Welcome to SOTA Speak, along with more rain for many of you. Our itinerant teachers and some of the class teachers have been kept on their toes dodging the wettest parts of the wettest roads!

Preparations are warming up now for our combined Junior and Upper Primary School Experience Weeks which will be here before we know it. Now is a good time to be thinking about any resources you might want to bring in to return, or any you might like teachers to chase up for you. If there’s anything you need to chase up with Graham, or any of the other SSOs, now could be a good time to give them some prior notice.

If any of you who ever stay with children during school face to face events (mums, dads or governesses) haven’t yet done your paperwork for the Criminal Screening process, you could bring your identity proof with you when you come to SEW. You can give Sue Trewartha a ring to find out what you need to bring along with you.

Morning assemblies are greatly valued as a time when all students, supervisors and teachers can come together as a school community and share. We share news of what’s happening in the coming week, and give an update of what face to face teaching and learning has occurred out in the field. We celebrate birthdays and special achievements, and students also have the opportunity to lead and present their own work to the school community. The very lively and fun quiz morning and the whole school work sharing are also highlights during the week. Marden library staff are on hand each morning to organise books, DVDs and other learning materials for students to borrow, and there’s the wonderful Big Read on Friday mornings. It’s great to see so many of you attending the morning assemblies. They’re open for everyone in the school community to attend, so please come along and share the good times with our young ones.

Well done to our Year 3, 5 & 7 students who have completed their NAPLAN tests. By now, all Australian students will have done them, which is a pretty significant national undertaking. The aim is now for the collective data to be used at a federal level to identify areas that may need attention through funding or training. At a school level it can play a similar role on a far more personalised scale for individual students, so again thank you to everyone who participated, especially the hard-working little students who did the test!

Cheers for now,

Polly Smart
From the desk of the Assistant Principal

Plans are well and truly under way for the combined SEW in week 10. Consent and health forms will be emailed out this week, and once those forms start coming back in, we will be able to work out catering and group activities. A meeting has been scheduled with Samantha Mundy and Manoah McRae for a crèche as well. Stay tuned for that one!

Well done to all the years 3, 5 and 7 students for doing their very best with NAPLAN. Your teachers are very proud of your efforts.

Supervisors, could you please send in ideas that work in your day to day learning with your student please? We would like to put together a folder for all families to add to themselves and this will include all subject areas. It is tricky when you are so isolated and only have get-togethers and phone conversations when time permits, to try and glean ideas. The Itinerants will be modeling ideas and giving tips to those attending SEW, with handouts in their designated sessions. Your tips will be included in that folder with any photos if possible to back up your ideas.

Another reminder that it will be a School Closure Day this Friday due to all staff being in Adelaide for PD sessions.

Karina Kay 😊

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**COME ONE, COME ALL**

to the School Experience Week being held at School of the Air in week 10.

Confirmation of dates is from Monday 30th June until the morning of the 4th of July.

Experience food from different cultures, dance to the ‘Ho Down, Throw Down’, watch Frozen or an Anime, dance the night away at the disco and show us more of your talent at SOTA Has Talent and lots more.

Forms will be sent out this week, and get those back to us A.S.A.P for catering purposes. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!!

Karina Kay
The Year 4 class has been learning about lifecycles.

This week they are presenting their research in oral presentations and in the form of dioramas or models which were created in Design and Technology. The first few have already been shared, presented on great PowerPoint slides with an extensive level of detail! The class is also practicing assessing their classmates work and giving constructive feedback. Emily Howard.

Shandor Nemes - Life cycle of an echidna

Korey Betts - lifecycle of a Great White Shark

Kasey Watts - life cycle of a dragonfly
Congratulations to the following students who have received Student of The Week Awards in Term 2

**Week 5**
Reception: Jock McTaggart  
Year 1: Toby Betts  
Year 2: Takumi Ames  
Year 3: Jed Peggie  
Year 4: John Greenfield  
Year 5: Jessica Fels  
Year 6: Tyron Holder  
Year 7: Alistair Sheehan

**Week 6**
Reception: Elke Kerin  
Year 1: Jack Noll  
Year 2: Corey Hilder  
Year 3: Lachlan Fels  
Year 4: Eddie Hatcher  
Year 5: Josh Hilder  
Year 6: Madison Morris  
Year 7: Josh Ridley, Alistair Sheehan

**Times Tables Masters??!**
So far we have had Eddie Hatcher, Charlotte Mc Carthy and Anne Fatt-Giles

(Jo Byrne)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Golf day at Coober Pedy Golf Club.**  
The event will be held on Wed. 18th JUNE, 2014  
The event is for school aged children and adults welcome too!  
With free coaching by 14 PGA Professionals  
between 10.00am and 2.00pm  
Mark Rainey  
Certified PGA Member

If you can be in Coober Pedy that day and would like to attend please notify Coober Pedy Golf Club Secretary – Amandine Bachmann Caire  
cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com  
as she will need to know numbers to help as she will need to know numbers to help with arrangements and catering (BBQ lunch provided)
Assembly and Big Reads

There won't be an Assembly or Big Reads on Friday 6 June as this is a staff professional development day. Library Assembly and Big Reads will be back on again Friday 13 June. If you have comments or suggestions about the time of day the assembly is held and even the day, please email library@openaccess.edu.au We look forward to catching up with you on Friday mornings.

National Simultaneous Storytime Competition

The NSS competition is now open. Information and sheets are available from the Library Moodle or contact the library and we can email them.

Students can choose to:

- Complete the colouring in sheet (and count how many elephants they can find)
- Draw their favourite character from the book and make stick puppets
- Write a poem about elephants
- Write a fact sheet on elephants
- Competition entries need to be sent to the Library by 10 June.
- Certificates will be sent to everyone who participated in National Simultaneous Storytime.

New Resources List.

The latest list of some of the New Resources available from the library is up on the Library Moodle. A copy will also be sent to families. If you would like to reserve any of the resources please contact the library and we will add your name to the list. Resources will be sent out when we swap to the next list.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2014

To complete the PRC for 2014 you need to have read 12 books by 5 September. Congratulations to Elke Kerin, Jack and Mariah Noll, Corey, Joshua and Tyron Hilder and who have completed and returned their PRC form this year! So, if your form is complete, please send it back to the library – you don’t need to wait until September. And, keep on reading!

If you would like to borrow some resources, want to reserve resources from the New Resources list or need the NSS Competition information 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

Cheers!
The Library Team