



BROKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Newsletter 6 September 2024

Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	General Information
Jump Start	Year 6	Thursday 29 August, 5 and 12 September	Year 7 transition activities at Singleton HS
Broke Village Fair Performance	P-6	Sunday 8 September	9.15am arrival 9.30am performance
P&C Meeting	Parents/carers/ community	Monday 9 September 3-4pm	All welcome!
Election Day		Saturday 14 September	Volunteers needed
Hunter River Health Check	3-6	Friday 20 September	
Swim School	K-6	Monday 23 – Friday 27 September	Note to follow
Broke Bicentennial Weekend	P-6 and community	11,12, 13 October	



We've had a visitor in our admin roof! James and Garry have built some possum dreys to try and give this little guy a new home in the trees!



Principal Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at Broke, with our Father's Day breakfast, history excursion to Singleton, Science Week, Book Week and history project activities. Be sure to follow our Facebook page if you don't already to see the great activities your children are engaged with. And give us a like – we'd love to hear from you!

Broke Village Fair Performance

Our whole school (preschool to year 6) will be performing at the Broke Village Fair this Sunday, 8th September. Students are asked to meet Broke PS teachers at 9.15am, ready for a 9.30am performance. Students can wear comfortable mufti for dancing. We'd love to see everyone there!

SAVE THE DATE Broke Bicentennial Celebrations

As you are aware, the town of Broke is celebrating its Bicentennial from 11-13 October this year. This is the last weekend of the October school holidays.

Our school will be open on Saturday 11th. On this day, we will be showcasing the students' history project that they have been working on. We'd love you to come along!! More information to follow.

Check In Assessments

Students in Years 3-6 are currently completing the Department of Education's Check-In Assessments. Years 3-6 will complete a short assessment in numeracy and reading, while Year 6 will also complete a writing assessment. The assessments are designed to:

- provide teachers with an overview of student learning across a year level
- support teachers with planning and programming to meet individual student need
- complement other in-school assessments and teacher observations.

If you have any questions about the assessment, please contact me at school.

Bushfire Readiness

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for the Greater Hunter Region or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

Up-to-date information is available on our school website or <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status>. We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the <https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app> (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media.

To continue to support student learning on these days, our school will provide information for learning from home.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family <https://www.myfireplan.com.au/>

Please call our school on 02 6579 1040 if you would like more information or have any questions.

Amy Ball
Broke Public School Principal

Attendance News

At Broke Public School, we are aiming for 95% attendance for all our students, in line with NSW Department of Education targets.

**At Broke Public School, our average attendance rate is currently
87.7% for Term 3.**

Illness has impacted our attendance this term. If your child is unwell, we continue to encourage you to keep them at home so they can recover.
Please remember to inform us every day your child is away – this is a legal requirement.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

A photograph of a female teacher in a white shirt and blue pants walking with a group of five young students in red school uniforms on a dirt path. The photo is partially framed by a blue circular graphic element.

Administration News

Head lice at school / winter viruses

Key facts

- Good personal hygiene helps stop you from getting sick and spreading germs.
- Washing your hands often is a good way to stop the germs on your hands making you sick.
- Bathing or showering regularly **helps prevent infections and body lice.**
- Washing clothes, sheets and hats regularly will help prevent head lice.



Visit: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/personal-hygiene> for more information.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting is next Monday 9th September after school. You don't need to commit a huge amount of time to get involved with the school. We'd love to see you!

Upcoming fundraising events you might like to help out with include the Broke Village Fair this Sunday, and the Election Day BBQ the following weekend.

