

Northie News

18 February 2025

Welcome Back

Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well and rejuvenated after the holidays. As we embark on a new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning families and a special greeting to those who are joining us for the first time.

This year promises to be filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and community connection. Our dedicated staff have been hard at work preparing engaging and enriching programs that cater to the diverse needs of our students. We are committed to fostering an environment where every child feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential.

I encourage all families to participate in our upcoming events and to stay connected with our school community. Your involvement is vital to creating a supportive and vibrant learning atmosphere.

Let's make this year a memorable one filled with achievements, friendships, and personal growth. Together, we can create a positive impact on our school community.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Angela Sampson – Proud Principal at North



Broken Hill North
Public School

Upcoming Events:

- **20 February**

Swimming Carnival Notes due

- **21 February**

Sporting House Elections

- **25 February**

Welcome BBQ

- **26 February**

Swimming Carnival

- **28 February**

Assembly hosted by the SRC

- **4 March**

SRC Induction

Who is at North in 2025

Leadership Team

Principal

Angela Sampson

Assistant Principal K-2

Marie Fisher

Assistant Principal 3 & 4

Kate Renna

Assistant Principal 5 & 6

Di Vette-Welsh
Verity Keenan (relieving Term 1)

Assistant Principal Special Education

Jess Williams

Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

Mannie Burke
Sonja McEvoy

School Administration Manager

Allyson Dell

Non Teaching Staff

School Administration Officers

Christine Roney
Jenni Richards (Monday & Thursday)

Community Liaison SLSO

Kath Yates

Aboriginal Education Officer

Clinton Kemp

General Assistant

Paul D'Ettorre

SLSOs in mainstream classes

Kellie Morgan
Kym Charles
Melissa Simmons
Cathy Harvey

SLSOs in Special Education classes

Kellie Morgan (Early Intervention)
Anita D'Ettorre (Turtles)
Teesha Hampton (Geckos)
Ange Featherstone (Wattle)
Sue Meadows (Budgies)

Teaching Staff

In 2025 we have named our classes after Australian native plants and animals

Kinder Echidnas

Verity Keenan (Monday, Tuesday & Friday)
Mannie Burke (Wednesday & Thursday)

K-1 Koalas

Marie Fisher (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Danielle Hellyer (Thursday & Friday)

1-2 Magpies

Danielle Miller

1-2 Goannas

Kristy Grieve

3-4 Galahs

Lucy Skillen

3-4 Platypus

Katie Rawlins

5-6 Bees

Laura Billings (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
Kellie Molloy (Tuesday)

5-6 Crocodiles

Sherie Gaiter (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
Kellie Molloy (Wednesday)

Early Intervention

Zoe Gimbert

K-6 Turtles

Alfred Welsh (Monday)
Chris Chapman

K-6 Geckos

Danika Vines

K-6 Wattle

Ashka McKenna (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Christie King (Thursday & Friday)

3-6 Budgies

Sarah Bugeja

Teacher Librarian (RFF)

Kate Renna

Release from Face to Face Teachers

Amanda Harris (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Kellie Molloy (Thursday & Friday)

Learning and Support Teachers

Jess Williams & Sonja McEvoy

School Counsellor

Helen Walton

Itinerant Support Teacher
Hearing/Vision

Robyn Curtis



Health Conditions

As we welcome everyone back for the new school year, we would like to remind our school community about the importance of allergy awareness, particularly regarding peanut allergies.

We have students in our school who are anaphylactic to peanuts, which means that exposure can lead to severe and potentially life-threatening reactions.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending peanuts or peanut-based products to school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and helps us create a safe learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe!



Moving of the Photocopy Room

The photocopying room will be moving from the Resource Room to the SK Room. This is to ensure there is a second staff member in the office at all times, ensuring that we comply with Child Protection procedures, in particular, with students coming into sick bay. Please note that the Photocopying Room is for staff access only.

Year 5 & 6 Excursion

Full Payment for the year 5 & 6 excursion is due on the last day of Term 2. If you require support with a payment plan, please see the front office before full payment is due. There are 18 weeks remaining to make this payment



School Lunches



We want to encourage our students to make healthy food choices. To support this initiative, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending fast food items such as McDonald's, KFC, or Hungry Jack's to school with your children.

Additionally, please note, that cans of soft drink are not permitted at school. We believe that by promoting healthier eating habits, we can help our students focus better in class and maintain their energy levels throughout the day.

P&C Uniform Shop

Our school's uniform shop is run by our P&C volunteers. They will be generously giving up their time to open up the uniform shop on Monday mornings from 8:30am and on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 – 3:15pm. Should you need any uniforms, please drop in at the hall and they will be able to assist you with your needs. School hats will continue to be sold from the front office.



Swimming Carnival

Thank you to our families who have already submitted and paid for their child to attend the Swimming Carnival next week.

If your child is in Years 3 – 6 or is in Year 2 and turning 8 this year and is a **competitive** swimmer, please ensure your child's permission note and money is returned to school on or before this Thursday 20 February.

No late notes or money will be accepted due to the importance of us ensuring our Risk Assessment is accurate.



Welcome BBQ

We extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families by inviting everyone to attend our first Welcome Sausage Sizzle which will be held on Tuesday 25 February from 3:30pm. During this time, families may choose to attend their child's class information session to find out more from the staff about what is specific to their grade for the year.

3:30pm Kindergarten – Year 2 in the hall

4:00pm Years 3 & 4 – 4pm in the hall

4:00pm Special Education – downstairs B Block (Special Ed classrooms)

4:30pm Years 5 & 6 in the hall

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet all of our staff including Clinton Kemp, our Aboriginal Education Officer, speak with Anu our school nurse, check that you have all permission notes signed and up to date and get to know our P&C, possibly even purchase some uniforms should you need.

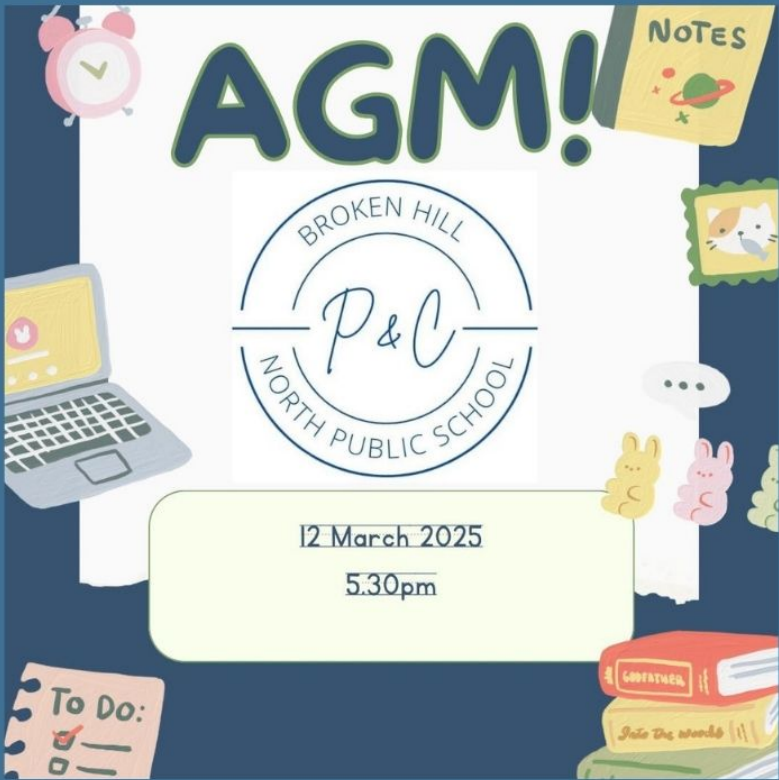
Should you have any dietary requirements such as gluten free or vegetarian, please inform our school office so we can ensure your needs are met.

P&C Update

Due to events within the community our Annual General Meeting & General Meeting has been moved to Wednesday the 12th of March at 5.30pm!

At our AGM we will be focusing on;

- changing the day & meeting times to encourage more member attendance & participation.
- memberships & declarations, yearly membership is \$1.00 and we ask all members to obtain a Working with Children's Check (which is completely FREE for volunteers).
- following up on planned raffles & fund raising events!



WEST BROKEN HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

2025 JUNIOR PLAYER REGISTRATION

The WFC is very excited to announce that we have secured funding to **cover** the registration costs of all Junior Players to our club. This includes players in;

FREE!

U12 - born 2013 & 2014
U14 - born 2011 & 2012
U17 - born 2008, 2009, 2010
Youth Girls - born 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012
Senior players - born 2007

Choosing quality literature for children: Does it matter what they read?



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**Presented by
Professor Emerita
Robyn Ewing**

**Pop in store or
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UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS FOR EDUCATORS & SCHOOL COMMUNITIES FEBRUARY 2025



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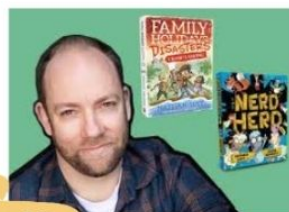


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AUTHOR VISIT FOR ALL BROKEN HILL SCHOOLS!

Thanks to support from **First National Broken Hill**, we have secured a visit from **Nathan Luff**. Author of the Nerd Herd and Family Disasters series with a new release coming end of February! **We are so excited to offer 11x FREE 60 minute sessions across March 25th–27th!** Nathan is an engaging speaker who aims to enthuse students about reading and writing their own stories. Jane will be in touch this week to lock in a session for your students!



PAY IT FORWARD BOOKS Attention LST teams

We would love to help students at your school have access to quality books that they can **choose, own and enjoy at home**. If you would like a selection to pay forward to students you know have limited resources please get in touch so we can deliver them to you.



BOOKS TO SHARE

Online: www.onemorepage.com.au
Email: hello@onemorepage.com.au
Purchase online for pick up or
free Broken Hill delivery



On a starless night Little Brother leaves the safety of the campfire and is captured by the fearsome bunyip. Big Sister will need everything she has learnt about the bush and her Country to rescue Little Brother and escape the bunyip.

Share with ES1 and Stage 1

Titch has always longed for adventure – just like the gallant mouse hero Bravepaw in all her favourite stories. But she is the smallest mouse in her family, living in a peaceful little village where nothing exciting ever happens... until DIRE TROUBLE comes to the Plateau!

A great read-a-loud adventure for Stage 1 and 2



Available from February 18th!
From acclaimed author Nathan Luff – new middle grade adventure full of action, danger, creepy crawlies and lots of laughs!

**Read-a-loud for Stage 3
Nathan is visiting your school in
March!**

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St John Ambulance Australia (NSW)

Event Health Services

Broken Hill Cadet Division

St John Ambulance Aust (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Divisions is opening its doors for new members to come along and join the Divisions.

Are you Between the age of 8 and 17 and have an interest in doing something good for your community and helping people in times of need plus have fun doing it and form friendships that last a lifetime? If your answer to these questions is yes then the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division wants to hear from you.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division meets every Wednesday evening from 6.45pm to 9pm (except school holidays) at the St John Ambulance Hall, 3 McGilivray Drive (over railway line on the way to the Line of Load lookout) commencing 12th February 2025.

Further details can be obtained by Contacting Superintendent Sandra Haring on Mobile: 0419 408 132 or email Sandra.haring@stjohnnsw.com.au or brokenhillcadet.division@stjohnnsw.com.au