Hi everyone. Due to being away on Monday and a busy Tuesday catching up I decided it would be best to start the What’s On to go out on Friday for the following week. This will allow everyone to view what staff will be in the school, what activities will be coming up that week and make it more manageable to write and get out to the community and be read not in the prime learning time of the week (Monday morning).

Congratulations to Basden for winning the carnival last week. A great day was had by all students, parents, relatives, govises and teachers. Competition was red hot with lots of students going on to represent SOTA at the Broken Hill Carnival later on in the week. Congratulations also goes to the Clarke family for the “Best Decorated Car”, a true SOTA Sports Day iconic part of the day.

A highlight of the Broken Hill Schools carnival was the way our students cheered on students from other schools, many of whom they had only just met that day! This made me very proud. Good luck to those students that were able to make it to the Barrier Athletics that will be held later in the month. A full list of students that qualified for the Barrier Carnival can be found attached to this newsletter.

Last week, SOTA students sang in the Annual Choral Festival. I was pleased to see such a large number of students that were able to stay in town for it. Despite only having 2 practices together, the students were a crowd favourite. Kylie Green and myself were in the audience and we had commented that the voices projected loud and clear right to the very back of the Entertainment Centre.

Reminders

- AASC on Wednesday and Friday this week
- Weekly Supervisor Session each Monday afternoon @ 3pmCST
Scott Henderson held a very informative session last Wednesday and thank you to all the parents, govies and supervisors that were able to attend. His message on managing conflict resolution and learning new ways of becoming more assertive in both school and home life were very powerful. Having expert speakers visit the school to discuss this information is a huge privilege for us.

Our Week 6 activities are progressing well. The teachers have come together to produce an exciting bunch of activities including an art unit. I am sure this will provide students with the freedom yet still with support to create some truly inspiring pieces of work. I am also looking forward to hosting the Book Week assembly on Friday of Week 6. It would be great to see students dressed up for this and we will have time to see each student via their webcam. I will have to organise a costume myself of my favourite book character!

An extra satellite session is going to be run each Monday afternoon at 3-3:30pm CST where I will be running a supervisor session inviting everyone from Pre School—Yr6 to have a quick rundown of activities happening at school. We will be following a ‘Parking Lot’ tool to discuss areas of SOTA. A ‘Parking Lot’ has 4 sections, Things going well, Things that need improvement, Questions you may have and Ideas for our school. This is going to be a short 20-30 min session so major issues won’t be bought up (following the regular mode of communication will be needed for these things confidentially) but it will allow us to act on things quickly. Looking forward to your attendance to this.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. More information on this will be provided soon.

A reminder to everyone that AASC is continuing this term each Wednesday and Friday. Wednesday we have Taekwondo with Gary and each Friday Gymnastics with Zoe. Sorry we were unable to have sessions this week. We will make sure that the sessions still run for 7 weeks as planned.

Have a fantastic week,

Cheers Mr Eason
"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
— Malcolm X

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**Up-Coming Events**

Stage 3 Classroom

Pre school Classroom

Stage 2 Excursion
Well done to those students that are going on to represent SOTA in the Barrier Carnival in Week 6!

Sean Holgate - Long Jump, High Jump

Hannah Kawenga - Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus

Bella Gale - High Jump, 800m

Sam Jackson - Shot Put

Maddison Dowling - 100m
Food for the school day

Any parent of school-aged children knows how famished their kids are the minute they walk in the door from school. And the simple reason for that is learning makes you hungry. Or, to put it another way, children need to eat well if they are to learn well. Here is some advice to help feed developing brains. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids

Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know

Getting kids into nature

Does it really matter if children are spending more of their time indoors rather than climbing trees and catching cicadas? According to the experts, the answer is a resounding "yes". Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/fitness/getting-into-nature

Leaving your children at home alone

All parents make the decision to leave their child at home alone sooner or later. And although parents may worry at first, most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone

I have fun with faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces
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 grow,
Telling them exciting things
Then back to work with a much lighter heart

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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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Ideal for Classrooms or a weekend in Broken Hill...

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 TV's 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.
HEY EVERYONE,

The KIDS FIRST AID people will be in White Cliffs Sunday the 18th of August. They will cover the top 10 most common household emergency situations for children 0-16. You will find all the info on their website www.kidsfirstaid.com.au/ ... please, please pass onto anyone you think maybe interested, you book it all online, or on the link below..

Hope to see you all there, should be great

Cheers

Laura Finch