew most of the nursery rhymes and were very enthusiastic to sing along. In Mathematics we have been discussing patterns. Kindergarten have been looking at shape patterns and colour patterns and Year 1 have been working on number patterns as well.

*Miss Cunningham*

#### Koalas
For English and our COGs unit ‘Understanding Each Other’ we have been looking at Aboriginal Dreaming stories. The students have read and summarised these stories then created some fantastic PowerPoint presentations. The maths focus has been patterns, fractions and decimals and length. We have been measuring using metres, centimetres and working on millimetres.

*Mr Gilmour-Walsh*

#### Wallabies
We’ve had a great week in the Wallabies class this week! We have been working hard on our research projects about the ANZACs and ANZAC Day and have all found some wonderful information and pictures.

*Miss Pickles*