What’s on this Week

Monday
- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday
- Cross Country
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- P & C Meeting – 7 pm in the Staffroom

Wednesday
- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Athletics Gala Day and Pink Day – Yrs 3-6
- Easter Hat Parade – Kinder – Yr 2
- Easter Raffle Drawn
- Last day to open St George Bank Account for your free $10
- Last Day for Term 1

Friday
- Good Friday

Dates to Remember

1. 20 April - First day of Term 2 for Staff
2. 21 April – First day of Term 2 for Students; Canteen Closed
3. 24 April – Bronze Assembly

Principals Report

There are a couple of very special events in the North School calendar happening this week.

On Tuesday it is the annual North School Cross Country event and Thursday the school’s Easter Hat parade will be held. Two exciting and fun filled activities to finish off a busy term at North. Make sure you get along to the school and support your students in these activities.

The P/C meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st of March in the school staff room at 7.00pm. Please feel welcome to join the active P/C members as some important discussion over the future plans for the school canteen will happen I’m sure. The 125th Celebration of North school meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st of April at 7.00pm in the school hall. The last meeting was very good. The expansion of a lot of good ideas and plans for the celebration will be worked on at this meeting.

Please talk to your children about safe road crossing at all times. It was reported last week that we had a several near misses on the road crossing outside the school and we also had a small child that was not on the crossing run out from behind a car. Unfortunately some drivers do not always obey simple road rules.

The school needs to be congratulated on the excellent commendations from The Dare to lead Snapshot that was held recently in the school. 16 very positive commendations have been drafted and will be presented to the staff, students and community very soon. A couple were:

“The school is a productive and attractive learning environment where students feel they are getting a good education, are safe and well cared for, where staff like to teach and where parents feel welcome” 7.01

“The parents who participated in the Snapshot process spoke positively about the quality of the education their children were receiving at the school and commented that the teachers at the school were approachable, caring, dedicated and hard working.” 7.04

Congratulations Broken Hill North!!!!!!
Thank you to the staff, students and community members who made me feel so welcome during my 4 weeks as relieving principal. I was glad to be part of a great school. I left with mixed feelings on Friday afternoon as I returned to being a retired Papa again.

Attendance Snapshot
Term 1 Week 8 – 88.76% (Target 91%)

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A very disappointing week!!!
Attendance Matters

Classes Of The Week
✓ Raise Responsibility Class Points ( > 90% ) – K F, 1-2 HM, 1-2 R, 2-3 B, 3-4 R, 5 B, 6 M, K C & L W
✓ 100% Green students – 1-2 HM
✓ Attendance – TH
✓ 1-2 HM achieved the double whammy barbecue challenge last week. Congratulations !!!

Superstar
This week’s Superstar is Zoren Mitchell in 1-2 P. Zoren is a kind friend, a hard worker and always wears his school uniform with pride.

Legend
The Legend this week is Saskia Kreitner in 3-4 R. Saskia is a quiet and responsible student who relates well to staff and fellow students; she is always mindful of the school expectations.

Class Awards
K F
K G

1-2 HM
Sophie Neale, Chad Gribble, Keiara Lothian

1-2 P

1-2 R
Maddie Golding, Ava Turley, Jordan Devlin

2-3 B
Rihanna Stone, Daniel Houseman, Tate Heddard

3-4 R
Asta Gageler, Toby Laurence, Hugh de Gruchy

3-4 S
Joe Beavan, Rhiannon Symonds, Lucy Eckert

5 B
Fred Squire, Karsyn McConnell, Nellie Jones

6 M
Devin Vine, Memphis Battams, Mya Pols

K C
Deyonne Reiss, Emma Carapellotti, Dwayne Hall

L W
Makayla Mitchell

N J
Jesse Gribble

TH
Dougherty Krystal Johnston, Leah Pimm Robertson Jess Tonkin

Cross Country Carnival
The Broken Hill North Cross Country Carnival will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 31st March 2015. The carnival will commence at 9.00 am and conclude at approximately 11.00 am.

Students will move to the oval after morning assembly at 9 a.m sitting in their house areas. All races commence and finish on the school oval with Juniors completing 2 laps around the school and park block and Seniors completing 3 laps. Those children unable to run the course are able to walk. Walking the course will assist their respective house to gain points as a competitor.

Children should wear their house colours, suitable footwear and a hat. Anyone who might need asthma puffers before, during or after the race should bring them.

Parents are most welcome to attend and offer their support.

If your child is unable to run or walk the course, please return the tear off slip at the bottom of the note sent home last week.

After the Cross Country a team will be selected to represent our school at the Broken Hill Carnival.
**Athletics Gala Day**

This Thursday 2 April, all Primary classes 2-3 B and KC will participate in an Athletics Gala Day. The events will start at 9.00 am after morning lines and will conclude before lunch. This is an opportunity for all students to demonstrate the athletic skills they have developed during this term’s Friday sport rotations.

Thursday will also be an opportunity for us as a school to again celebrate Pink Day as part of the McGrath Foundation. All students are asked to wear something pink as part of the day’s activities and make a gold coin donation on the day.

**Student Medical Information**

A reminder to parents to return medical information forms send home by class teachers this term.

Recently class teachers sent out the Departments medical information request form to all families of students with medical information on their school records.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. The Department of Education and Communities now requires this information to be updated every 12 months so our school is asking families to update this information in term 1 every year.

For students with Asthma you are required to visit your doctor and request an Asthma Action Plan be completed by your Doctor and a copy of this plan needs to be given to the school. Students with Diabetes must get a Diabetes Action Plan from the Doctor and students with Anaphylaxis require an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis.

Students with a medical condition requiring ongoing treatment, support or which may affect your child’s attendance at school will be contacted to come into the school to complete a Learning and Support plan – Health. This plan will assist the school support your child’s unique needs and make any adjustments required under the DDA and Disability standards for Education 2005.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**Emergency Cards**

There is still are large number of Emergency Cards that have not been returned. A second card will be sent out to those students whose card has not been updated.

Please make sure the cards are returned with the most up-to-date information. It could make all the difference to the health and well-being of your child in an emergency.

**Student Assistance**

Each year our school is allocated some funds to assist families in need.

The funds available we have chosen to use to assist families in the following areas:

- Purchase of school uniforms
- Assistance with school excursion costs.

The provision of assistance will be strictly confidential and the final decision is made by the Principal. Families requesting assistance are invited to contact Mrs Dell or Mrs Yates. The school committee will consider all requests.
Please contact the office before the 8th May 2015.

**P & C News**

**Easter News**

Unfortunately there has been a very poor response to our Easter Raffle. There has only been a very small amount of donations made to our baskets and the number of ticket books that remain outstanding is very disappointing.

Our Easter Baskets are looking a little better thanks to the generous donation of eggs by Mrs Yates.

If every family just donated one egg or one bag of little eggs we would have a fantastic raffle prize. It’s sad that only a handful of eggs have been donated by our families.

The money the P & C raises goes to help your children. This year already they have purchased ever Kinder child a new hat and subsidised Swim School to make it more affordable for families.

To those families that have donated thank you very much. We really do appreciate it.

Thank you to the families who have returned their tickets already. The winners of the draw at last week’s assembly were:

- Mason Deen
- Peyton Green

Donations can still be left in the front office and tickets can be returned to the P&C Box outside the canteen. Ticket books need to be returned sold or unsold.

If you are willing to volunteer some time to help run the canteen please contact the office. If there is enough interest from people the P & C will look at reopening the canteen.

*** Weekly Special ***

(Subject to availability)

6 nuggets, crackles, goujons or cocktail fish
Smiley Zooper Dooper $5

**Roster**

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**Community News**

Would You Like To Host An Overseas Exchange Student

Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

Hosting - An Experience for Life

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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**Canteen News and Roster**

**Canteen Closed Term 2**

Please remember that the canteen will be closed starting from Term 2.

At present there is a lack of volunteers and it has become increasingly difficult to run the canteen on a daily basis.

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**Learning for all at North**
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/policies/schools/a-z/attendance.php

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129
www.dec.nsw.gov.au

NSW Department of Education and Communities

Learning for all at North
Broken Hill Public School
50th Anniversary Celebrations

This year, Broken Hill Public School (Central) is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the building of the school at our current site.

We are inviting past and present members of the school, families and community to attend the following events;

Tuesday March 31st
Open Day
Tours of the School
Photo Display

Wednesday April 1st
Official Assembly 11.30am
Student Items
Official Openings—Pavers, Orchard

Thursday April 2nd
Easter Hat Parade 11.30am
Old Scholars Easter Hat Parade
BBQ

Hope to see you at our school.
Holiday fun @ your library

Join us at the library (249 Blende Street) for craft sessions from 11am to 12:30pm on the following days:

Wednesday, April 8
Friday, April 10
Monday, April 13
Wednesday, April 15
Friday, April 17

Sessions are free and no booking is required. Just come along!

Follow us on facebook or phone us on 80803460 for more information.

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