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Newsletter 4 April 2024

Up and coming events			
Event	Year	Date	General Information
Rhythm to Recovery	Years 3-6	Thursdays for Term 1	Free drumming workshops teaching resilience
eDNA testing Wollombi Brooke	Wallabies	Monday 8 April	Walking permission covered
Teddy Bears Picnic	P-6	Wednesday 10 April	See information below
Last Day Term 1	P-6	Friday 12 April	-
Broke Community Anzac Day	P-6	Thursday 25 April	Any students who would like to attend – meet at the Broke Cenotaph – permission notes due last day of term
Students return Term 2	P-6	Tuesday 30 April	Staff return Monday 29
Star Struck Tickets on sale	Star Struck families	Tuesday 30 April	Further information to follow

The next assembly is Friday 12 April at 2.30pm under the COLA.



Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Update for Term 2

A note went home recently to inform you of some staffing updates for Term 2. We have been working on a staffing plan that will best support the learning and wellbeing needs of all our students, preschool to Year 6. Mrs Lyndal Thomas will be returning to Broke Public School in her capacity as a permanent classroom teacher from Term 2. Mrs Tina Fahey has also received a permanent position at another school. From Term 2, class organisation will be as follows:

Wombats Preschool:

Mrs Noni Anderiesen will be teaching the Wombats preschool for the remainder of 2024. **From Term 2, our preschool will operate on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays to accommodate this change.** Mrs Anderiesen will be spending time with Mrs Fahey on a handover to ensure smooth transition for our Wombats students. We anticipate this will be the only change in operation for our preschool program this year.

We wish Mrs Fahey all the best for her permanent position and thank her for her care of our Wombats during her time at Broke.



K-6 classes:

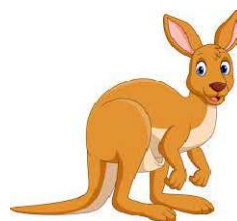
Mrs Lyndal Thomas will be returning to Broke in her capacity as a permanent staff member from Term 2. Mrs Thomas is known to all our students, having taught K-6 last year. She brings with her expertise in STEM and digital technologies, valuable tools for all our students to learn and experience. As such, Mrs Thomas will be working in both classrooms from Term 2.

Kangaroos:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: Mrs Thomas
Thursdays, Fridays: Mrs Aalto

Wallabies:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: Miss Ball
Thursdays, Fridays: Mrs Thomas



RFF:

Additionally, Mrs Misikin will continue to work with both classes for two sessions per week on Personal Development, Health and Physical Education activities.


If you have any concerns about the changes in staffing, please contact me at school to discuss. I look forward to Mrs Thomas' return, and to working with parents and carers as partners in your children's learning throughout the remainder of 2024.

Anzac Day 2024

Broke Public School students are invited to attend the Broke Community Anzac Day Service on April 25th at 10am. A note with further information is coming home today. Please return the note to let us know your child/ren will be attending.

Our school Anzac Day assembly will be held on Thursday 2nd April (Week 1 Term 2) at 2.15pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students for their incredible efforts at the Singleton Small Schools Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many kids get involved, try their best, and enjoy the sportsmanship of the day. What great students we have at Broke! 

Teddy Bears Picnic and Beardy Bonanza Rewards Day

Next Wednesday 10th April, we are hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic for all students Preschool to Year 6. The picnic is in collaboration with the Australian Red Cross and their teddy mascot will be joining us on the day.

All students are asked to bring \$5, which will be donated to the Australian Red Cross to support the vital work they do in bringing people and communities together in times of need and building on community strengths.

Students can wear mufti and bring their favourite teddy or other soft toy on the day. We will be participating in some fun teddy themed activities too!

To make the most of our fun day, we will be holding our Beardy Bonanza Rewards on this day too. Students can trade in Cricket Tickets they have earned for fun rewards. Additionally, the school will be shouting students a pizza and a drink for lunch. Yum!

What a fun way to end our busy term of learning!



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Department Policy Update

NSW Department of Education is delivering on a commitment to improve policies and reduce administrative workload so teachers can spend more time with their students. All department policies have been reviewed to make them easier to read, understand, and interpret.

The first batch of policies and procedures have been published in the Policy Library. The policies include:

- Aboriginal education
- Commercial arrangements, sponsorship and donations
- Inclusive education for students with disability
- School attendance
- Selective high school and opportunity class placement
- Sharing of school facilities
- Technology in schools
- Improvements to policy documents

There are minimal changes to these policy documents, with no change to the overall intent. Schools won't need to create additional local instructions to comply with policy as all requirements will be available in the Policy Library.

The next batch of updated policies will be released in Term 2.

For more information, please contact the Policy and Procedure Review Program team via email PolicyRedesignProject@det.nsw.edu.au.

Happy holidays / school security

From all of us here at school, we hope you enjoy the school holiday break. For School Security, please phone 1300 88 00 21 or contact our local police station.

Staff return for Term 2 on Monday 29th April. Students return Tuesday 30th April. We are looking forward to an exciting and learning filled Term 2!

Amy Ball
Principal Broke PS

Administration News

Sydney Excursion

Information has been sent home about our overnight excursion to Sydney from 13-15 of November. Deposits of \$100 are due by the end of term to secure your child's place on the excursion. If you are having difficulties with payment, require a payment plan, or have questions regarding the excursion, please contact Miss Ball or Mrs Burke at school.

Shout Out!

A massive shout out and thank you to **Colin Minchinton**, our relieving General Assistant, who has been working tirelessly to keep our school looking great over the past months. Colin has also been working on our vineyard pencil project, which we think looks fantastic and reflects the fun learning that happens at Broke.

What a legend!! 