IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1

Week 8
Friday 20th March
Seniors Day, Broke Hall ALL STUDENTS
Cricket Clinic ALL STUDENTS

Week 9
Monday 23rd March
Hunter Coal Festival Debating Final
Tuesday 24th March
Premiers Debating Challenge Training &
Development Day @ Singleton Public School
(selected students)

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

Week 10
Thursday 2nd April
Easter Hat Parade & Assembly

Last day of school for Term 1

Term 2

Week 1
Tuesday 21st April
Students return
Friday 24th April
ANZAC Day Service 9am Parents welcome

Week 2
Friday 1st April
Grandparents Day, Open Classrooms &
Book Fair
Assembly 2:15pm

Week 4
Tuesday 12th May
NAPLAN -Language conventions & Writing
Wednesday 13th May
NAPLAN- Reading
Thursday 14th May
NAPLAN- Numeracy

Week 6
Monday 25th May
School Photos

There will be NO canteen on
Friday 20th March. Please ensure
your child/children have fruit
break, lunch and recess on Friday.
Seniors Day at Broke Hall and Cricket coaching clinic TOMORROW
This is shaping up to be a small but exciting event. The Australian Cricketer’s association masters team will attend the seniors event at the Broke Hall and then the players will walk around with our students to the school to participate in a cricket clinic. Some players who will be present on the day are:
Greg Matthews,
Terry Alderman,
Stuart Law,
Lisa Sthalekar,
Peter Sleep,
Julia Price and others.
Please come along and watch the students participate in some amazing activities provided by some of Australia’s elite cricketers.

Hunter Coal Festival Debate
Congratulations to our wonderful debaters! They are through to the final to be held in Muswellbrook against St James Primary School. The debate is ‘The Australian Coal Industry is a safe industry to work in’. We are the negative side. Emma-Leigh has been an amazing support person to our debaters, assisting with research and writing speeches, and will accompany the team on Monday with Miss Cunningham for moral support. Good luck Zinc, Paige P, Sia & Zarlie.

Hunter Coal Festival
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Hunter Coal Festival activities last Saturday. We had enough students to field teams in all events and although not victorious on the day all students and parents had an amazing time! It really was lots of fun!

Professional Learning
Mr Walsh will be attending a course on Autism Spectrum Disorders on Wednesday 25th March. This course will give him practical strategies for anxiety management, communications strategies and behavioural management strategies as well as many other strategies to utilise in classroom and playground.
Mrs Langley and I will be attending ‘Performance Development Framework’ implementation guidelines mandated in-service on Monday 23rd March. Principals and federation representatives must attend this course as our new performance and development procedures are rolled out from the beginning of Term 2.

Working Bee
Thank you to the wonderful parents who were able to help out for our working bee on Tuesday. The school is looking rather good in preparation for Friday’s cricket coaching clinic day. Thanks to Casey, Rowan, Candice, Teegan and Ruth.
School Photos
Our school photo day has changed to accommodate the NAPLAN test. Photos are now taking place on Monday May 25th starting with the whole school photo at 9am sharp.

Year 6 fundraising
Year 6 students will be conducting an Easter Egg raffle to raise funds to go towards their fundraising activities for this year. Tickets cost $1.00 each and booklets have been sent home today.

Seniors Day & Election Day Cake Stalls
The P&C would like donations of cakes, slices & biscuits for the stalls to be held at Broke Hall on Seniors Day and at the school on the state election day. If you are able to assist with donations and/or your time please contact a member of the P&C.

P&C Raffle Tickets
If anyone would like more raffle tickets please call in to the office or let us know and we can send a book home with your child.

UHPSSA Soccer Team
Congratulations to Alex Stafa who trialled for the Upper Hunter Primary School Sports Association Soccer Team last Friday and was successful. He will now play in the upcoming Hunter carnival on April 1st.

Working With Children Check (WWCC)
If you are one of the amazing parents/caregivers who sometimes assist at our school in any way please remember you must have a current WWCC. Please provide your paperwork to Kate or Tash so our system is up to date.

Head Lice
There have been a number of out breaks of head lice. Please be vigilant when treating your children’s hair. I can’t stress enough how frustrating, upsetting and expensive it is when reinfection occurs because some people don’t treat the head correctly.
Easter Holidays @ Hunter Wetlands Centre

Easter Fun Day Saturday 4 April
Bring the family for a fun filled morning 9.30am to 1.00pm at the Hunter Wetlands centre. Meet the Easter Bunny and join in wetlands adventures, fun games, craft and face painting, BBQ and reptile encounter.

Holiday Activities
Dipnetting Canoeing Bike riding (bring your own bike or hire one) Playground Walking Trails Become a Wetlands Explorer and go in the draw for a weekly prize Bring a picnic or eat at Spoonbill Cafe
NOTE: Wetlands will be closed Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

Wednesday 15 April book in for:
Bush Skills Adventure 8-12 years ($20) – make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn other bush skills.
Wriggly Wetlanders 5-8 years ($20) – explore the wetlands and get creative and crafty.

SPECIAL EVENT
Get your friends together and kick the holidays off with a laugh. Join us at Events Cinema Glendale on Thursday 2 April for the premiere of THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE OUT OF WATER 3D

Baerami Bush Dance, Sat 18 April
Baerami Hall, Bylong Valley Way via Sandy Hollow, Upper Hunter. Join our family bush dance with traditional music played acoustically by Hunter musicians. Dances explained. BYO dinner and supper to share. Dancing starts 7.30pm. Camp at the hall if needed. Guided bushwalk on Sunday morning.
Cost $15 adult (prepaid at http://www.trybooking.com/HDBM) or $20 at door. Children under 15 free.
Contact Martin & Jan Ph 6571 1208 info@calli.com.au www.calli.com.au or find Baerami Bush Dance on Facebook

Singleton Netball

Singleton Netball Association is calling for girls turning 11 this year for our development squad.
The squad is not selected.
We train on Thursday nights from 5-6.30pm and attend 5 carnivals.
Girls develop their skills with qualified coaches.
If you are interested you can either email the association on the above email or come to the netball courts this Thursday night and speak to our representative convener Abby Burden.
Phone: 6572 4551 Website: www.singletonnetball.com Email: singletonnetball@hotmail.com
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.