From the Principal’s Desk

This week is a very exciting one with the kinder and pre-school classroom occurring in Broken Hill. It is always a delight to have our students visiting school, see their smiles and hear their voices in the playground.

We have had some special visitors to SOTA recently and this will continue this week and next. Last week we had a visit from Broken Hill City Council Mayor, Mr Wincen Cuy to talk to stage two and singer Sami joining the assembly. Yesterday, author and songwriter, Bill ‘Swampy’ Marsh spoke to stage two and also interviewed some students for an upcoming book. At the assembly tomorrow we will have renowned opera singer Brad Cooper joining the choir session and next week we will be hosting a visit from the South Australian Museum (see info contained in this newsletter).

Last week I attended the Far West Network Principals Conference in White Cliffs. Our focus for the two days included school planning, performance management, network planning and student services.

The School Council are continuing to look at refining their focus, role and meeting processes. These will be confirmed at the next meeting on Tuesday 16th June.

Please ensure that the blue PVC forms are returned to SOTA for semester one by 19th June. If you need support or further information please contact the school office,

Just over a week to go until the Canberra, I hope everyone is getting ready!

Have a great week!

Scott Sanford
What is happening this week?

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Principal’s Problem of the Week

**Q.** Unjumble this picture clue.

If you think you know the answer then email it to Mr Sanford by 4pm on Thursday 18th June.

*(scott.sanford@det.nsw.edu.au)* Please send only one email per student, if there is more than one correct answer we will have a draw at the assembly.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th July at 3:30pm CST / 4:00pm EST.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be 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.

Celebrating 60 years of Education at Broken Hill School of the Air in 2016.

The committee for organising the celebration met today, there will be more details to follow but the functions will run from Friday 22nd September to Sunday 24th September 2016 (last week of term three 2016).

Landmark

Landmark contacted the school this week to indicate that they are having an in-store promotion and are donating 5% of sales from selected products to SOTA. For more information please contact Landmark Broken Hill. Thank you Landmark!
On Friday 19th June Alexis and James from the South Australian Museum will be visiting Broken Hill School of the Air. Scientists at the museum study all kinds of animals, from jellyfish to kangaroos, and everything in between, in order to learn more about the biodiversity around us. During Alexis and James’ visit, we’ll explore how you can use online tools to be “citizen scientists” and help them better understand our special and unique Australian environment.

One of the ways that you can do that is by reporting animals that you see around your home. Do you ever find kangaroos in your yard? Magpies in the paddock? Lizards in the shed? Or butterflies in the garden? By taking photos and telling us where you saw these animals, you can be the scientists’ eyes and ears all over Australia.

If you see any interesting animals near your home during the next week, take a photo and send it in an email to alexis.tindall@samuseum.sa.gov.au with some information about where you saw it, where you live, and if it was doing anything interesting when you saw it. Scientists at the museum will work out exactly what species it is, and James and Alexis will show you how to put it on the map, so that it can add to our knowledge about those animals.

I’ve provided a couple of pictures that citizen scientists have taken near Broken Hill. One is a pair of Little Corellas sitting in a tree, and the other is a Satin Azure butterfly. We’d love to see any photos that you can capture of birds, beetles, moths or butterflies, or little lizards that live near your home. When you’re looking for animals to photograph, try and take their photo without disturbing them or catching them, and remember not to touch any spiders, snakes or things that can bite.

We’re really looking forward to visiting your school and seeing the animals that live near you.
# Award Winners

## Term 2 - Week 7

### Student of the Week

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<td>Fantastic job with his Science activities</td>
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<td>Mac Lawson</td>
<td>Great work in Maths</td>
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<td>K/1 (Norman)</td>
<td>Maggie Bartholomaeus</td>
<td>For finding a way to start her writing; even though she didn’t feel like it!</td>
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<td>Maggie Lauritsen-Graham</td>
<td>Huge improvement in all work</td>
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<td>Great reading progress and his wonderful satellite reading of ‘I Don’t Believe It’.</td>
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<td>Asking thoughtful questions to the Mayor during his visit.</td>
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<td>Darcey Cullen</td>
<td>Creating a persuasive and entertaining video called, ‘Would you grapple that apple?’</td>
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<td>Hannah Chipman</td>
<td>Presenting an environmentally friendly proposal and plan</td>
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<td>Yr 6</td>
<td>Abby Jarrett</td>
<td>Terrific independent work</td>
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Ebony Dennis – Year 4

Effectively editing to improve her writing to create an entertaining story.
Minkey Hockey Day

20th June 2015

Picton Oval, 11:30am — 1:00pm

Registration: $5.00
includes an ice block and drink.

Come on down to Picton Oval for the Minkey Hockey Day. Children between the ages of 5 to 10 are invited to take part in a fun filled day and learn some skills. Registration will cost $5 dollars. Included in the price will be an ice block and drink. A canteen and barbque will also be operating on the day. Then stay and watch the seniors.

A great family day out

Broken Hill Hockey Association

Phone: Matton – 0488230770
Email: brokenhillhockeyassociation@gmail.com
2015 SOTA Tea Towel Fundraiser

Dear Parents, Supervisors and Teachers,

The P and C are running a Tea Towel Fundraiser. We are asking all the students, teachers and governesses to draw a self-portrait.

A unique tea towel design will be made up of all the drawings. The drawings will be arranged into one commemorative design and screen printed in blue onto a high quality white tea towel.

The first thing we need is to collect the students, teachers and governesses portraits. We do not need your orders yet! We just need you to get the pictures in.

Please use a piece of paper 10.5cm wide by 15cm long (a quarter of an A4 piece of paper, portrait orientation).

Draw your self-portrait in BLACK felt tip pen or thin texta. NOT pen or pencil! Write your first near your picture. See below for examples. We will add in station names, typed at the end.

When you have completed your picture please email them to rebecca.pearce18@det.nsw.edu.au in either a JPEG or PDF file.

Please get them in before the 12th of June, as we will then go in a draw to win $1000 and receive extra tea towels.

Thank you for your support,

Rebecca Pearce and the P&C Fundraising committee
Milparinka Gymkhana
Saturday 4th July 2015
(Middle of NSW July school holidays)

1. Danns Feeds Bending Race 8 Years & Under
2. Broken Hill Exhaust Bending Race 9–13 years
3. Adams Transport Flag Race 8 years & under
4. Bridgestone Tyres Flag Race 9–13 years
5. Silver City Crash Repairs Barrel Race 8yrs & under
6. Lawrence Engineering Barrel Race 9–13 years
7. Nejaim Steel Supplies Musical Can 8yrs & under
8. Schute Bell Whitbread & Co Musical Mats 9–13 years
9. Lawrence Industrial Musical Mats 14–17 years
10. Wilson Transport Musical Chairs 18 years & over
11. Jackson Corporate Enterprises Flag Race 14–17 years
12. IOR Fuels Flag Race 18 years & over
13. Family Hotel Tibooburra Keyhole 17 years & under
14. Alick Scott Australian Goat Meat Company Keyhole 18 yrs & over
15. Mannion Coating Bending race 14–17 years
16. Tibooburra Hotel Bending Race 18 years and over
17. Mt Poole 200m OPEN
18. Caypower + Gidgee Smith Thread the Needle 17yrs & under
19. Tasco + Fox & Lillie Rural Thread the Needle 18 yrs & over
20. Pack saddles Roadhouse Barrel Race 14–17 years
21. Australian Wool Network Men’s Barrel Race
22. Broken Hill Toyota Ladies Barrel Race
23. MILPARINKA HOTEL CUP 400m OPEN
   1st $400, 2nd $200
24. Mulga Hill Tavern Obstacle Race 18 years & over
25. Adelaide Wool Contracting Obstacle Race 17 years & under
26. Richardson Shearing Walk Trot, Gallop
27. Circle T Cattle Co Consolation Monte Carlo
28. BR & C + Quality Wool Slice the Melon
29. Sturt Proprietors + Consolidated Jumbo Race
30. Schinellas + Bromson Gas Rescue Race 16 years & over
31. C.P People Chemist Men’s Sheffield
32. Jack Maxwell Memorial Women’s Sprint
33. Corner Country Store + M&P Hannah Boy/Girls Tiny Tots Races
34. Gardiner Hall Accounting Boys 6–12 Foot Race
35. Rob’s Dirt Bike Repairs Girls 6 –12 Foot Race
36. Tarrawingee Holiday Units Sack Race 6 years & under
37. Thomas Foods International Sack Race 6 –12 Years
38. Yunta Transport + Pots’n’Plants 3 Legged Race 15yrs & under
39. Black Lion Inn 3 Legged Race 16 years & over
40. Milparinka Field and Game Throw the Broom
41. Old Timers Club Ladies & Men’s Drive the Nail

More Information – milparinkasportingclub@gmail.com

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ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT
THE HOT CHAIRS

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Ribbons All Events. Horse Events: Under 17 years 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Trophies, 18 years & over 1st and 2nd Place Trophies. Open Events 1st & 2nd Place Trophies. Events 31-39 1st Place Trophies only. All children’s events are also for LED riders, however the SOLO rider has first preference.

Conditions: The Committee reserves the right to alter or delete from the program & to refuse any nominations. Judges decision is final. Skull caps must be worn for all horse events. The club recommends that riders wear chest protection vests for all flat events. Participants ride at their own risk. 63.5kg/ 10st. Minimum weight for flat events. Entrants note: Event 27 is for any 17 years & under rider who has competed in ANY horse event but has failed to win atrophy.