Dear parents

Welcome to the half-way point of 2009 and the end of another action-packed term. It certainly has been an enjoyable and productive one. I acknowledge and appreciate the hard work teachers, parents and home tutors have undertaken this semester as a team effort to enable our students to achieve learning goals.

Reports have been completed, signed and posted to families so keep a look-out for them in the mail. There are some fantastic student results to celebrate and clear areas identified for future improvement. I would encourage parents to thoroughly read the reports collated by the teachers in order to have a solid understanding of your child’s learning achievement and the next steps in progressing them towards future success.

July the 5th to the 12th is National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week and this year the theme is ‘honouring our elders and nurturing our youth’. CSOTA is acknowledging this occasion through focussing a series of lessons on awareness of heritage- who you are. This is closely linked to the ‘Skills for Life’ initiative we have addressed over the year, to encourage self-respect and help make our community an harmonious place to live. Click on the link http://www.naidoc.org.au/ to visit the website and receive more information about the event.

Thanks to the families who joined us on Centra for the ‘Resilience’ workshop presented by Debbie Bushell. There was a strong representation from all our families and I trust you gained some useful strategies and enjoyed the session as much as I did. It really emphasised the importance of building resilience in our children to cope with the constant challenges faced in life. Further information and strategies have been kindly supplied by Debbie to send to families, so keep an eye out for these in the post.

Congratulations to those students who have completed the first circuit of the WA Challenge! These students are: Sasha, Kelly, Tessa, Lucy, Sam, Cherry, Marnie, Denni and Coral. Your prizes are in the post. I know most other students have nearly completed their