Mr. Max Gronwald and I attended the Australasian Association of Distance Education Schools (AADES) Conference 2009 in Adelaide last week. We also presented a workshop titled ‘Active Online Learning’ which showcased the WA Circuit Challenge and how we have incorporated the online learning tool Studywiz to support it. The conference was a fantastic opportunity to network with other distance education teachers from around Australia and New Zealand. The theme centred on how online learning has revolutionised teaching and how we need to respond to it to maximise learning for our students. As educators, we can no longer bury our heads in the sand regarding technology, but use it to help children to learn and decipher meaning from the world of information at their fingertips.

Another reminder for all students and families to regularly check our website which has direct access to upcoming events, a showcase of student work, parent forms, camp photos, the school survey, newsletters, home tutor hints and timetables. We will be using this site more and more as a portal for students to access learning programs and communicate too.....so stay tuned to the active http://www.carnarvonsota.wa.edu.au/ site.

Most families should now have access to sporting equipment funded by the Federal Active After School Program. Please ensure that students are exercising and practicing skills for at least two hours a week. The WA Circuit Challenge is still running, so this is a perfect opportunity for you to clock your way around the circuit for a prize.