IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 4
Friday 20th February
Zone Swimming Carnival
Singleton Gym & Swim

Week 5
Tuesday 24th February
Hunter Coal Festival Debate
Jerrys Plains Public School
(selected students)
Wednesday 25th February
Parent Information Sessions
1.30pm Wallabies
2.00pm Bilbies
2.30pm Koalas
Sessions will be held in the classrooms
Friday 27th February
2.15pm Assembly

Week 6
Wednesday 4th March
Cross Country
368 Cessnock Rd, Broke
ALL STUDENTS
P&C Meeting 3.10pm

Week 7
Saturday 14th March
Hunter Coal Festival
Singleton

Week 8
Friday 20th March
Seniors Day, Broke Hall
ALL STUDENTS
Cricket Clinic
ALL STUDENTS
Tuesday 24th March
Premiers Debating Challenge Training &
Development Day @ Singleton Public School
(selected students)

Week 9
Friday 27th March
Zone Cross Country
Muswellbrook
Saturday 28th March
State Election

Week 10
Thursday 2nd April
Easter Hat Parade
Last day of school for Term 1

P&C
Our next P&C meeting will be held on
Wednesday 4th March at 3.10pm.
Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the students who attended the Swimming Carnival last Friday. Your efforts in the pool, your sportsmanship and behaviour were excellent. Thank you to the parents who assisted with time-keeping and swimming with the students in the short races.

Congratulations to the following students who have progressed to the Zone Carnival on Friday 20th February:
Zinc Bosco
William Lambkin
Alex Stafa
Orlando Emmett

Hunter Coal Festival
Students will participate in a debate against Jerrys Plains on Tuesday 24th February, the topic is ‘Renewable energy sources should take the place of coal.’ We have the negative. Miss Cunningham is coaching the students and will adjudicate this debate.

We are picking teams for the ball games to be held after the street parade in Singleton on Saturday 14th March.

There is a kinder coal & spoon relay, junior tunnel ball and senior captain ball with teams made up of equal numbers of boys and girls.

There will also be a primary age tug-a-war!

If you know you are not available on this day please let a staff member know ASAP. It would be great if everyone could attend to support our teams and enjoy the community spirit of the day.

Head Lice
Although I have not been informed of any incidences of head lice some girls are not securing their hair back each day. Loose hair is a target for head lice please ensure students with long hair have it secured each day.

Parent Information Sessions
A reminder that we will hold an afternoon session on Wednesday 25th February.
1.30pm Wallabies
2.00pm Bilbies
2.30pm Koalas

Sessions will be held in the classrooms.

Working Bees
We will have two working bees to tidy up the grounds this term.
Tuesday 24th February and Tuesday 17th March. Please come along with any gardening tools to help, weed, trim, edge, hedge etc to beautify our grounds.

Student Voluntary Contributions
All student voluntary contributions have now been invoiced. The 2015 contribution is $45 per child and can be paid at the front office.

Year 6 Shirts!
‘A firecracker explosion!’ was one description of our new Year 6 shirts! No matter what, they really do look bright and cheery, and the students look fantastic!

![Year 6 students wearing their new shirts](image)
Technology at Broke!

‘Small schools are great schools!’

The department has a great program called Technology for Learning, otherwise known as T4L. This program monitors and delivers our technology equipment. We receive a new roll out every 2 years, which means we receive updated computers with new programs and bigger capacities regularly. We were also fortunate to receive a grant from Bulga Coal in 2012-2013 which we used to buy more netbooks and computer/reading programs. We now have 32 desk tops and 17 netbooks for a school population of 59 students. Our computer lab is used daily and the netbooks are set up in the Bilbies and Wallabies classrooms and are also used daily. Our students IT skills are amazing. Our students will gain the essential skills needed to be creative and productive users of technology. This will help them become proficient IT users for the 21st Century.

Wallabies workstation.

Small schools offer big futures!

Canteen

Party Pies now for sale $1.50 each.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten working on their sounds. They have settled quickly into the routines of learning at school.

Year 1 using the smartboard.

Koalas working in the computer lab.
Year 6 Quelch Sales
A reminder that Year 6 students will continue to sell Quelch’s on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. If students would like a Quelch for recess on these days they must order and pay for them in the morning and the year 6 students will distribute them at recess eating time. 50c for one Quelch.

Seniors concert & Cricket coaching clinic Day
Our students will once again perform at the Seniors concert to be held at Broke Hall on Friday 20th March. After the concert students from the other Singleton Small Schools will join with us for a cricket coaching day. Cricketers from past Australian test teams and the current NSW Sheffield Shield team will visit and run through drills etc with the students. Please feel free to join us on this day.

Assembly
Just another reminder that our first assembly for the year will be held on Friday 27th February at 2.15pm under the COLA.

AECG Meeting
A reminder that the first AECG general meeting will be held tomorrow, Thursday 12th February at 3.30pm at the Ka-wal Centre at Singleton High School.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are also available from the website listed above.
ATTENTION PARENTS!
Looking for a fun and FREE day for your kids? The Hunter River DGA and Jack Newton Junior Golf are hosting a fun come and try golf day at

SINGLETON GOLF CLUB
Sunday 15th March
From 8.30am – 12.30pm
For kids aged 6-12 years
(Parents are welcome to join in the fun too)
All equipment supplied
No experience required
BBQ lunch included
Completely free
Register your interest with Zig by 11th March
On 49345311 or
hrdga@bigpond.com
Rock up for a day of fun, food, fresh air and exercise!
Broke Public School P&C Raffle

Stacked 6'x4' trailer of firewood.
$2 per ticket
3 for $5
Drawn Thursday 2nd April.
All proceeds to benefit the students of Broke Public School.
Firewood generously donated by Rod & Jo Manning.