A Message from the Principal...

Welcome to the first summer edition, and our final 2014 edition of SOTA Speak. 😊

School of the Air is an extremely busy place this week, with report writing, preparations for Get Together and organising resources and learning materials for 2015.

This is also the time of year when we hear about the new beginnings for some of our staff. This year we have a number of staff leaving SOTA and moving on to exciting new prospects. Emily Howard will be teaching at St Jakobi R-7 School in the Barossa Valley, Jade Schutz has a position with the Mid North Education Centre at Port Pirie, Cat Peters has been appointed Middle School Coordinator at Mount Compass Area School, Bianca Pandopulos has won the position of Year 5 teacher at Our Lady of the River R-7 school at Berri, and Chelsea Packer has been appointed as Itinerant Teacher at School of the Air! Congratulations to all of them on their new appointments.

Excitement is certainly building for the Get Together weekend and we’ve already had a few beans spilled about some great costumes! The weather looks as though it will be perfect for us; maybe a little bit windy, but not too hot so we can schedule everything as usual.

Formal teaching for assessment will be finished this week, but on Monday we will be having one last whole school assembly that you can join in if you want to. We will have some photos from the Get Together and a chance to have some fun together one last time. There won’t be the usual scheduled Centra lessons for each year level next week, but there will be an 11:00am lesson time for anyone in any year level to come along and do some Christmas or just fun activities together. These will be held in the SOTA Assembly Event. Next week is also a chance to check in to your mooodles to do some revision and consolidation if you want to. There might even be some fun extras in there from the teachers. All of this is entirely optional, as we are aware that some families are travelling and will not be home next week, but others are still keen to finish the week with some school work.

Thank you all; students, teachers, SSOs, supervising parents, governesses and all others involved in making this a great year of fun and learning for our School of the Air children. Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Cheers for now,

Polly Smart
A Message from your REVISE Committee
Parent Rep – Jill Greenfield

Representatives from REVISE are intending to visit our 2015 school camp, in order to share some of their experience with parents and supervisors.

REVISE are retired teachers who volunteer their time to help isolated families with educating their children.

They would like to know if parents or supervisors have any specific information they would like covered. This could be setting up a classroom, behaviour management, effective teaching strategies or help with specific learning needs.

Please contact Jill with your ideas: coljill@activ8.net.au

Library News

Returning Resources
As the end of year draws closer, please return any items you are no longer using. If you are continuing with OAC in 2015 you do not need to return the kits, dictionaries and atlases etc that you use each year. If you need extra Reply Paid stickers or a copy of a list of resources you have out etc, please let us know.

Holiday borrowing
If you are continuing with us for 2015, please let us know by 11th December if you need resources for the holidays. We will send them out so you have books to read etc over the holidays.

If you would like to borrow some resources, please contact us:
- Write on the Borrowing slide at Assembly each morning
- Phone: 1800 882 328 and ask for the Library
- Phone: (08) 8309 3620 or (08) 8366 2822
- Follow us on Twitter @mardenlibrary
- Email: library@openaccess.edu.au

All the best to families who are moving on for 2015.

Happy holidays and Cheers to everyone from The Library Team!
Congratulations to the following students who have received Student of the Week Awards in Term 4.

**Week 7:**

**Week 8:**

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**Christmas Jokes**

1. **What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?**
   - A. Santa caught in a revolving door!

2. **What did one snowman say to the other snowman?**
   - A. Can you smell carrots?

3. **Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?**
   - A. A mince spy!

4. **What do you call an old snowman?**
   - A. Watertotal

5. **What do monkeys sing at Christmas?**
   - A. Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells!

6. **How long should an elf’s legs be?**
   - A. Just long enough to reach the ground!

7. **What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a detective?**
   - A. Santa Clue!

8. **What is the best present in the world?**
   - A. A broken drum – you can’t beat it!

9. **What is Santa’s dog called?**
   - A. Santa Paws!

10. **Which Christmas carol do parents like best?**
    - A. Silent Night!