



Snippets: Term 1, 2025

9th April

Dear Kalgoorlie SOTA Community,

As we wrap up this term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a vibrant and productive start to the school year. It's been a term filled with learning, growth, and plenty of memorable moments for our students, staff, and school community.

One of the highlights of the term was the annual Home Tutor Seminar, where families had the opportunity to engage in upskilling sessions and hear from insightful presenters. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation and a strong commitment to support student learning at home. Our students also had a fantastic time taking part in swimming lessons, gaining confidence in the water, while building friendships and enjoying time with their peers. For those who attended the school camp in Kalgoorlie, the experience provided valuable opportunities for personal development, teamwork, and lots of engaging activities (including assessments)!

We introduced a few combined year-level air lesson sessions this term. These have been both engaging and educational, with students across year levels benefiting from shared learning experiences - focusing on Literacy. It's been pleasing to hear how much our learners and teachers have enjoyed these collaborative lessons.

Congratulations to all the students who received Principal Awards and Merit Certificates this term—your hard work and dedication truly stood out. Across the board, we've seen fantastic work being submitted by students, and we couldn't be prouder of the effort and creativity on display.

Thank you for the wonderful photos and updates shared via Morning Muster. It's always a joy to see what's happening in our classrooms and across our wider school community. Your contributions help keep us all connected and inspired.

This term, we have also been pleased to welcome Ms McCallum, our new Education Assistant, and Ms Bender (who is now in a different role as a Program Coordinator) to our team. Both have both already made valuable contributions to student learning and programming this term and we are very excited to have them on board.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Philippe, for stepping in as our Year 6 teacher this term. Her support, enthusiasm, and care have made a real impact, and we wish her all the very best as she returns to her hometown.

As we head into the break, I'd like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved holiday. We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Warm regards,

Eloise Jansen van Vuuren - Principal

Calendar of Events | Term 2 2025

Monday, 28 th April	Students return (no air lessons)
Monday 28 th April	Elastik Baseline assessments online
Tuesday 29 th April	Air lessons commence
Friday 2 nd May	Anzac Ceremony (8am)
Monday, 5 th May	School Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Thursday, 15 th May	SciTech Incursion online
Wednesday 21 st May	National Simultaneous Storytime at 10:00am
Friday 30 th May	Assembly (Y3 – Y6)
Monday 2 nd June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 th June	School Council Meeting (1pm)
Monday 23 rd to Thursday 26 th June	In-school Visit (K – Y6)
Tuesday 24 th June	P & C meeting (10am)
Friday 4 th July	Last day of term

Kindergarten & Pre-Primary | Ms Miller

This has been an incredibly busy term, and I can't believe Easter is fast approaching. I have received numerous pieces of fantastic work completed at home, travelling, at camp and on air. I was very impressed at the have-a-go attitude of all the students and how they listened to instructions and waited patiently for their turn during air lessons. At Home Tutor Camp I got the pleasure of working with the gorgeous Kindy students, parents, tutor and other SOTA students and families. It was an amazing experience meeting face to face and building relationships. During Weeks 4-6 our delightful Pre-primary students completed the On-Entry testing. It was a long and timely process, and those students achieved wonderful results. I wish everyone a Happy Easter and may your holidays be filled with joy and beautiful memories.



Year 1 | Ms Hall

Term 1 has come and gone so quickly! The Year 1 students have blown my socks off with the effort that they are putting into their schoolwork. It is wonderful to see on-air manners and the respect you show towards each other. Keep this up boys and girls!

In Week 3, we all came together for the Home Tutor Seminar. This was extremely busy for everyone! We enjoyed swimming lessons, finished some assessments, completed some set work, learnt how to help ourselves get organised and managed to have some fun together. In Week 7, I was off to Gunnadorah Station where Grace's family looked after me. It was great to be back there working with Grace and Timmy in their school bus.

The Pre-Primary to Year 2 students are looking forward to their Easter Assembly item on the last day of this term where we will be hearing about their family Easter traditions.

Have a lovely family Easter holiday everyone. I look forward to seeing you all again next term.



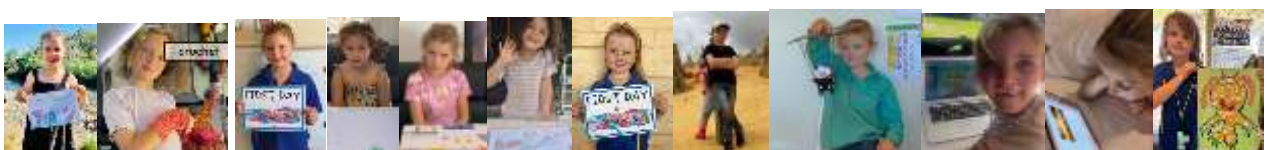
Year 2 & 3 | Ms Temme

How lucky am I to have such awesome students in Year Two and Three? It has been wonderful having so many travelling students joining our air lessons too, and everyone has enjoyed learning about the different lifestyles between station and travelling students at KalSOTA.

In Maths this term, the Year Two students have been learning about number sequences, including counting forwards and backwards from different starting points, the language of chance and probability, measuring in metres and centimetres and learning to tell the time using digital and analogue clocks. In their project work they have explored ways to keep safe in Health, the elements of art and colour in Visual Arts, push and pull forces in Science, learning about significant places in History and creating amazing kites and puppets in Design and Technology.

In their Maths programs, the Year three students have focused on different ways of recording chance events, parallel and perpendicular lines and angles in geometry, odd and even numbers, skip counting, addition and subtraction strategies, telling the time to the quarter hour and practising their recall of the times tables. In their Project work they studied line and texture in visual arts, sun safety in Health, celebrations around the world in History, boat designs in Design and Technology and the effect of heat and energy in Physical Sciences.

I am really looking forward to starting my home visits to our station families next term and wish everyone a wonderful, safe and chocolate-filled Easter and a relaxing holiday with your families.



Year 4 & 5 | Mr Sullivan

Term 1 has flown by so quickly! Here are some of the highlights from the term for our Year 4/5 students. In Week 3, we held the Home Tutor Seminar, where all students actively participated in further developing their swimming skills. Right from the first week, they were engaged in their learning, diligently completing their respective programs and uploading their work to Seesaw. I was particularly impressed by the beautiful artwork they created as part of their Visual Arts Program.

Week 5 saw the Year 3-6 combined assembly, where students proudly presented their favourite pieces of schoolwork. Then, in Week 7, I had the pleasure of going on a Home Visit to meet Maggie, which was a wonderful experience. Another key event this term was NAPLAN, an important milestone for our Year 5 students.

As we wrap up the term, teachers are busy preparing and dispatching Term 2 schoolwork in Week 10. With the holidays just around the corner, we're all looking forward to a well-earned break!



Year 6 | Ms Philippe

It has been a great start to the 2025 school year. This term the Year 6s have looked at history in HASS, Energy in Science, Fundamental Movement skills and Skipping in Phys Ed and Abstract art for Visual Arts. The imagination the students put into their art project is proof there are some budding artists out there.

In English the students read several great books and worked through writing, comprehension, spelling and grammar skills. I delighted in listening to the students read to me and was impressed with their responses to the comprehension questions.

I have enjoyed working on air with the Year 6 students this term.

I would like to pass on a big thank you to the KalsOTA team. From my first day, they have made me feel welcome and part of the team environment. Their passion and dedication to their work is awe-inspiring and evident every day.

I have appreciated the team sharing their knowledge and support as I moved into the role as an on-air teacher. It is so different from the classroom environment, and it takes a very special kind of person to achieve the great results the KalsOTA team have continued to accomplish!

Have a great holiday, a happy Easter and be rested ready for Term 2.

LOTE/STL | Mr Parsons

This term we have had a lot of data collection by teachers and myself. This has included: NAPLAN for the Year 3 and 5 students, ON Entry with the Pre-Primary, Dibels with the Year 1 and 2 students as part of the Scaling Up for Success program, as well as assessments based on the school's schedule and student need: the South Australian Spelling Test and K-7 Maths Test. This data is used by teachers to judge how our programmes are working and if adjustments need to be made. They also aid with making decisions about IEPs (Individual Education Plans).

It has been a great pleasure this term to include our Year 1 and 2 students in our LOTE (Languages Other Than English) lessons. It is great to see their beaming smiles while I have been teaching them some of the signs used in Auslan, the Australian sign language. They are a very enthusiastic group of students, who show an enjoyment for Auslan and signing.

This term the Year 1 and 2 students have been learning about animals, colours and numbers. We have also been looking at the parts of our hands. Do you know where the blade of your hand is? In the other sessions (Years 3 – 6 students) we have been looking at: everyday signs, greetings, farm animals and pets, birds, sea animals, large and small numbers, adjectives and furniture. We have also practised our fingerspelling.

A thank you for all those who have volunteered to take part in this year's ANZAC Ceremony on May 2 (during the Incursion and Assembly session). I will be sending out the ceremony to those students to practise over the holidays and during Week 1 of Term 2.

Project Coordinator | Ms Bender

Dear families,

I'm excited to continue in my role at school next term, working part-time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. I will be teaching our Kindy students on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and also working closely with teachers across the school to ensure our curriculum and programs are aligned for both station and travelling families. This means on-air lessons will be more cohesive and consistent for all students, no matter where they are learning from.

In addition to my classroom teaching, my role includes supporting the development and promotion of our school's vision, working alongside the leadership team, to improve the way we deliver education and support to all students. I'll be helping to coordinate programs and curriculum areas, and supporting staff in making sure our systems run smoothly.

Please note I will also be taking some time off in the middle of Term Two for a family holiday to Bali. I'm looking forward to a productive and positive term ahead, and to continuing to work with our wonderful school community.

Looking forward to seeing you all on air and throughout Term Two!

Miss Bender

