



# SOTA *Speak*

School of the Air Newsletter

December 2022 Term 4

## Message from the Head of Campus



A life without excitement and challenges is a life half-lived?

In 2022, SOTA experienced two main challenges: CoVID restrictions and storm damage to our buildings. However, what we gained and achieved far outweighed these challenges.

SOTA implemented several new initiatives this year. Twice weekly verbal feedback sessions to individual students, weekly Social Space: 'Galah Session', Thursday homeroom, breakout rooms in WebEx, team-teaching in Years 4/5 and flipped learning in Year 6 contributed to overall student learning and wellbeing growth. In addition to the positive supervisor feedback on these initiatives, results from the Department Wellbeing and Engagement survey of years 4-6, NAPLAN, PAT and Running Record indicate encouraging outcomes too. When teachers, supervisors, students and parents work together, we gain positive educational outcomes.

Let's maintain the progress. I hope parents will continue to encourage children to read. Books open up children's imaginations, enrich their perspectives and help them see how language is used to

communicate ideas and emotions. If your children are not avid readers, find books that are of their interest (including jokes, comics, sports and magazines) and within their reading level. If it's too hard, they would be overwhelmed by the text and resist reading. Set a daily reading routine – perhaps start with 10mins of reading after breakfast or before dinner in the first week of the holiday, then increase it to 15mins for the next two weeks, and 20mins in the last two weeks. Praise them for reading and ask them to share what they are reading too.

As we head towards the summer holidays, we bid farewell to Beau, Sam and Todd who will be going to new schools next year. We also give thanks and farewell to Miss Sara, Miss Tennessee, Ms C and our longest-serving itinerant teacher, MK. We wish them an enjoyable and rewarding new chapter of life.

In 2023, we will welcome 6 Reception students, 4 new families and 3 new teachers. Miss Emma has been supporting the kindy students transition to SOTA and looks forward to teaching them in Reception next year. We also welcome back Miss Jo, and are delighted to have Miss Morley and Miss Kaur to join Miss Emma and Ms Mel to complete the class teaching staff. Miss Megan is still waiting for a fellow itinerant teacher to mentor and trade travel stories.

My thanks to the teachers, SSOs, supervisors and parents for your work in supporting student learning and providing them with an enjoyable school experience. Your effort has been worthwhile.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Get Together.

Have a lovely and safe holiday.

Best wishes  
Lai Kuan Lim

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## OPFA and SOTA CGC

### Outback Parents and Friends Association (OPFA)

An opportunity for the parents, supervisors and staff of students enrolled with the Port Augusta School of the Air (SOTA) to discuss any aspects associated with the school.

### SOTA Committee of Governing Council (CGC)

The SOTA CGC discuss governance issues that require further discussion from OPFA meetings.

#### OPFA/CGC upcoming meeting dates

**All meetings at 3:30pm**

OPFA: Week 3 (T1) 2023

CGC: Week 4 (T1) 2023

As we come to the end of 2022, Leisa and Petie would like to thank the committee members for their feedback, support, and input over the last 12 months on OPFA and CGC. We manage to keep the wonderful community of SOTA afloat, while almost solving the world's problems, during the hours we spend on those meetings, and it is much appreciated by us that you continue to come along. Supporting the committees mean you support the school and it's with that that makes it thrive and continue to go from strength to strength. We are excited to welcome Leah to the OPFA chair and know that she will handle it with absolute charm and poise and would like to thank Leisa for her 2 years leading the OPFA ship. Petie is like a bad smell that you can't shake so will continue to chair the CGC crew and is determined to help lay the first foundation of a new SOTA building before her time as a SOTA parent is up.

Here's wishing you all a safe and very Merry Christmas and look forward to catching you all at Induction week, 2023.

Cheers for 2022  
Petie and Leisa

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## Distance Education Supervisors

What an amazing year we have had!

The DES girls have had an amazing year with all things fundraising. As many of you know we have a 2023 calendar underway and although there has been some bumps in the road we are hoping to have them sorted soon! Thanks everyone for an amazing year and we have you have a safe and happy holiday season

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## 2022 Year Book Orders

The 2022 SOTA Yearbook is taking shape and will be sent to printers in Week 9 after Get Together as usual. It will be distributed at Induction Week in Term 1 and will cost around \$25 depending on number ordered. Thus could you please email MK ASAP with the number of Yearbooks that you would like to purchase.

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## Face to Face Event Dates 2023

Induction Week: **Term 1 - Week 1**  
(30 January – 3 February)

School Experience Week/NAPLAN (Woomera): **Term 1- Week 8** (20-24 March)

**PLEASE BOOK ACCOMMODATION AT WOOMERA**

CAMP ([El Shaddaj](#), Wellington): **Term 2 - Week 10**  
(3-7 July)

Mini Schools/PAT: **Term 3 - Week 10**  
(25-29 September)

Get Together: **Term 4 - Friday & Saturday Week 8**  
(8-9 December)

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#### Term 4 Week 4

*Miss Emma:*

*Alex* for being a dedicated and responsible member of our class and her enthusiasm in her learning.

*Miss Sara:*

*George* for always being punctual for his lessons and showing dedication in his learning.

*Miss Tennessee:*

*James* for showing strong leadership skills in breakout rooms.

*Ms C:*

*Lily* for demonstrating high level vocabulary in her narratives and poems.

*Ms Mel:*

*Beau* for his adaptability and effort in completing his work and participating in lessons.

#### Term 4 Week 6

*Miss Emma:*

*Lilly* for her hard work in her Maths lessons and follow-up tasks.

*Miss Sara:*

*Lawson* for consistently including others in activities and showing fantastic initiative to produce high quality work.

*Miss Tennessee:*

*Magenta* for creatively extending herself and using her knowledge to make a video about angles.

*Ms C:*

*Micah* for asking for support and help during feedback sessions. Guiding his own learning.

*Ms Mel:*

*Stella* for enthusiastically jumping into her independent English task and self-directing her learning.



# MK's Home Visits

## TERM 4 WEEK 3

Stuck at SOTA all week so took reliefs for OAC and caught up on the 2022 Magazine.



## TERM 4 WEEK 4

Back to see Jayden and Micah at Taylorville. Jayden was unbeatable at UNO. Interesting times for the Riverland with the River Murray getting wider each day.



## TERM 3 WEEK 5

Back to Sturt Vale to catch up with Alex (and Edward). Had an interesting battle with a few of the animals who don't particularly like me...don't know why! Dropped into see Abby at Braemar for a few hours on my way home. Had the privilege of listening to both as they played the recorder.



## TERM 4 WEEK 6

My first visit to Muloorina to visit Charlotte and Jase. The golf cart saves a lot of walking between places. A lot of school work plus PE plus Uno occupied our time as summer started heating up.



## TERM 4 WEEK 7

Back up the Strez for the last visit of my SOTA life to see Sanaisha and Shaquille. Unfortunately, I only got as far as Leigh Creek on the Monday night as illness sent me back home Tuesday and Wednesday.

MK

## Miss Megan's Home Visits

Term 4 ended just as Term 1 began with fantastic trips where we all had fun with the learning.

I learnt quite a bit more about cattle breeding (thanks Cody) and the students kept moving forwards with their learning too. Well done. See you in Get Together EVERYONE!

I am so excited.

Miss Megan



# Miss Emma's Reception/ Year 1

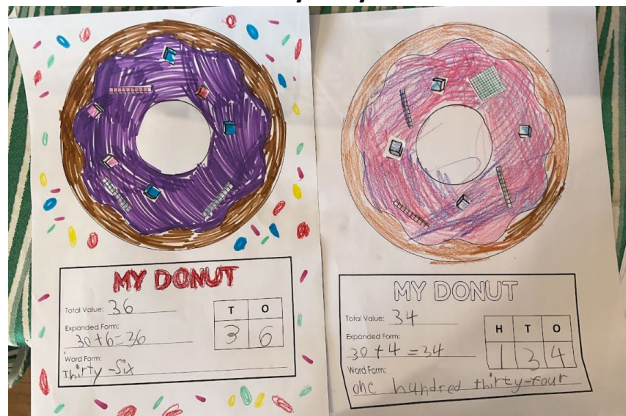
Well done Receptions and Year 1's for an amazing 2022! I am constantly impressed by the incredible work you have produced this year and the SOTA values you have shown. Thank you so much to all the supervisors that have worked alongside me this year- I could not have done it without you!

I wish all SOTA families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I can't wait to see you all again in 2023!

Jack



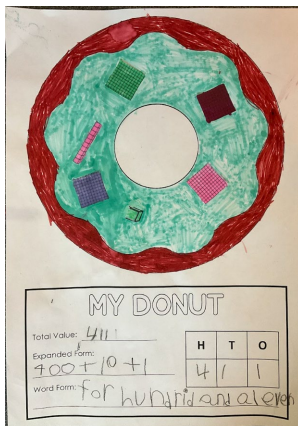
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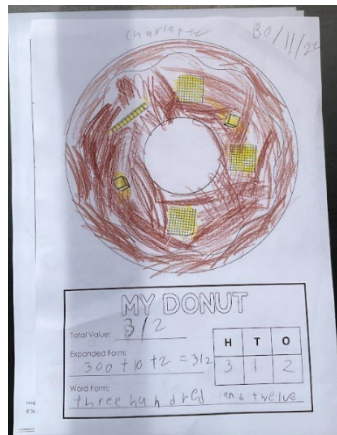
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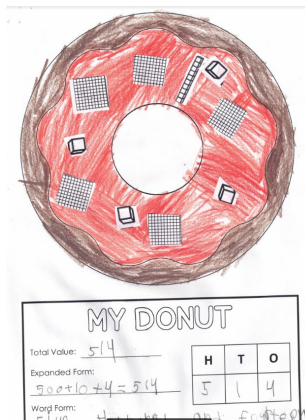
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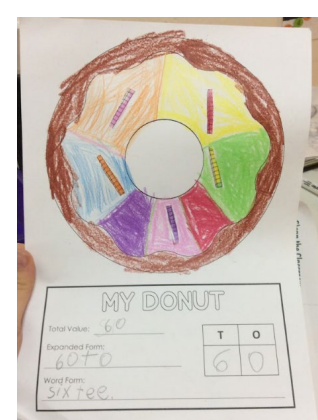
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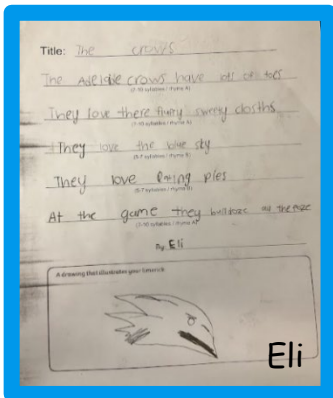


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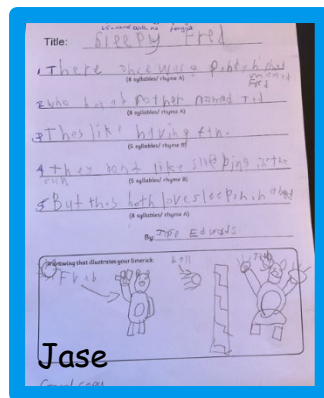


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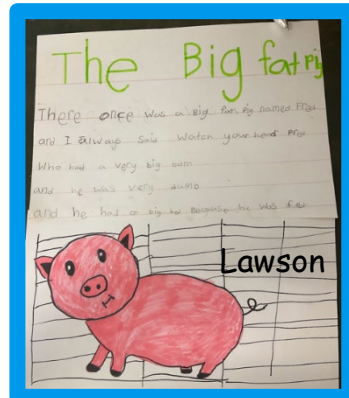
Term 4 has been a roller coaster for us all and we still did fantastic learning. For English, we have been learning lots about poetry. We are proud of our cinquains and limericks. In Maths, we have been learning about shapes, location and time. We have learnt and investigated about the shadows and the relativity of the Sun and Earth in Science. We have done lots of designing and making in Technologies and HASS. In Music, we have learnt how to play and perform songs on the recorder.



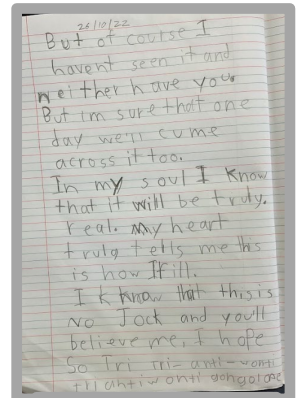
Eli



Jase



Lawson



Annastasia

## CHICKEN CURRY

CHICKEN CURRY  
 CHICKEN CURRY  
 GOOD AND SPICY  
 OH SO NICEY  
 STEAMING HOT  
 IN A POT, I LIKE A LOT  
 CHICKEN CURRY.

Shaquille

### Design a Chicken Coop

Your task is to design a chicken coop to house six hens to lay eggs for your family.

You will need to consider the following:

- What chickens need to live a healthy, fulfilling and happy life.
- Where your chicken coop will be in your backyard.
- Which materials you would use to construct the chicken coop.
- The structure of the chicken coop and how it would provide a safe shelter for the hens.

Lara

Remember to label and annotate your design!



George



Cube  
 8 corners / vertices  
 6 faces  
 12 Edges

Square based Pyramid  
 5 Faces / Corners  
 5 Faces  
 8 Edges

Triangular Prism  
 5 faces  
 9 edges  
 6 corners / vertices

Jayden



Bonnie



# Miss Tennessee's and Ms C's Year 4/5

In English this term students wrote some amazing poems. They used creative, imaginative languages to entertain us as readers. All students performed their poems to the class.

In Maths this term we have learnt how to identify different types of angles, as well as became expert on using a protractor to measure and draw angles accurately.

Year 4s spent time exploring the earth and its changes. Looking at how weather makes changes to the land and landscape. For example, weather breaks it, erosion takes it and disposition drops it. In HASS, students learnt about wants and needs and applied them to products.

The year 5 class spent the term exploring space and learning about the different planets. We created weather reports for two different planets and discovered some rain diamonds! In HASS we have been learning about wants and needs and factors that influence our choice to purchase products. We created PowerPoints showing the decision-making process and justified our choice to recommend purchasing a certain product.

Ms Tennessee and Ms C have really enjoyed the year and seeing the fantastic growth that you all have made. Good luck in 2023.

### DECISION-MAKING TABLE

Criteria	Aventador	Musang	McLaren
Price	\$799,425	\$39,995	\$403,200
Engine	5.0L V8	256L 16 32V I4	4.0L V8
Roaring exhaust	Smoking that roars exhaust	concord	does not have a roaring exhaust
Butterfly door	yes	yes	yes
Cool colours	yes	yes	yes

### Decision-Making Table

Criteria	Lenovo iPad Duet	HP LUK AND 15.6" HD Chromebook	HP SORTEALS 14" HD Laptop (LAPTOP)
Price	\$300	\$485	\$585
Wireless (Bluetooth)	yes	Yes	Yes
Bluetooth	yes	No	yes

### Jovian planet weather report

Good evening and welcome to the jovian planet weather report. It's looking pretty stormy and extreme out there! Here's all the details with Lucy Williams. Thank you Diathe.

First, let's take a look at what's happening on Saturn.

- All Saturn the temperature is minus 180 degrees at the moment.
- It could be more than 1000 miles per hour winds at Saturn.
- Saturn has clouds made out of ammonia ice crystals.
- Some type of rain Saturn has a real shower of diamonds often not every day.
- Put a few thick jackets and a backpack to collect some diamonds when it stops raining.
- Stay indoors, otherwise you might get hurt by the raining diamonds.

Secondly, let's take a look at what's happening on Neptune.

- The temperature at Neptune is minus 200 degrees.
- The wind speed at Neptune is more than 100 miles per hour.
- Neptune has clouds called nimbo clouds and made out frozen methane.
- Some type of rain Neptune has a real shower of diamonds some times.
- Make sure you bring a nice warm blanket or you'll be really cold.
- I would recommend to stay inside with your heater on because there will be wild weather.

Back to Diathe in the studio.

What happened to the weather?  
 by Lachie  
 Sunny to stormy  
 Heavy rain  
 Heavy rain  
 Over flowing rivers  
 Causing floods.  
 Waiting.  
 Waiting.  
 Waiting.  
 Towns unprotected  
 From an overflowing river  
 Where was help  
 When we needed them most.

### RECOMMENDATION

I would highly recommend purchasing the Lamborghini Aventador because it meets the success criteria and has extra features like smoke and it can be a convertible. The Aventador is a car that is for people who refine and want to drive to Woolworth's by themselves.

I would not recommend purchasing the McLaren because it runs on a high level of fuel.

The ford is not the first thing I would buy because the steering wheel can stiffen up while you drive. This could cause injury or death. Other than that it is a pretty good car that has a good engine.

The car I would recommend would definitely be the Lamborghini Aventador.

The way I got to the conclusion is by researching the products and the necessary needs and wants so that I could study them with the help of my decision making matrix.

### Recommendation

Lenovo iPad Duet has everything I want and it is in my price range. And the HP 15A-NAD 15.6" FHD Chromebook has what I want but it is all of my price range. The HP SORTEALS 14" HD Laptop (LAPTOP) has the Bluetooth but it is also all of my price range. So I recommend the Lenovo iPad duet.

I identified what we want and then research. Then we tick or cross if it has it.



### Compare and contrast

Look at the two models of the solar system and identify the similarities and differences.

Line 1: There once was a ~~man~~ who was fun  
 Line 2: he had a dog named ~~Walter~~ who was a pig  
 Line 3: and he got ~~Walter~~ miffed  
 Line 4: he was sent down ~~his~~ back by a love  
 Line 5: when he met a ~~dog~~ by the

I know a man  
 That was flooded  
 On his roof  
 With his dog  
 One bottle of water  
 One packet of beef jerky.  
 Waiting.  
 Waiting.  
 Waiting.

### Phily fun

20,000 million years ago in Atlantis.

Phil, Fish and Bill had breakfast and egg-pancakes.  
 Phil said "we should start a YouTube channel. It'd be great!"  
 The others agreed as they ate.

After a month the channel **Phily fun** was doing great.  
 They had enough subscribers to get a house.  
 Then one day a meteorite fell on the island, creating a crater.  
 "Oh my god!" Phil said,  
 "Hang gliding with a chicken" he said.  
 The others agreed as they laughed and shook their heads.

In an hour the camera started rolling.  
 They held a big brown broody chicken as they glided steady.  
 As they flew like a bullet over the volcano peninsula near  
 Twinees-Ville.  
 They soon flew over a volcano and the air started to get ill.

### Love for the first Time

Once there was a boy,  
 Treated like a lonely outcast.  
 A kind soul,  
 Dark hair, and olive-green eyes.  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 He had no friends, no flirtation.  
 His parents only allowed acquaintances.  
 Otherwise, he was sent to military school.  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 He made a friend at high school.  
 A middle girl,  
 Chestnut hair, and topaz-coloured eyes.  
 Kaitlyn Krystal was her name,  
 With a family of no fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 He was invited,  
 She asked him to have some lunch.  
 They sat together, every day.  
 Kaitlyn Krystal was her name,  
 With a family of no fame.

Once there was a girl,  
 She was a lonely outcast, just like him.  
 They became the best of friends,  
 Studied, hung out, walked together.  
 Kaitlyn Krystal and Jake Jaramila were their names,  
 With a family legacy of some fame!

Once there was a boy,  
 A few weeks later,  
 His dad was full of anger,  
 Furious about the amorous entanglement!  
 Kaitlyn Krystal and Jake Jaramila were their names,  
 With a family legacy of some fame!

Once there was a boy,  
 Jake was in dire trouble,  
 When his emotions got as strong as a flaming heart,  
 His powerful eye would turn blood red.  
 Mike Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 That would turn his opponent into a werewolf.  
 Dangerous emotions, uncontrollable.  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 He was grounded for his feelings,  
 Lonely for months, but not scared.  
 The problem could be solved!  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 He wore a ruby red bandana,  
 Covering his eyes, so do no harm,  
 not in control of his emotions.  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of no fame.

Once there was a boy,  
 In treacherous love for years on,  
 Walking through life blindfolded,  
 To find a happy ending with his first love.  
 Jake Jaramila was his name,  
 With a family legacy of fame.

Once there was a girl,  
 She wanted to see  
 The dangerously loving olive-green eyes.  
 Full of emotion they could've been.  
 Kaitlyn Krystal was her name,  
 With a family legacy of no fame.

Once there was a girl,  
 Real love could not harm,  
 Real love has no boundaries,  
 Real love is what she'd found.  
 Kaitlyn Krystal was her name,  
 With a family legacy of no fame.

Once there was a boy and a girl,  
 Jake Jaramila and Kaitlyn Krystal were their names,  
 With a family legacy of some fame!

Years of happiness, a life filled with blissfulness.  
 Love for the first Time

### LABEL COMES HOME

During his years of captivity, Ash would always come home between seasons. For your pleasure, here are 10 original, never-already-used, and Ash at home in England. By

### Limericks

How if your kind like a limerick poem, to help you get started, here are 10 limericks for the class of your poem. To write the poem, think with the words in the number of syllables in the brackets. For your poem, read the 10 limericks.

There once was a **chicken** like to eat  
 the way **she** **scratched** the ground  
 she **wanted** to go **now**  
 however, she **needed** a **box**  
 and **now** she **was** **so** **so**





# Ms Mel's Year 6

What a year we have had in the Year 6 class! We have had a huge term learning about natural disasters, how businesses operate, how to transform informative texts into literary masterpieces, how to write music and how to use mathematic knowledge to win games (it has certainly been busy)!

**Your Dog's NEW Tug Toy!!!**

Do you want a new toy for your dog?  
Do you want your dog to be happy??



**THEN YOU need this toy.**

Our repurposed tug toy is made from old fabrics given a new life, making dogs happy.

This toy has pouches on the ends that can be used to put dog biscuits in!

**SO BUY NOW OR SHOP ONLINE FOR ONLY \$19.95.**

**FROM TEN BOIZ LINC**



**Dog Enrichment Tug Toy**

Is your dog bored?  
Do they need something to chew on?

If your dogs need something to chew on you should definitely purchase the tug toy that I created. It is super cheap and the first 5 orders will get 50% off!




Your dog will be so happy playing with this tug toy!

All the materials are eco friendly and safe for dogs!

**Dog Enrichment Tug Toy!**

Are your dogs bored?  
Do they chew on your shoes?  
Do they pull your washing off of the line?

**Sustainable**

If you said yes to one or all of those questions then you need this toy!

**Crucially priced**

It will keep your dogs entertained for hours!  
Hang it in a tree!  
Leave it on the ground!

Be one of the first 5 to order for 50% off




The class also completed their Pet Enrichment Toy Design and Technologies project which saw them follow the design thinking stages: investigate, define, generate, design, produce, implement and evaluate! Students even added a 'persuade' element at the end to try to entice buyers to purchase their product.



**Do you like spoiling your dog?**

Does your dog get bored of their toys?  
Does your pet LOVE tug of war?  
Do you like watching your dog have fun?

Well, WE HAVE THE PRODUCT FOR YOU!  
Our toy is 100% FUN! you must get this toy you can't be the only one with out it! You will be the BEST pet parent! YOU HAVE to get this!

All recycled materials!  
WARNING PET MUST BE SUPERVISED  
FIRST 5 TO ORDER GETS ONE FREE!




Call 0449 869 306  
And it is only \$19.95!

**UNBREAKING FUN!!**

It is a long efficient dog toy that you need

Scrap the old stuff get the new and improved toy fun! You won't regret it

Money well spent!!!

Everyone wants it!!!

This toy is amazing!!!

DOES YOUR DOG GET BORED WHEN YOU ARE AWAY OR WHAT?







# Classes in 2023

We are pleased to advise the teachers that will be taking responsibility for the classes next year. Following several rounds of advertisements, interviews and shortlisting, we are pleased to have appointed three new teachers before the end of the year.

Reception: Miss Emma O’Shaughnessy  
Years 1/2: Miss Jo Byrne  
Years 3/4 : Miss Rebecca Morley  
Years 5/6: Miss Navneet Kaur  
Year 7: Ms Mel Clark

In addition to the class teachers, Miss Megan Thoms will be returning next year as an itinerant teacher. We are in the process of recruiting one more itinerant teacher to join her.

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## New Staff Introductions

Hello!

My name is Jo Byrne and I am lucky enough to be the Year 1/2 teacher at SOTA next year!

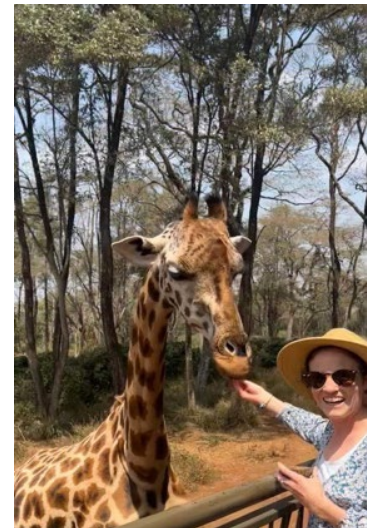
My name may be familiar to some, as a few years ago ...(10 to be precise) I actually started as an Itinerant Teacher at SOTA for 3 years and then a class teacher for my fourth year.

I then spent the next 6 years at Marion Primary School with one year in Canada mixed in on a teacher exchange. But now back to SOTA and really looking forward to working with the SOTA students and families again.

About me- I'm a fairly active person and love the ocean and the great outdoors and I'm managing to combine both of these over the Christmas holidays and heading to Antarctica!

Looking forward to meeting you all next year.

Cheers,  
Miss Jo





Hello,

My name is Rebecca Morley and I am excited to be joining SOTA in 2023! While originally an SA local, I have spent many years living interstate and overseas. I completed a Bachelor of Sustainability in NSW before spending many years working and volunteering in educational, environmental, and community projects.



In 2020 I returned to South Australia to pursue teaching and have recently completed my Masters of Primary Teaching. I did years 7-8 through distance education and have fond memories of my learning and attending mini-schools. I'm looking forward to seeing how distance education has developed and the culture it has retained in the many years since!

I am passionate about education and environmental sustainability. I'm an experienced traveller, a keen dancer, and always willing to learn, try, or visit somewhere new.

I am looking forward to becoming the ¾ class teacher at SOTA and meeting everyone in the new year!

Best regards,  
Miss Morley



Hello SOTA Community,



My name is Navneet Kaur and I have been appointed as a Classroom Teacher for Year 5/6 for 2023. I am very excited to join the SOTA community next year. I look forward to a fantastic year and getting to know you all.

A little bit about myself, I enjoy trying new food, reading, watching movies, and playing badminton. I am a very optimistic person and try my best to see positive in every situation. I have a passion and commitment for supporting my students in their learning journey. I can't wait to build a positive, vibrant, and engaging learning environment which caters to the needs, interests, and abilities of all the students. I hope to help develop young people who are lifelong learners and are engaged in a continual pursuit of positive personal development throughout their lives.

I believe in myself and my goals and I encourage my students to be self-confident and focused. I think everyone is learning all the time and I challenge myself to learn something new whenever I get an opportunity. I look forward to becoming an active member within the school community.

Kind Regards,  
Miss Kaur



## Appreciation / Thank you

SOTA appreciates and thanks all generous sponsors and kind folk who donated money, goods and services to enhance student learning and wellbeing. Your demonstration of care has made a significant difference to the school. Sincere thanks to:

BHP  
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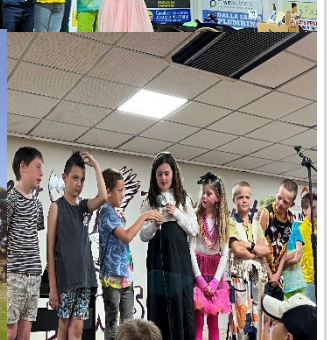
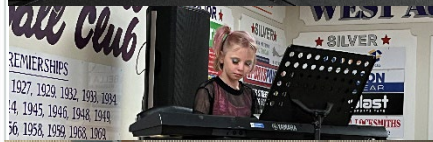
We also thank Port Augusta West Primary School Principal David Lawton, staff and students for accommodating us when our building was damaged. We felt so welcomed

Our thanks too, to Augusta Park Primary School Principal Bec Mueller for inviting SOTA students to their exciting Colour Run. We had such a fun time.

As always, big thanks to Chris Fulton who actively looked out for SOTA by organising Arid Lands excursion and talks by ecology and bird experts to inform and inspire our students.



# Get Together





## 2022 Quiz Champion and Sports Day Champion: Red Eagles

