



# BROKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 28th June 2024

### Up and coming events

Event	Year	Date	General Information
Beardy Bonanza Rewards Day	P-6	Friday 5 July	
Last day Term 2	P-6	Friday 5 July	
Students return Term 3	P-6	Monday 22 July	

### Principal Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible term of learning we have had! Star Struck, sports carnivals, ukulele lessons, Rock and Water, gymnastics, history project, mural painting, cartooning workshops, magic shows, water testing, radio visit, leadership day, mining tour and student-led conferences...not to mention all the great classroom learning! Our students should be very proud of their efforts this term!

#### **Staffing Update**

Thank you for your patience while we navigate the challenges around staffing.

I am pleased to advise that Mrs Heather Gibson has accepted the position of teaching our Wallabies class two days per week alongside myself for the remainder of the year. Mrs Gibson is a highly dedicated teacher with over 40 years of teaching experience in schools across the Hunter, with 23 of those being in executive positions. We welcome Mrs Gibson to our Broke PS team!

Mrs Thomas will teach our Kangaroos class 5 days per week until she starts maternity leave late in Term 3. We have a current advertisement out to find a suitable full-time replacement for her when she leaves and will keep you updated around the outcome of this.

Mrs Julie Black, former principal of Mount Pleasant Public School, will be joining our Broke PS team from day one next term. Mrs Black is a dedicated teacher with over 30 years teaching experience, more than 20 of those being in executive positions. Mrs Black will be supporting our work around Learning and Support, before taking over the APCI role from Mrs Cook mid term 3 when she goes on maternity leave. Mrs Black will initially be at Broke all day Mondays and Thursday mornings, and Tuesdays once the APCI role commences. Welcome Mrs Black to our Broke PS team!

Next week we farewell Miss Denniss, who has been working tirelessly on a cultural program with our Aboriginal students this term. Miss Denniss has spent many hours working on this program, including outside of school hours, and we thank her immensely for her dedication and enthusiasm to our students. Miss Denniss is leaving to complete her teaching internship, and we wish her all the best for her future career in education.

### **Staff Leave**

I will be on leave next week for a family celebration. Mrs Lyndal Thomas will be relieving as Principal in my absence.

### **Student-Led Conferences**

Thank you to those families who were able to join us for Student-Led Conferences this week. We understand not everyone was able to attend due to illness and other commitments. If you missed out and would like a conference, please contact us at school next term to arrange a time.

### **School Holidays**

The last day of term for students is next Friday 5 July. Staff return on Monday 22 July, while students return on Tuesday 23 July. Wishing you all good health, and a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Amy Ball  
Principal Broke PS

## 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 84%.**

Let's work together to try and increase this. Of course, 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.

