From the Principal’s Desk

What a fantastic week that we had for Sports Week! It was outstanding to see our students have a go at all activities across the week and perform at their best, whether it was for school photos, sports day or the Choral Festival. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts and a big thank you to everyone for their contributions to the week.

We have had some outstanding results from the Broken Hill Athletics Carnival, the team for the Barrier Carnival to be held on Friday 21st August is still being finalised but should be released this week. I will inform all potential members once it is released. The following places were won by SOTA students at the Broken Hill Carnival:

- Darcey Cullen 1st Jnr Boys Shot Put and 2nd Jnr Boys Discus
- Maddison Dowling Equal 1st Jnr Girls High Jump,
- Poppy Young 2nd 8 yrs 100m
- Abigail Jarrett 2nd Senior Girls High Jump
- Charli Cullen 3rd 10 yrs 100m, 3rd Jnr Girls 200m and 3rd Jnr Girls High Jump
- Junior Girls Relay Team 2nd
- Charlie Siemer 3rd Jnr Boys Discus

Congratulations to Lucy and Anna Parker and Millie and Lucy Gale for representing SOTA at the Broken Hill Public Speaking Competition recently. Lucy Parker won the junior section! A great reward for Lucy and very much deserved. Thanks to Mrs Moynihan and Mrs Brook for supporting the girls in the lead up to the competition.

The filming that was carried out at SOTA last week as part of The Voice and Woolworths Earn and Learn will be broadcast on this Sunday 9th now instead of Monday 10th. From what I have been told it will be during an ad break of the live show.

Get well wishes go to all members of the SOTA community that have recently been struck down with illness. Hope everyone is better soon.

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 13th August (date has been extended), (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 during the Tilpa Mini-School. Can families please check the finance report that was recently sent out to check if there are any outstanding amounts owing.

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).

Broken Hill Public Speaking Competition Photos
Mini-School – Tilpa

The Tilpa Mini-School is very fast approaching. Please indicate to Gabie on outbackmum@icloud.com or 0428 604 485 to indicate what food you could bring from the list that was recently emailed out. We will discuss further exactly what is required during the upcoming Community Forum on Monday but we will have some athletics training and link in with the National Science Week and also the Local Land Services Photography competition. In preparation for the mini-school, families will need to bring the usual smoko (please ensure that anything you bring does not contain nuts), an old white t-shirt / shirt (that you don’t mind getting ‘decorated’) and a camera (if possible – we will have cameras and ipads available for photos but just in case students / families had a camera that students were used to using.)

There will not be a fancy dress night but the white shirts could be used for something........

Questacon

We will have a visit from Questacon on Friday 14th August for two hands on sessions via satellite (12:10pm CST – K-3 students and 1:05pm CST– Yr 4-6 students). Please find attached some further information and a list of resources needed to carry out experiments at home while they are completed on satellite.

2015 – 17 School Plan Update – What has been happening?

School Systems and Professional Learning

- All teaching staff across both sites are involved in an individual coaching program through Coach in a Box, this follows on from a program ran across Broken Hill schools last year in which 65 leaders and aspiring leaders participated in this successful program co-ordinated by SOTA.
- Team of five trainers trained in HOW2Learn and then the program deliver by these trainers over a two year period.
- Implementation of the NSW Performance and Development Framework for all teaching staff, this will see all staff have a Performance and Development Plan that identifies goals, strategies and evidence to show achievement towards goals.
- Installing of two new Sentral servers (one at Hay and one at Broken Hill) to be used for communication and student data management. This will replace the now decommissioned Intranet site.

Next week I will provide an update on a different aspect of our implementation of our School Plan.
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Shell Questacon Science Circus will be presenting to your child(ren) via Broken Hill School of the Air on Friday 14 August.

Questacon is the National Science and Technology Centre and we specialise in fun hands on science activities. Our School of the Air sessions will be free of charge.

For our sessions, we have put together a list of items that we will use and would like your child(ren) to have too. We have chosen items generally found around the home, but if you cannot source all the items, your child can still listen in and we will show images of what we are using.

Our schedule for the day will be as follows:
  - 12:10am – K-3 students
  - 13:05pm – Yr 4-6 students

The Shell Questacon Science Circus will also be setting up an interactive science centre for the general public at the following locations:

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We realise that you may live a long way out of town, but if you happen to be nearby we’d love you to attend. Use the code word “VIBRATIONS” at the door to get free entry for your child(ren).

For further details please check out our website at: [http://sciencecircus.questacon.edu.au](http://sciencecircus.questacon.edu.au)

Thank you and we look forward to bringing some fun science into your home!

Kind regards,

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Tour Coordinator
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The Shell Questacon Science Circus will also be setting up an interactive science centre as part of the Gawler Show in Gawler. This is an event that is free for the general public and we’d encourage you to attend if you’re in town.

**Gawler Showgrounds**
Nixon Terrace, Gawler
Saturday 29 August, 9am - 7pm
Sunday 30 August, 9am – 5pm

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Equipment List

K-3 Students:
- Experiment 1 (vibrations)
  - Balloon
  - Pipe or cardboard cylinder (such as a used gladwrap cylinder)
- Experiment 2 (pitch)
  - Three or more identical glasses
  - Jug of water
  - Spoon
- Experiment 3 (amplification)
  - A disposable plastic cup
  - A paper clip
  - A piece of string

4-6 Students:
- Experiment 1 (vibrations)
  - Balloon
  - 50c coin
- Experiment 2 (travelling waves)
  - Spoon
  - A piece of string
- Experiment 3 (pitch)
  - Straw
  - Scissors
- Experiment 4 (musical instrument)
  - Two popsticks
  - A thick rubber band
  - Two smaller rubber bands
  - Two pieces of straw approx 2 cm long
  (these may be used from the previous experiment!)