

Barrier Blast Broken Hill High School



Broken Hill High School Core Values: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Cooperative
31 October 2014

Principal's News

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be on Tuesday 9 December 2014. Please clear this date on your calendar. It is always a special night for our fine old school.

End of Year Testing

Junior Yearly Examinations will begin in Week 5 (3 November) for Year 9 and Year 10, Week 6 (10 November) for Years 7 and 8. They will finish in Week 7 (17 November).

Parent Portal 2015

The school will be introducing a Parent Portal through our Sentral management system at the school in 2015. Parent will be able to communicate with the school online as well as looking up relevant information about their child. More information will be forthcoming as we introduce the system.

ESSA Year 8

A reminder to parents of Year 8 students that the ESSA Science test will occur on Monday 10 November for all students.

Letters have been sent home about the state testing. If you have concerns please contact Mr McInerney, Head Teacher Science.

Revised Parent Surveys

In the last Barrier Blast a link to a parent survey was advertised. Please fill it out as take up of the survey has been minimal at this time. We have been assured of parent anonymity as concerns have been raised recently in a parent forum about previous surveys.

Parent Survey

In our continued effort towards school improvement, we are implementing an online survey for parents – *OurSCHOOL Partners in Learning Parent Survey*.

The *OurSCHOOL Partners in Learning Parent Survey* is an online survey that allows parents to give their input into school improvement initiatives in an anonymous way. We would like all parents to participate so that we take into account your perspective in our strategic planning.

The *OurSCHOOL Partners in Learning Parent Survey* was created by The Learning Bar, a trusted education research company working with the Department of Education and Communities to provide its survey tools to schools across the state.

Participation in the *OurSCHOOL Partners in Learning Parent Survey* is optional and all answers are completely confidential.

We would like to invite all parents to take part in this survey. Parents can complete the survey more than once if they have multiple children attending the school.

Please log onto the survey site: <https://www.tellthemfromme.com> <<http://www.tellthemfromme.com>> and enter the user name and password below to gain access to the survey.
User name: broken41474
Password: parents123

Alternatively, you can access the link via the school's Facebook page or the school website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/brokenhillhigh>

Website:
<http://web1.brokenhill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

School News



Assessments Due

Years 7-11 CAPA

Year 9 Photography - Photo and Sylvester Theory due Week 5

Year 9 Art - Identity Boxes, Gascoigne Theory Work due Week 6

Year 10 Art - Christo Wrap BHHS during Week 6

Year 10 Art - Examination during Week 6

Year 11 Art – Journal investigations and first Bow Artwork, Design Assignment

Ms Northey's Year 7 Music Assessments

(Murphy, Pearson, Thompson and Winkler only)

Music Topic Test (theory) will occur in Week 7.

Composition and Practical components of the Term 4 assessment schedule are being evaluated over the course of the term during in-class practical lessons.

(Composition is in the form of a practical improvisation over a simple chord progression on the guitar, done collaboratively in small groups.)

Attention Fruit & Vegetable Growers!



If you have fruit falling off your trees (eg. orange, lemons, peaches), or vegetables growing wild in your garden (eg. silverbeet), then this advertisement is for you.

Year 11 Hospitality and Years 8, 9 and 10 Food Technology can make use of your unwanted fruits and vegetables by using them for our cooking sessions and making food to sell in the school canteen and raise money for the P & C.

Donations are most welcome. Please contact Mrs Parker, Ms Shiels or Ms Kiely at the school.

Quondong

Our yearly school magazine - The Quondong will be for sale later this term. At \$10.00... it is jam packed with photos and articles about your school year. Put in your order at the Front Office and pre-pay to be sure you get a copy.

Reason for Absence Notes

It is a legal requirement that if a child is absent for any reason then it must be explained in a signed note by the parent/caregiver.

The Home School Liaison Officer checks for notes to match absences and if absences are not accompanied by a note parents/caregivers may need to explain.

Certain procedures must be carried out when children are absent from school for **any** period of time including full day absence and partial absence (late arrival to school/early departure due to appointments or sickness etc.).

The school has provided a 'REASON FOR ABSENCE' note to assist you to notify the school when your child is absent or late. More notes are available from the Front Office if required.

The slip on the next page may be detached to explain an absence or you may email the school.

White Wristbands

The following students received White Wristbands – congratulations!

Yannis Smith-Hopcraft, Francis Comey, Kyra Tumes, Liam Toigo, Darcy Blight, Oakleigh Olsen, Emma-Rose O'Connor, Danyon McLachlan-Menz, Brock Farquhar, Schyler Carr

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Explanation of Absence

Student's Name.....

Scholastic Year:

Please tick the relevant box below

- Whole day absent
- Arriving late to school
- Early departure from school

on the following date/s

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Reason for absence: (Please tick relevant box)

- Illness Medical/Dental Appointment
- Injury Out of town
- Funeral Other - Please give reason below

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My child will return to school after his/her appointment

Parent/Carer's signature:

Date:/...../20....

Community News

Silver City Driver Training



Driving Lessons: \$65 per lesson

Each lesson attributes to 3 hours in the log book.

Packages available:

- 3 lessons for \$180**
- 5 lessons for \$290**
- 10 lessons for \$550**

Gift vouchers available

For more details – call Wayne: 0411123727 at Silver City Driver Training