Welcome back to school everyone and to Term 3. Past the half way mark now for 2013 which is frightening!

This term we have the Annual Sports Carnival, Book Week, Stage 3 Classroom, Stage 2 Excursion, Pre-School Classroom and lots of other exciting activities throughout the term within your classes.

The end of last term was very busy for me with lots of time out of the school. I attended the very last ever Broken Hill Principal’s meeting which was located in White Cliffs. Over the holidays there has been a restructure NSW wide. This has actually had little affect on our area as we have only gained Wanaaring Public School into our region and lucky enough to keep Trish Webb as our supervisor, who has only changed her title to ‘Director, Public Schools Far West Network’.

Kylie Green, Julie Lavis and myself then travelled to Sydney for the Annual Distance Education Symposium. This gave us the opportunity to learn what the other distance ed centres are doing around the state and also hear from experts in education to help teach students in new and interesting ways. We are now in the process of sharing what we learnt over the next few weeks in staff meetings so they can be.......
implemented into lessons/student programs.

A huge thank you to the students that attended the excursion to Canberra and the snow in the last week of last term. Your behaviour was exceptional as always. Also a big thank you to Matt and Zanna Gale and Mrs Lawrence as well for making the trip as successful as it was. It was an excellent trip that I am sure each and every student will treasure the experiences for a very long time. From visiting Parliament House and getting a special “behind the scenes” tour to a SPECTACULAR day at the snow with perfect blue skies to meeting Sam and Kochie in Canberra!!

The Annual Sports Carnival is fast approaching. Thank you to those parents that have said yes to helping out during the day. Look out for details and timetables of the entire week coming out soon.

There have been a few home sites having problems with their school computers. They are certainly at the end of their lifespan and there is very little we can do about it unfortunately. The Dubbo tech support are flat out currently installing brand new computers at all home sites. There are over 700 home sites they need to visit to install the equipment so they apologise if they are slow to respond to problems. I am happy to announce Broken Hill will be one of the 1st centres to receive their computers. Hopefully once the computers are set up and RE-ACT working smoothly we will be relatively trouble free for the next 10 years!

Have a fantastic week,

Cheers Mr Eason
### What’s On in Week 1

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### Up-Coming Events
- Sports Carnival
- Stage 3 Classroom
- Pre school Classroom
- Stage 2 Excursion

“Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in.”
— Leonardo da Vinci

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“WHAT’S ON AT SOTA”
**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

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**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

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**How can we help?**

Frontier Services is an agency of the Uniting Church and has provided services to people living in Outback and remote Australia for nearly 100 years. The Frontier Services Patrol Ministers offer pastoral care to individuals, families and communities who face the challenges of isolation every day. They travel by road or air to conduct services, to lend a hand or just to have a chat.

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NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Sorting fact from fiction
You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

What’s in a game?
Among teen and preteen gamers, the names of violent video games travel fast. And before you know anything about these games your child wants to play them. How do you make an informed decision about what to buy?
Find out more: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives

Telling stories
Here’s a great school holiday idea: have your kids create an entry for this year’s Trop Jr film festival and in the process learn a little something about scripting, shooting, editing and copyright law. (Sneaky learning strikes again.)
Find out more: http://tropfest.com/tropjr/

Writing essays made easier
Rather than worrying about an essay for weeks, suggest your child get in some early preparation and have the self-belief that they can do it.
Ideal for Classroom, Sports Day, or a weekend in Broken Hill...

480 on Blende

480 Blende St is situated 100m from Hungry Jacks, or just up from Elders in the CBD precinct. It has lock up off street parking for 3 vehicles, pet friendly, can accommodate 8 people, 2 double beds, 4 singles, all linen supplied. 2 flat screen TVs with built in DVD player in children's rumpus room, 2 split system air conditioners (heating & Cooling), bathroom has shower & toilet with all towelling supplied and additional toilet in laundry which has washing machine, dryer & large deep freezer. Kitchen has all cutlery, china and cooking utensils supplied with large refrigerator, gas stove, microwave, toaster, kettle etc.

Outside is an enclosed BBQ area with large hot plate and outdoor setting with bar fridges. Ideal for family or 2 families, children can be kept safely off the street, perfect for a weekend in town from the bush. The house is freshly painted and all beds & bedding and furniture is new. Special price for country people $200 two nights. Please phone Monica on 0499858738