IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2
Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May

\textbf{Grandparents Day, Open Day, Book Fair & Assembly}

Tomorrow, Friday May 2\textsuperscript{nd} we will be holding our annual Book Fair, Grandparents Day, Open Classrooms, Picnic Lunch and Assembly. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Special Friends are invited to come along from 12pm and participate in our annual Open Day. Scholastic Book Fair will be open in the Library for book purchases.

12:30-1:00pm Open Classrooms
1:00-1:45pm Lunch
\textit{Bring along your picnic lunch or the canteen will be open (lunch orders for children and adults must be placed at the canteen before 9am, the canteen will also remain open during lunch to sell ice blocks & drinks)}
1:45pm-2:45pm Assembly

\textbf{Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May}

\textbf{Disco}
Broke Community Hall
6pm-9pm

Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} May

\textbf{P&C Meeting}
3:10pm in the Koalas classroom. All welcome.

May 13\textsuperscript{th} -15\textsuperscript{th}

\textbf{NAPLAN}
Years 3 & 5

Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} May

\textbf{Fitness-a-thon}
Year 6 Fundraiser

Wednesday May 21\textsuperscript{st}

\textbf{Year 6 GRIP Conference}
Newcastle Panthers

Thursday May 22\textsuperscript{nd}

\textbf{Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea}
Broke Hall from 11am
Broke ANZAC Service
Thank you Tash and the students who attended the Anzac service which was held in Broke on Anzac Day. The community were most impressed with the students’ contribution on the day.

P&C Disco
Friday 2nd May at Broke Hall
6.00pm-9.00pm
Free entry
Drinks $2
Sausage Sandwich $3
Chips from $1
Glo sticks available for purchase.
All students must be supervised.
Dance prizes available.
Come along for a great night of fun and dance to some great music provided by Simon Everett.

Opportunity Class 2015
The Opportunity Class Placement Test is for students in Year 4. If your child would like to sit this test please make enquiries at the office.

Athletics Carnival
On Friday June 13th we will join with the Singleton Small Schools (Mt Pleasant, Kirkton, Jerrys Plains & Milbrodale) at Alroy Oval for our annual athletics carnival.
There are events for all age groups and children turning 8 this year and older have the opportunity to progress to the Zone Athletics carnival, to be held on Friday August 1st (run by the UHPSSA, Upper Hunter Primary School Sports Association).
Over the coming weeks all students will practice each event at school during sport time.
Could the following students please return their perpetual trophies from 2013 to school as soon as possible,
Ayeisha
Emily N
Alex
Ruby E
Murray E
Thank you

P&C
Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 7th May at 3:10pm in the Koala’s classroom.

School vegetable garden
Our school vegetable gardens are looking amazing thanks to Jessica Daniels, Nickolai’s mum.
Jessica came is over the holidays and has planted an array of vegetables and herbs which the children will tend to, watch them grow & taste.
Thank you, Jess!
Active After School

This term 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 & AGL 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 this Term.**

Permission notes are attached to today’s newsletter.

**NAPLAN**

During Week 3, May 13th -15th, Years 3 & 5 will participate in the National NAPLAN testing. If parents have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

We ask for your support during these days, it is important that students in Years 3 & 5 attend school and are not late.

**ANZAC Service**

To begin our new school term we celebrated ANZAC day and remembered those who fought and those who didn’t return home. Thank you to those families who attended and to our special guest, Sergeant Andrew Humphreys who spoke at the service and then spent time in each classroom speaking to the students and answering questions.
Year 6 Fitness-a-thon Fundraising

When: Friday 16th May
Where: School playground
Time: 1:30pm

Students will participate in a series of fitness activities to raise funds for the Year 6 gift to the school.
Students will wear sports uniform on this day.

Kunarr Ngarrama Local AECG meeting
General meeting to be held on Thursday 15th May commencing at 3.30pm at the Ka-Wul Education and Cultural Resource Centre at Singleton High School. All are welcome to attend.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Our school will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday May 22nd at Broke Hall at 11am.
The Biggest Morning Tea raises money for cancer research, prevention and support services and it is a great opportunity to teach the value of giving.
One in 2 Australians are diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85.
We encourage everybody to come along to support this great cause.

Donations for morning tea will be gratefully accepted and merchandise will be available for purchase.

For more information visit
Bilbies
The Bilbies have started off this term exceptionally well. The students appear to be well rested and ready to get back into learning. After some informal testing at the end of last term the students have been split into 3 groups for our Jolly Phonics session. Some students are revising single sounds, others are revising sound blends and another group has moved onto reading comprehension cards. These groups are very flexible and the students can and will be moving between these groups.

Homework will start next week and there have been some changes to this. Year 1 will be given a list of words focussing on a sound, frequently used words and more challenging words. They are expected to write out these words 5 times and then write 3 sentences containing a word from their list. Year 1 will also have maths homework this term and this will be based on the topics learnt in class during that week or the previous week.

Kindergarten will be required to write out the sounds we have been focussing on during the week and also draw or cut and paste a picture from a magazine that starts with this sound or contains this sounds. This term kindergarten will also be getting some maths homework and a list of sight words to practise during the week.

Miss Cunningham

Koalas
Students have returned from their holidays with stories of a fun filled Easter break and they are ready and eager to learn!

Homework will recommence next week, it will continue to be sent home on a Monday and be due back on Friday mornings.

Students have been enthusiastically practising for our item in tomorrow’s assembly and are eager to show you their books and around our classroom during tomorrows open day, we hope to see you here.

Mr Gilmour-Walsh

Wallabies
Welcome back everyone! It was fantastic to see everyone at school on Tuesday. Our Year 6 students stepped up on Tuesday at our Anzac Day service just brilliantly. The students asked some very thought provoking questions on Tuesday of Sergeant Kirkham. Thank you to you all.

We are doing our homework in class this week but it will be sent home as from next Monday.

We have been working hard on our item for this Friday’s assembly so please come along and watch the performance.

Mrs Nott