Hi everyone and welcome to week 4. There is a hype of activity at SOTA getting ready for excursions, end of year activities and even planning numerous activities for 2014!

The staff were involved in some excellent Professional Learning on the 22nd November with Catherine Thomson from Sydney. She is a K-6 Literacy Advisor and was able to in-service everyone on the new curriculum that will be implemented in 2014. We are lucky to have Professional Learning to this high standard in Broken Hill.

I am sure the year 4,5 and 6 students are very excited and hopefully have their bags packed for the PE Excursion next week. Julie and Jann have excellent organisational skills and always have fun excursions where the students learn lots. I have no doubts our SOTA students will represent our school well as always and remember to look after each other when you are away.

Thank you to all those students that have been attending Active After Schools sessions this term. We have had a huge improvement in numbers. Remember the skills learnt in these sessions help to promote a healthy lifestyle that will hopefully stay with students for life. Not to mention skills that can be used in many sports and healthy brain activity to help literacy and numeracy work as well!

It was fantastic to turn on my TV last Saturday morning and see the story on Sunrise that was filmed at our last Mini School at Burtundy. Congratulations to those students (and parents, govies and teachers too!) that featured. I have had LOTS of positive reports from friends and family watching. It just goes to show how special and wonderful our school is.

If you missed the story, press on this link to watch...

Sunrise Mini School Video

Have a wonderful week,

Mr Eason

**Reminders**

- AASC on Wednesday and Friday this week.
- Weekly Supervisor Session each Monday afternoon @ 3pmCST
The National Film and Sound Archive’s School Screen program is delighted to be visiting Broken Hill again this year and invite you and your students to **free** film screenings at the Silver City Cinema, Broken Hill.

There are three films being screened on **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November**.

### 10am Thursday 28th November for lower primary students:

**Oakie’s Outback Adventures** (G) 2011 86 mins

Oakie, a young blue heeler pup, is supposed to be delivered to Texas, USA, but through a courier bungle he ends up in Texas, Queensland, in Outback Australia. Oakie is quickly befriended by Action Dann and they embark on a series of adventures, meeting many wonderful and quirky characters in the rugged and unique beauty of the Australian Outback. Oakie along with his new friends relives many of the poems and stories that define the Australian culture. Poems featured in the film include Waltzing Matilda, Mulga Bills Bicycle, The Man from Snowy River and Bush Christening by AB Banjo Patterson and The Loaded Dog by Henry Lawson.

### 12.30pm Thursday 28th November for upper primary and secondary students:

**The Dragon Pearl** (PG) 2011, 93 mins

Josh and Ling were expecting a boring vacation visiting each of their parents at an archaeological dig in China. But the new friends soon discover they’re right in the middle of an adventure when they find a Chinese Golden Dragon.

### 10am Friday 29th November for senior secondary students:

**The Black Balloon** (M) 2008 97 mins

It’s not easy being Thomas Mallison. When Thomas (Rhys Wakefield) and his family move to a new home and he starts at a new school, all he wants is to fit in. His pregnant mother (Toni Collette) has to take things easy, so his father Simon (Erik Thomson) puts him in charge of his autistic older brother Charlie (Luke Ford). Thomas, with the help of his new girlfriend Jackie (Gemma Ward), faces his biggest challenge yet. The Black Balloon is a story about fitting in, discovering love and accepting your family.

**ONLINE BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN:**


Click on **NFSA’s Schools Program**

Find **NSW (at the bottom of the page)**

Find your chosen session

Click on **Book Now**

Please arrive at the Silver City Cinema 15 minutes before the screening time as we wish to start punctually.

**Silver City Cinema  41 - 45 Oxide St  Broken Hill.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in contact.

**Regards**

Imelda Cooney
“Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books.” — John Lubbock

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**Up-Coming Events**

PE Camp
Pre-School Classroom
End of Year Activities
**Student of the Week**

**Students of the week**

**Sarah Brown**

For always having a positive attitude

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NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Choosing the right shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: 

NSW public school terms and holidays
Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

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Home safety
About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens.
It's this easy: http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5
DR ROSIE KING

MEN & WOMEN: BRIDGING THE GAP

Dr King is author of *Good Loving Great Sex, Where did my libido go* and the Women’s Day relationship column. She is a well-known media personality, GP and an entertaining speaker.

This is your chance to catch up with others and ask some of those questions you never thought you could. So come along to have a great laugh and possibly learn something that may make a difference to your relationship or maybe even your sex life!

As part of the Royal Flying Doctors Service ‘Navigate your life’ education series, Dr King will be coming to a site near you, along with some of the amazing RFDS health professionals.

Catch the team at one of the following locations:

- **Monday 4th Nov** Pincally Station 10-2 or Tibooburra Hotel 6:30pm
- **Tuesday 5th Nov** Tilpa Pub ‘Cup Day’
- **Wednesday 6th Nov** White Cliffs Hall 10-2 or Wilcannia Golf Club 6:30pm
- **Thursday 7th Nov** Pooncarie Pub 10-2 or Ivanhoe RSL Club 6:30pm
- **Friday 8th Nov** Olary Hall 10-2pm
School Song
(Sung to the tune of ‘Waltzing Matilda’)

All the little children
Scattered through the outback
Tune into School of the Air at the start
And we sing as we listen
To many tape recordings
All joining in though we’re many miles apart

Parted but united, Parted but united
Is our school motto and pride of our hearts
And we sing as we listen
To many tape recordings
All joining in though we’re many miles apart

Big ones and little ones
Listen in attentively
Eager for knowledge our teachers impart
Then we call in to answer
Telling them exciting things
Then back to work with a much lighter heart

UNITY

At School of the Air we:

Use our best manners at all times
Never give up
Instil pride in ourselves and others
Think ‘BIG’
Yearn to learn