IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2

Friday 16th May
Debate at Nulkaba Public School

Fitness-a-thon 1:30pm-3pm
Year 6 Fundraiser

Monday May 19th
Debate at Broke v’s Bellbird (Debating team)

Touch Football Trials
@ Aberdeen 4:30pm

Wednesday May 21st
Year 6 GRIP Conference
Newcastle Panthers

Thursday May 22nd
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Broke Hall 11am

Reminder
The snow excursion for students in Years 3-6 is only 11 weeks away. Please remember to make payments.

Fitness-a-thon

Tomorrow is the Year 6 fundraising activity. Students were given their sponsorship forms earlier this term. If they have donations can they return the forms tomorrow with the money. If they are collecting funds after they have completed the fitness-a-thon, could they return forms and money as soon as possible next week.

All students must wear sports uniforms tomorrow and the Year 6 students can wear their pink shirts.

Cancer morning tea

Next Thursday the P&C will be holding a morning tea at Broke Hall. If you are able to provide a cake or slice please bring to the hall in the morning so that the ladies can set up for the day. Come along and join with others to help raise funds for a worthy cause. $5 for a nice cup of coffee or tea and a selection of cakes and slices. Enjoy a chat and catch up with lovely people. Look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

There will be a lucky door prize and a raffle.

Donations of cakes and slices would be greatly appreciated.
**Uniforms**

As it becomes cooler, out come the jackets and jumpers. Please make sure they are school colours! Students from Years 1 to 6 should have a Broke jersey and if you haven’t got one Flanagan’s in Cessnock stock our uniform.

Some students are also wearing coloured scarves and head warmers which are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.

Hats should still be worn each day as this then becomes a good habit to continue through their life. No hat no play.

**Sand Pit**

Thank you to Rob and Jo Manning who organised to have the lovely new sand delivered earlier this week. Rob, Jo, Mr Dodds and a few little helpers backfilled and levelled the sand ready for some very excited students on Tuesday morning. All students have enjoyed playing in the new sand.

**NAPLAN**

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed their final NAPLAN test this morning. Thank you to the parents who had their children here at school on time each day, it really does make the organisation much easier when we all cooperate together. Results will be available later in the year. If you have any questions about the tests I am happy to answer them but cannot give any indication of students performance until the results have been distributed.

**Debate**

Our first debate is against Nulkaba at Nulkaba PS tomorrow morning. Thank you, Jenny Wright for offering to drive the students to this event. Good luck to the students representing our school tomorrow.

Our second debate is on Monday here at school.

**Small Schools Girls Soccer**

Congratulations to Ruby E, Ruby T, Ayeisha & Paige P for a great game of soccer last Thursday. Unfortunately the team were beaten but all girls played very well.

**Swimming Scheme**

The learn to swim program is all set to commence on Monday 26th May and conclude on Friday 30th May. At this stage we are still in need of parent helpers, please contact Mr Walsh if you are able to assist on any day.

**Book Club**

Book club is attached to today’s newsletter and orders are due back by next Friday.
Class News

Bilbies
This week in the Bilbies class we have been working on addition and subtraction. The students have been using different strategies such as counting backwards, using concrete materials and using their fingers to help work out these problems. In cogs we have been examining and discussing life cycles. The students completed activities on the life cycle of a butterfly, frog and a chicken.

Miss Cunningham

Koalas
This week has been a busy one in the Koalas class, in HSIE we have been learning about the body system, in Maths we have focussed on volume and capacity. Also this week, Year 3 have confidently completed their first NAPLAN exams, well done!

Mr Gilmour-Walsh

Wallabies
Year 5 have busy completing their NAPLAN tests this week. A big sigh from all of us as we completed the last one today! We have been busy getting ready for the fitness-a-thon tomorrow, we still need some more helpers in the afternoon. Please come along if you can help out or just to support the students as they complete their circuits. As we are getting ready to write reports we are currently completing some assessment tasks so it is important that the students are at school every day.

Mrs Nott

SINGLETON LIBRARY
Amanda’s Party: A Live Play
It can happen to anyone, at anyone’s house. A happy party goes badly, the police are called, the solicitor is needed, and the court is involved. Join the talented students from St Catherine’s College for a live performance of their originally written, produced, directed reality awakening play at the Library.
Wednesday, 28 May, 2014  6pm to 7:30pm

Aldi
Aldi have some great specials on snow gear this week (sale starts Saturday). There is a catalogue on the office counter. For those students going on our snow excursion it is a great opportunity to start to think about what you need to take. Pants and a jacket are part of the hire arrangement however students may like to take a second jacket to wear of an evening.
Weekly Award Winners

Principals Awards

Bilbies
Jacob for being a friendly and caring member of the Bilbies class

Koalas
Justin for an excellent effort in all class activities

Wallabies
Izaak for following instructions and trying hard with his work

Student of the Week

Bilbies
Ellie for taking pride in the presentation of her work

Koalas
Tynan for working hard in Science

Wallabies
Eva for being a quiet and industrious worker

Merit Certificate

Bilbies
Alissa for always working to the best of her ability

Koalas
Paige for working hard in Maths

Wallabies
Will for being a happy, friendly and respectful class member

Playground Ethics Award

Zinc Bosco