Last Thursday we had a visit from a SciTech Instructor, who delivered some excellent science hands-on experiments over Centra. Stay tuned for more afternoon science club activities to be held over Centra soon.

Regarding Centra, there have been frequent issues with the sound quality since the upgrade last term with most SOTA families. Thanks to your persistent contact with Centra Support and technical follow-ups by Mr. Max Gronwald, Optus have identified that it was a problem with their satellite channel. They have since changed channels and sound quality has significantly improved. If you are still experiencing difficulties, please contact Centra Support on 1800 764 011.

That wraps it up from me in this issue of the CSOTA Newsletter. I look forward to reporting to you again on all the exciting things we have happening over the next few weeks. Until next time........

Yours faithfully
Jim Peletier
CSOTA Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dirk Hartog ECE Mini Camp - Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th August
- Author on Air - 12 noon, Wednesday 19th August
- Kindy/Pre Primary Assembly - 8am, Friday 21st August
- Canberra Camp - Wednesday 2nd to Monday 14th September
- Year 2/3 Assembly - 8am, Friday 25th September
- Last Day of Term 3 - Friday 25th September
- First Day of Term 4 (students) - Tuesday 13th October

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**Home Tutor Tips**

**How can I make oral reading more fun?**

- **Home Tutor reads a part** (sentence, paragraph etc) and then the child reads the next part
- **Child reads the talking parts and the HT reads the narrative**
- **HT reads but makes a mistake – the child has to identify the mistake**
- **HT and child read together. HT to vary voice tone and model good reading habits. Gradually drop voice level as child becomes more confident so the child's voice becomes dominant. When you reach a hard bit, increase your voice level and slow down to help child through it.**