Welcome to Week 4. Thank you to those parents that were able to make it in last week for the NAPLAN testing. It was great to see the kids and have chats with them during break times. Thank you as well goes to the teachers that had fun, educational activities for the kids after the tests as well. By all accounts everyone had a fun 3 days.

An update with REACT, we apologise for the changes between “Internal” and “External” but we are just acting on instructions from Dubbo and Sydney. You may often see them logging in and out of lessons monitoring quality. We have decided that if a lesson has below average quality so it is affecting the lesson we will cancel if the problem persists for about 7-10 minutes (using teacher professional judgment). We didn’t want to cancel lessons completely as some run fine and it would be a shame. As yet we don’t have a timeframe for when everything will be running smoothly but a positive phone call yesterday seems as though they are well underway.

Well done to the students that ran in the Cross Country Carnival representing SOTA. All students ran very well with excellent results, especially with Sean Holgate who came 3rd in his race which allows him to attend the Barrier Cross Country Carnival. A thank you to Mrs Norman as well for looking after the students on the day

CONGRATULATIONS SEAN!

Have a fantastic week,

Cheers Mr Eason

Reminders

- Replies back about Mini School.
- Life Education (Healthy Harold) permission Notes ASAP
- Stage 3 Excursion returns
“I am not a teacher, but an awakener.”
— Robert Frost.

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**Up-Coming Events**
- DE Symposium Sydney
- Mini School
- Stage 3 Excursion
- Kindy Classroom
- Pre school Classroom
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 get up 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

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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Making school easier
Teacher and mum Katherine Bricknell has already helped several of her kids navigate primary, high school and tertiary education, and has some great, practical advice for other parents.


The sum of us
Be honest: are you a bit afraid of maths? And are you passing that on to your kids? Maths and science guru Adam Spencer suggests a better approach. (No time to listen to the podcast? The read our at-a-glance summary)


Weekly scheduling
Learning how to make time for homework, study, chores, part-time jobs and so on is a vital skill for all kids, but it’s one that we need to teach them by example. It’s just a Word document, but you can now create your own weekly schedules to whip your family into shape.


Snow sports camps
Looking for an affordable family holiday to the snow? Sport and Recreation run holiday snow packages from Jul – Sept. Take a break, improve your health and well being, and breathe the fresh mountain air.

What the NSW Coalition Government is saying about the Gonski agreement:

**NSW Premier Barry O’Farrell**

“If I could summarise Gonski in one sentence, I would say that the agreement we have signed up to is about more resources and the fairer distribution of those resources across the system and about higher standards and better outcomes.” (April 30, 2013)

**NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli**

“Isn’t it great that a National Party Minister, a Liberal Premier, a Labor Prime Minister and a Labor federal minister can do a deal like this worth $5 billion for the sole benefit of making sure we deliver a first class education to every student in NSW.” (April 30, 2013)

What the Federal Coalition is saying about the NSW Gonski agreement:

**Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott**

“I have always said that the states cannot assume that any bad deal which is negotiated by this government will necessarily be sustained by a future government.” (April 30, 2013)

“Our position is that in a perfect world, of course there’d be more money for schools but we live in the real world and in the real world there are lots of things that would improve schools that don’t involve massive new injections of money.” (May 7, 2013)

**Federal Opposition Treasury spokesman Joe Hockey**

“We’ve said repeatedly that if all the states don’t sign up then it’s not a plan that we can support.” (April 30, 2013)

**Federal Opposition Education spokesman Christopher Pyne**

“...if the Coalition is elected and there is some states operating under different models we will not honour those agreements.” (April 15, 2013)
GETTING A GONSKI GUARANTEE

There is much to celebrate following the historic decision of the NSW Government to sign up for Gonski. The agreement with the Federal Government means more resources for schools across the state from January 1 next year. These resources will make a real difference for teachers and principals in schools.

They will change the lives of students. But there is one problem. The Federal Coalition is threatening not to honour the deal if it wins the September election.

We need your help ...
The Federal Opposition needs to provide a Gonski Guarantee

The landmark Gonski agreement signed by the NSW Government does not have bipartisan support in Canberra.

Tony Abbott is threatening not to honour it if he wins the election in September. He says the $5 billion investment in NSW kids won’t go ahead if all states and territories don’t sign up.

We need to convince the Coalition to change their position on the NSW Gonski agreement that will mean so much to schools and children.

How you can help.

The support of thousands of teachers and parents helped convince the NSW Government to act on Gonski. We need to now make sure Mr Abbott will honour the agreement if he wins the September election.

You can:

**Visit the campaign website** www.igiveagonski.com.au today and send a message to Mr Abbott about the urgent need for him to honour the NSW Gonski agreement.

**Contact your Federal Coalition MP or candidate** and ask whether they support the Gonski agreement. The contact details for MPs and candidates can be found at www.nsw.liberal.org.au/federal and www.nswnationals.org.au/candidate-portal/federal-mps-and-candidates-by-name

**Spread the word among members** and raise this matter urgently with your school’s parents. You can organise a parent information meeting and also attend the next P&C meeting.

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