

# SOTA *Speak*

School of the Air Newsletter



**March 2024 Term 1**



## Message from the Head of Campus

We are delighted to present this issue of SOTA Speak, highlighting the first term of 2024 and kickstarting the inter-house book review competition.

What a joyful week we shared during School Experience Week! The week was made even more special with the addition of two new students, Timmy and Tyrell, to the SOTA community. Even NAPLAN became a source of joy as we witnessed our delightful Year 3 students attempt their first NAPLAN alongside their senior peers. The excursion to Whyalla was also a highlight, learning about road safety and watching a live performance of the acrobatic Allstars 360 at Middleback Arts Centre.

While excursions are undeniably fantastic, it's the joy of being together during these outings that truly matters, perhaps even more than the excursion itself. The affirming 90% attendance speaks volumes about the dedication of our parents who made the long journey to Port Augusta for School Experience Week.

As the school holidays approach, we invite you to join us in fostering a love for reading in your children. Reading is not just a skill; it's a gateway to building a rich imagination, knowledge and understanding of the world and lives.

Whether it's borrowing from the library or adding to your home library, providing books that your children can read mostly independently and of interest to them is key. Setting aside dedicated reading time, praising your children when they are reading and showing interest in what they read help develop avid readers. Let's work together to cultivate reading as our children's favourite indoor hobby. Remember to ask them to send in their book reviews too!

Term 1 has been a whirlwind, particularly so this year, it seems. Sincere thanks to teachers, SSOs, governesses, parents and carers for your dedicated effort and enthusiasm. Despite all the challenges, the SOTA community remains united, optimistic and resilient in supporting and showing up for each other.

I'm very lucky to have the opportunity to be part of our little school.

Happy holidays.

Best wishes  
Lai Kuan Lim



## 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 (T2) Wednesday 15 May.

CGC: Week 4 (T2) Wednesday 22 May.

## EVENTS

Last day of term 1: **12 April**

First day of term 2: **29 April**

Pupil Free Day: **27 May**

Public Holiday: **10 June**

Camp: **1 July- 5 July**

Last day of term 2: **5 July**

First day of term 2: **22 July**

School Closure day: **6 September**

Pupil Free Day: **9 September**

Mini Schools: **23 -26 September**

Last day of term 2: **27 September**

First day of term 2: **14 October**

Get Together: **6-7 December**



## Term Week 4

### Miss Stringer:

Beau for listening and showing respect in online lessons and at home and for beginning to work independently to complete tasks. Keep it up, Beau.

### Ms Mel:

Sanaisha for her positive contributions in lessons and awesome effort in her work returns.

### Miss Kaur:

Shaquille for actively participating in all class discussions and submitting his learning tasks on time.

### Miss Morley:

Nelson for his excellent achievement in spelling and taking responsibility for his learning.

### Lai Kuan:

Ali for her dedicated effort in supervising Sanaisha and Shaq's learning since the start of term. Keep on keeping on, Ali!

## Term Week 6

### Miss Stringer:

Lenny for his persistent and resilient efforts when writing to add known sounds into pieces of work and showing improvement when blending and decoding words when reading. Keep up the great work Lenny

### Ms Mel:

Honey-May for her effort and dedication in completing all tasks to the best of her abilities!

### Miss Kaur:

Lara for actively participating in all class discussions and applying feedback to improve her work.

### Miss Morley:

Micah for dedication to his learning and efforts in editing and improving his writing.

### Miss Megan:

Roy for the big effort he made writing proper paragraphs about why he loves Itinerant visits. Well done, Roy.

### Mr Moyne:

Lily H for providing detailed responses and completion of all activities in Health to date.

### Lai Kuan:

Blythe for her dedication in supervising the learning needs of 4 students in the Peake schoolroom and consistently keeping the students on task. Keep on keeping on, Blythe.



## Term Week 8

### **Miss Stringer:**

Remy for settling back into the routine of SOTA so diligently and beginning to work independently on achievable tasks.

### **Ms Mel:**

Tyrell for listening carefully to instructions and participating in all learning activities. What a fantastic start to SOTA, Tyrell.

### **Miss Kaur:**

Annastasia for being kind to her classmates and actively engaging in all individual and group learning tasks this week.

### **Miss Morley:**

Magenta for her enthusiasm and effort demonstrated towards her learning this week.

### **Miss Megan:**

Alex for her excellent work returns in Health this term. They show good understanding of the topics she has been learning and a big effort.

### **Mr Moyne:**

Jayden for showing persistence by catching up and completing all the remaining work during Week 6 in the schoolroom.

### **Lai Kuan:**

Clem for making a big effort in reading, thinking and completing all the NAPLAN questions by himself. As well, for keeping quiet and using his soft voice to show respect and consideration to his friends and teachers during the test. Well done, Clem!



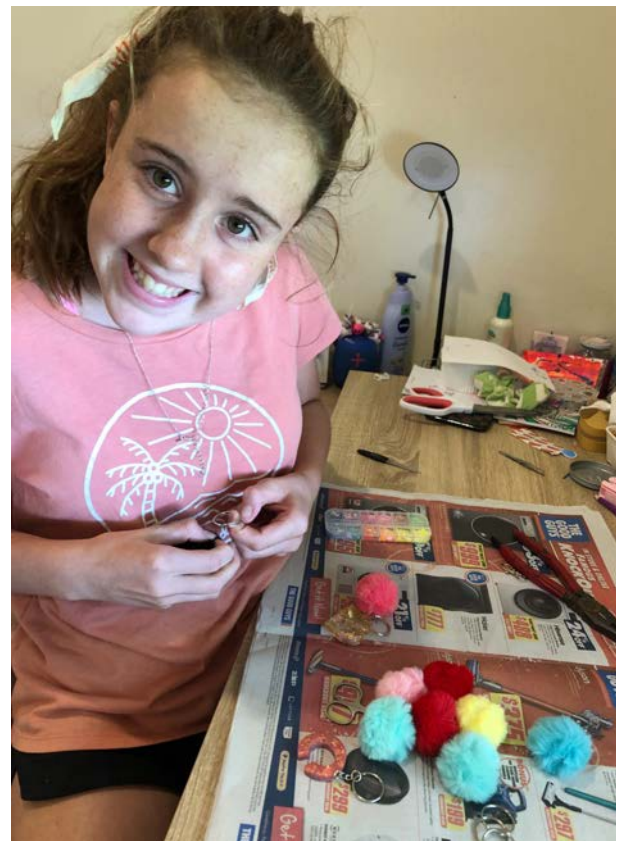
## Miss Megan's Home Visits



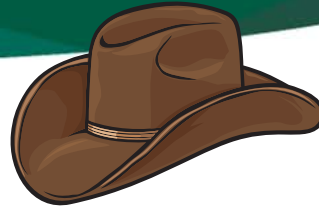
Yes! I have been enjoying some very rewarding visits with more of our students and their families this term.













## Mr Moyne's Itinerant Visits

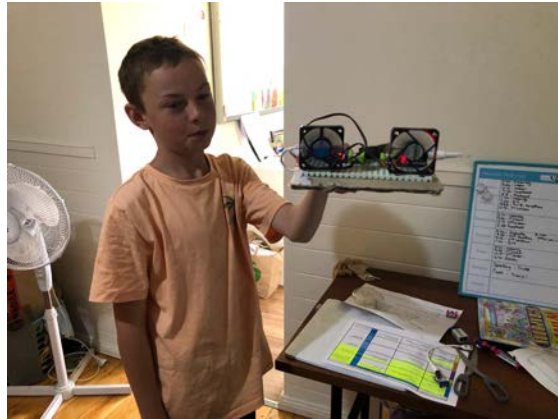
It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have the opportunity to visit a number of schoolrooms this term. Every location I have visited I have been made to feel welcome and shared in the joy of learning with students, supervisors and extended family. I look forward to continuing my visits and providing whatever support I can to ensure the best outcome for all students. Thank you and wishing you all a wonderful finish to the remainder of Term 1.







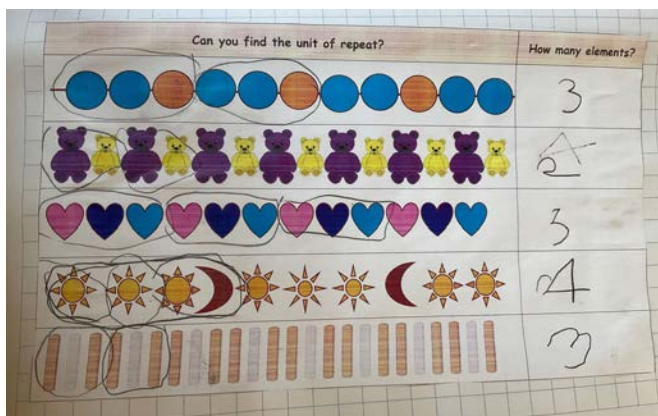






# Miss Stringer - Reception / Year 1

I have had a WONDERFUL start to the year and have felt very welcomed and appreciated by all our SOTA families so far. Thank you to all of the R/1 families and Govies for your feedback and guidance and helping our students and myself to settle and begin the year so successfully and happily. I cannot wait to see what we achieve together for the rest of 2024!



Eli

Beau

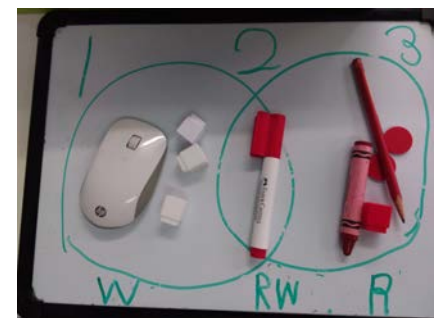


Cameron

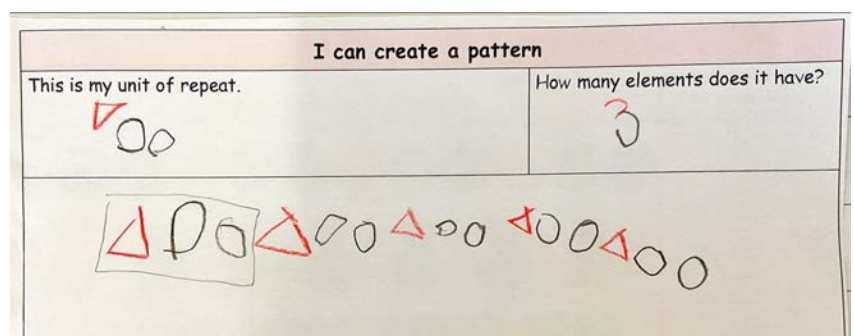
Thomas



Simba

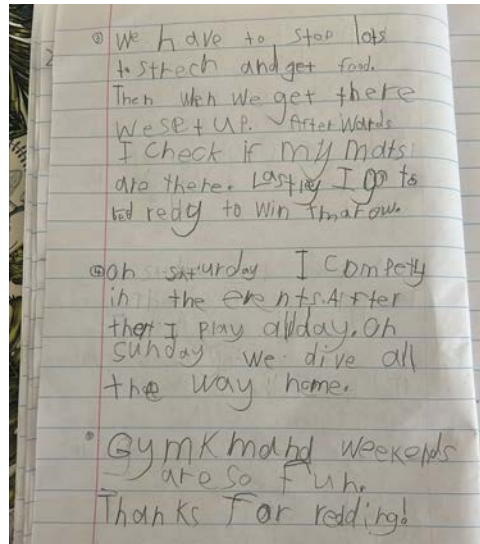
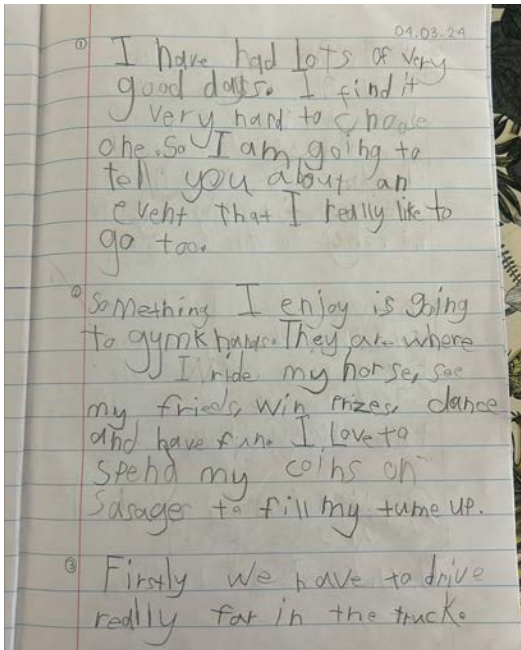


In Maths we have been busy learning how to be a mathematician from our friend Kevin the Koala. We have studied patterns and this included sorting and making, identifying and continuing patterns. Students learned about repeating patterns and linear or growing patterns. It has been great to see students knowledge in these areas expand and see them beginning to use some of the language in their every day lives.



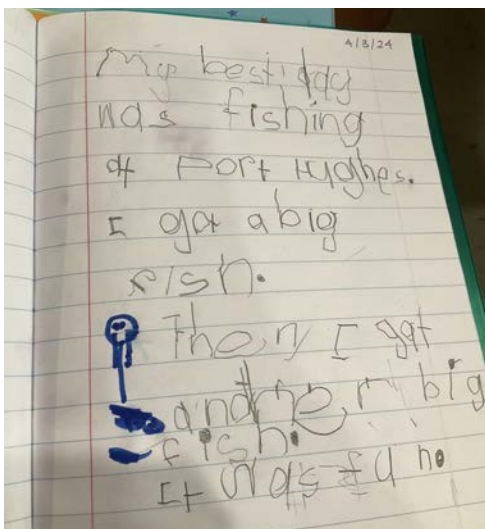
Emmett

In English we have been writing recounts and learning about verbs and nouns. My Reception students are even writing sentences and adding punctuation such as capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Year 1's are independently adding sequential words into their writing such as first, then, after and lastly. It has been great to see students adding taught phonemes from our phonics program into pieces of writing and see students' stamina grow to write more each recount.

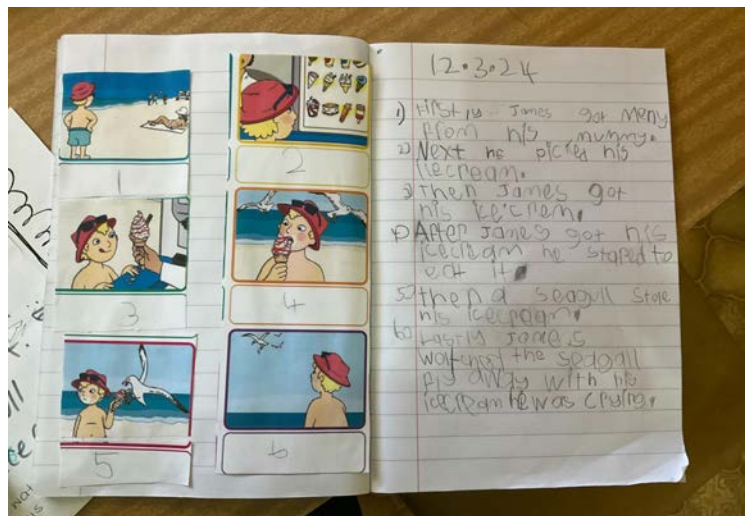


Roy

Remy



Lenny



In HASS we have been looking at relationships and connections in our environment and combined some of the learning with the Child Protection Curriculum unit of safe and unsafe to identify safe relationships in our lives. Students then got to interview someone in their life about when they were younger and compared their persons life then with the students life now. It was great to share these presentations at

Edward

The younger life of 'Big' Nanna  
Interviewed by Edward

Did you have a TV?

Yes, we had a black and white one.

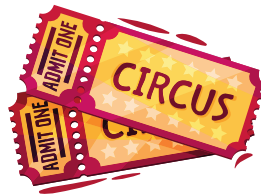
'Big' Nanna when she was around 8 years old.





## Ms Mel's - Year 2/3

In our Year 2/3 class we are beginning to wrap up our Linked Learning Project on Circuses! Students have explored the needs of their creepy crawly performers and all the things that need to be considered when building a designed environment. They have explored the properties of materials and experimented within the design process.







Lilly (left)  
Honey-May (right)

We also welcomed two new students into our class in Week 7. We can't wait to learn with you these year Timmy and Tyrell!



WELCOME







# Miss Kaur - Year 4/5

This term has gone so fast, can't believe it's almost the end of the Term. We had an amazing time in Week 8 with all the students in Port Augusta. I'm very impressed with all the learning Year 4/5s have been doing this term. In Science, we have been learning all about the solar system and doing some research around it. In English, we are learning all about information reports and research skills. In Maths, we are learning all about factors, multiples and practising our multiplication tables every single day! Great job 4/5s.



## Annastasia

### Main Body



In 1990, the Adelaide Crows were established, but it wasn't until 1991, the Crows entered the AFL as the 15th team in the league. As they entered the league, they had something to prove so they went out with a fight to win their first game. With the help of Tony Modra, amazing and powerful speckles, they went to win the first grand final in 1997 against St Kilda and then go back-to-back-against North Melbourne.

Not long after the Crows entered the AFL, Port Adelaide being one of the oldest teams in Australian football also merged into the AFL; 6 years later in 1996. Since then, Crows have been Port's biggest rivalry. Every year both teams come to the Adelaide oval to see who the greatest and most elite Adelaide team is. So far, Crows have been up top with 1 more showdown win and 1 more grand final win. They have an incredible amount of history with each other. In fact, the Crows versus Port Power in a semi-final, and undeniably The Crows won. Port Power have 64,000 fans compared to crows 676,000 fans this means that they are a more popular team.

Tex Walker possible the most talented Crow's player of all time has over 600 goals. He beat Tony Modra's outstanding record in 2020. That is the most goals in Crows' history. His dedication to his team shows the tremendous club atmosphere of the Crows, which further shows the greatness of the team. Mark Ricciuto was the only players to play for the Crows and win a Brownlow medal.

The Crows are known for the colours of red, blue and yellow. But they were going to wear blue, green and white which was a symbol of the coastal lines of South Australia, but they went with the SA colours of red, yellow and blue because they thought they were going to be the only SA team representative.



### Introduction

Motorbikes are used in everyday lifestyles and can come in all different forms, shapes and sizes. Some people use motorbikes for mustering, travelling, gymkhanas or fun. But some people are also professional motorbike riders and set some of the most unbelievable records or build record breaking motorbikes.



## Laws



## Shaquille



## JAYDEN



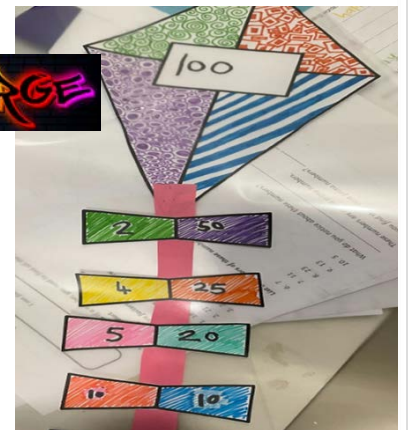
This is my Mario diorama

JASE

type



- Mario is different types there's Mario in Super Mario world, Super Mario wonder, and so he's in many other games was friends Luigi, Donkey Kong, princess Peach, Princess Daisy, Rosalina, and Princess Rosa.





## Miss Morley - Year 6/7

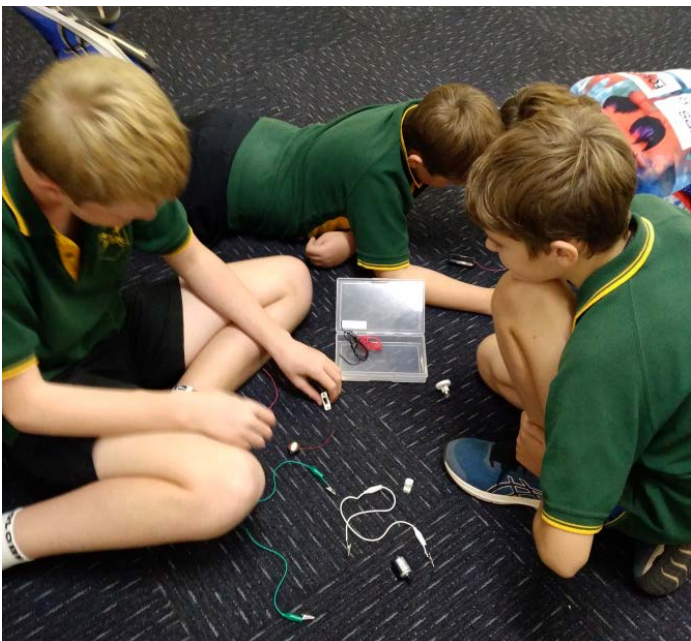
In our 6/7 class we have been busy with some full-on learning!

Our year 6s have just finished their tech projects, having designed and presented a pitch for a SOTA literacy mobile app to the Year 7 panel at School Experience Week. In Science, all our students did amazingly in creating, testing, and drawing electrical circuits!

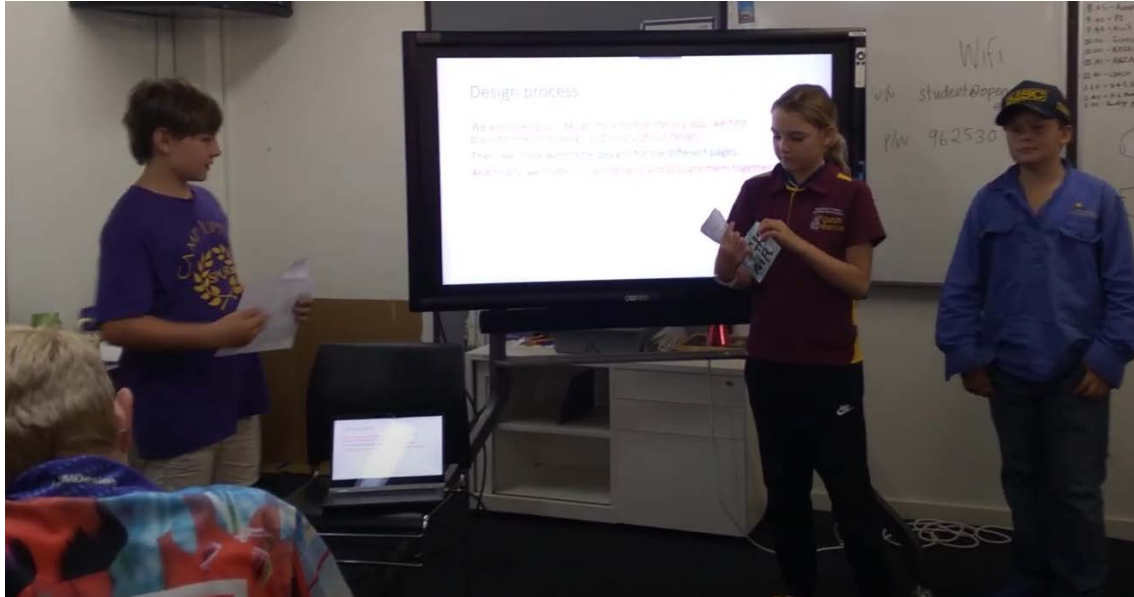
Well done on a huge term, Year 6/7s!



The Year 6/7 students investigated how to make electrical circuits.

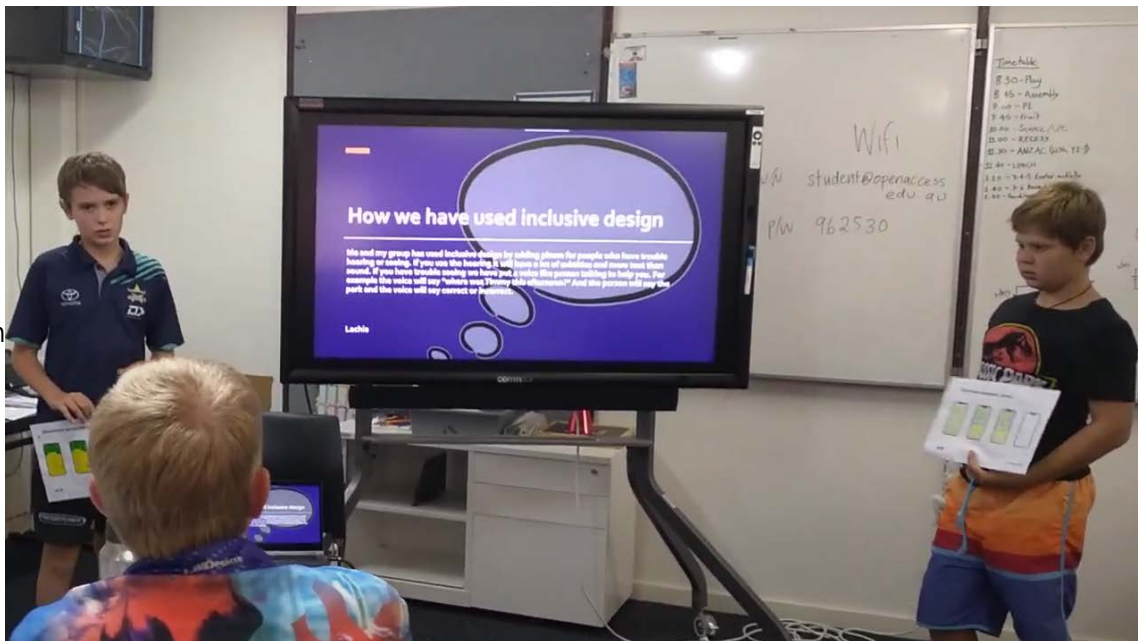


Our two Year 6 groups presented their design projects to the Year 7 business panel, plus special guest Lai Kuan.



James, Magenta, and Nelson explaining their design process,

Lachie and PJ discuss how they have used inclusive design in their projects.



Business Panel members, Cody, Micah, Lucy, Lily, and Lai Kuan, view the app designs and provide feedback on the presentations.



## SOTA BOOK CLUB

**Title:** Smarty Pups

**Author:** Anh Doh

**Reviewer:** Lawson – RED EAGLES!

**What is it about:** Smarty Pups is about a cute puppy who is really clever and he has decided to be a firefighter. He is the smartest pup in his class at school and has lots of adventures.

**What I enjoyed about it:** It is easy to read and it is lots of fun. It has excellent, colourful pictures which makes it more fun to look at. It also comes with free stickers in each book!

**Age recommendation:** 0 - 100

**Rating:** 10/10



**Title:** Dr. Seuss ABC

**Author:** Dr. Seuss

**Reviewer:** Remy - Blue Dingoes

**What is it about:** The book is about the Alphabet and funky animals and people.

**What I enjoyed about it:** I enjoyed the silly animals.

**Age recommendation:** 6 years and older

**Rating:** 9/10





# SOTA BOOK CLUB


Name Edward Team Dingo  
**Book REVIEW**

Title Green Eggs And Ham

Author Dr. Seuss

How I feel about the book

Drawing of my favourite character



Reason for my rating

I liked this book because it was funny.


Name Emmett Team brumbies  
**Book REVIEW**

Title Green Eggs and Ham

Author Dr. Seuss

How I feel about the book

Drawing of my favourite character



Reason for my rating

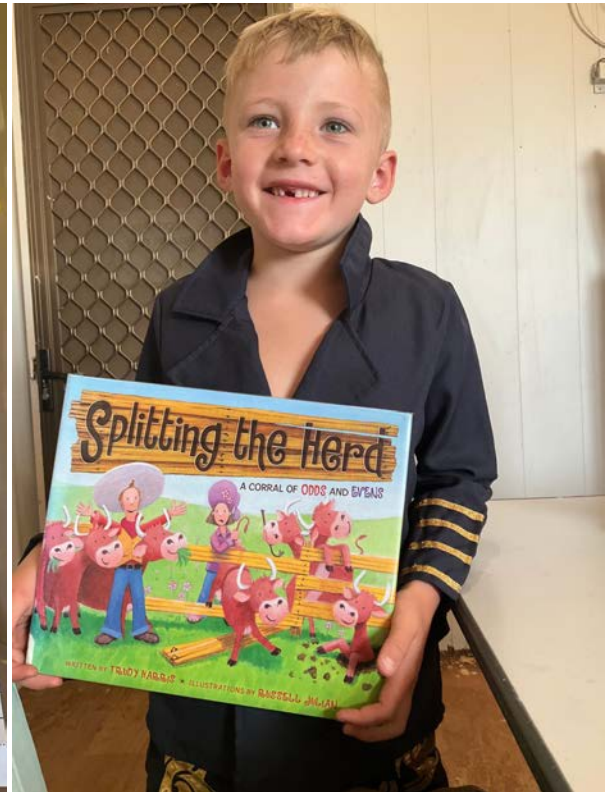
because I like to eat green eggs and ham for breakfast.



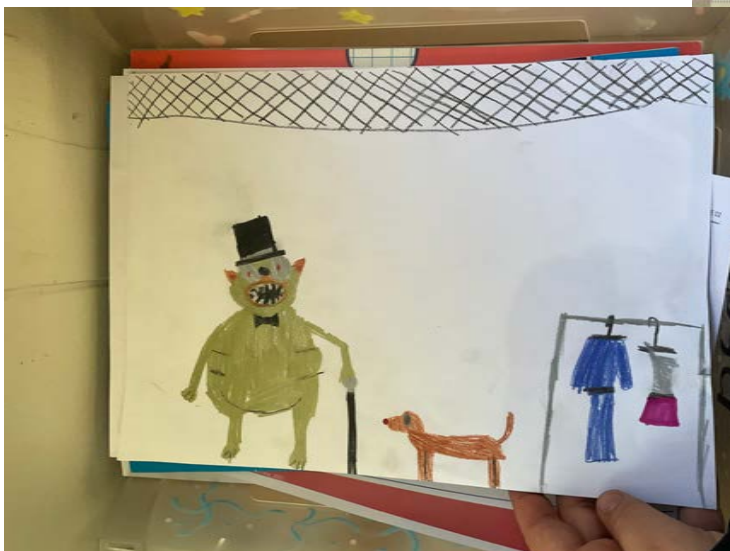
# SOTA BOOK CLUB

Book Reviews

Title: ~~Splitting the Herd~~  
 Author: Fry Og Harris  
 Reviewer: Beau  
 What is it about:  
 2 farmers splitting  
 there herds.  
 What i enjoyed:  
 Leach-joys the cow  
 breaking the fence.  
 Age: Rating: 2-7 year old  
 3 stars ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆



## Blue Dingoes



Book Reveiw

Title: Pig the Star  
 Author: Aaron Blabey  
 Reviewer: Honey  
 What is it about: This book  
 is about a Pug and a Dachshund  
 dog at a photo shoot  
 I enjoyed.... The dogs in  
 cute costume.  
 Ratings 5/5  
 Age Recommendation: 3 to 8

## SOTA BOOK CLUB

**Title:** Whacky Wednesday

**Author:** Dr. Seuss

**Reviewer:** Alex. (Blue Dingoes)

**What is it about:** Wacky Wednesday is about a boy waking up on Wednesday and finding heaps of wacky things wherever he goes. It starts off as one wacky thing and counts up to 20 wacky things as he gets ready and goes to school for the day.

**What I enjoyed about it:** it was a really funny book and I enjoyed trying to find all the wacky things on each page.

**Age recommendation:** 6–8-year olds

**Rating:** 10/10!



**Title:** Percy Jackson and the lightning thief

**Author:** Rick Riordan

**Reviewer:** Bonnie (Yellow Brumbies)

**What is it about:** The main characters are Percy, Annabeth and Grover. It is based in all different parts of America. The main focus of the story is Percy, Annabeth and Grover go on a quest to the underworld to retrieve Zeus's master bolt from Hades before the summer solstice!

**What I enjoyed about it:** I like Greek mythology, so this book is great for me.

**Age recommendation:** Probably nine and up.

**Rating:** 10/10



## SOTA BOOK CLUB

**Title:** The Kaboom Kid Test Match

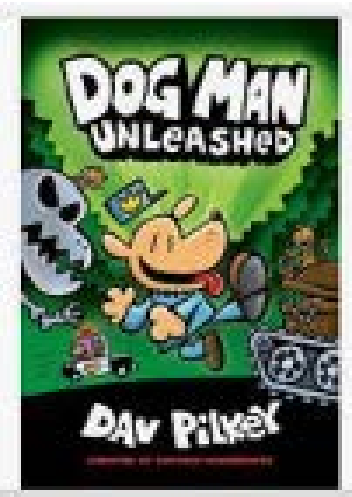
**Author:** J.V McGee

**Illustrator:** Jules Faber

**Reviewer:** Jack (Red Eagles)

**What's it about:** This book is about David Warner and the team Shimmer Bay team are all doing a test match at the beach. The Shimmer Bay team and David Warner's team are agreeing to do a test match the beach. (!without any teachers!) .In the Shimmer Bay team there's a new person that joining the Shimmer Bay cricket team .It looks like David Warner to be honest.

**Age Recommendation:** Year 3 and up only!!!



**Title:** Dog Man Unleashed

**Author:** Dav Pilkey

**Reviewer:** Clem (Blue Dingoes)

**What's it about:** Dog Man Unleashed is a graphic novel written by the same author as Captain Underpants. It is a very entertaining story that is easy for young kids to read and enjoy. I give a five star rating on this book.

**Age Recommendation:** Year 3 and up only!!!

Next book review is due 10 May.

Start writing one today,

**Dingoes** are leading!



# SOTA Athletes



Alex, proud and strong Dingoes, won a bronze medal in the 60m hurdles at the Little Athletics State Championship.



Injuries or not, Eli was ready to play! He joined a mixed team comprising students from Hawker Area School and Stirling North in the SAPSASA basketball carnival. Although it was the first time they played together, they made it all the way to the grand finals. Flying high Red Eagles.



SOTA alumna, Abby represented Burra Community School in 50m backstroke in the SA Schools Swimming Championship. She led the whole race, winning Gold for her school.

Abby also won best Under 13 girl at Burra's Sports Day.

Go Brumbies! We are so proud of you.







# School Experience Week







# Heading







## ACTIVITY DAYS

We're attending these events!

Apr  
13

**COPLEY**  
Gymkhana

Apr  
13

**DAWSON**  
A Day at Dawson Cricket

Apr  
20

**YUNTA**  
Gymkhana & Motokhana

Apr  
27

**QUORN**  
Bronco Branding

May  
11

**ODNADATTA**  
Gymkhana & Motkhana



# Play Days

## Lets get together and have some fun!

Playdays bring together families from a district, providing opportunities for parents and children to interact, play and learn together in a safe and positive environment.



Meet with other parents and children to socialise and get involved in your child's play and learning

Experience tons of educational activities and toys to keep your child engaged!

**Interested in hosting a Playday?  
OR just like to be a part of one?**

**Contact RICE admin@rice.org.au 8642 4477**

**\*\* RICE Member Exclusive \*\***

### ONLINE PLAYDAYS

- Member only access to regular Zoom group sessions (15-20mins)
- Join in live or watch the recorded session in your own time
- Songs, dance, colours, numbers, story-time PLUS related activities & resources provided



# Wellbeing Program



### What does the Wellbeing Officer role include?

- A key contact for families requiring support and/or direction to additional agencies
- Working in partnership with the other RICE staff to deliver up-to-date information regarding health, welfare, and education services to geographically isolated children and families
- Working collaboratively with other services
- Tailor resources and programs to fit with family or individual needs
- Wellbeing activities throughout the year for the whole family to enjoy

\*Access to our Wellbeing Officer is included in a RICE Family Membership\*

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