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Moonta Area
R-12 School
Learning, Caring, Sharing: the Future is in Our Hands

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Staffing
Fione Love has been appointed for another term in her current acting position as Interagency Behaviour Support Coordinator based at Kadina. We wish Fione well in this position. Margaret Pope will continue as our acting Primary Counsellor for term 2. Margaret has done an excellent job this term and we are pleased to have her continue in the role.

As I announced several weeks ago, Ron Watson, has been appointed as Principal of Point Pearce for the remainder of 2009. His position will be taken by Mr Andrew Kite. Andrew has recently moved to the district, has spent some time with the year 6 class and is very much looking forward to working at Moonta Area School.

Staffing changes are never ideal. We would all prefer to have one teacher for the whole year and when and where this is possible, we will do exactly that. However, teachers have the right to apply for promotional positions like any other vocation, both within the school and the wider DECS system. What we are required to do is accommodate staffing changes whilst trying to have a minimum impact on student learning. We are endeavouring to do just that.

John Savage will continue to work in Nicola Adams class 2 days per week as well as 1 day behind Shelley Heir as she continues to undertake her mentoring position with our early years’ teachers.

Shortly, we will advertise two secondary coordinator positions, being Teaching & Learning 7-10 Middle School and Teaching & Learning 10-12 Senior School.

Teacher success
Congratulations to Hayley Spaans who has been awarded the Australian Literacy Educators Association (ALEA) Indigenous grant for 2009. This award recognises and supports early career teachers as they investigate literacy education in their teaching context, with particular focus on improving outcomes for indigenous students. It also establishes professional partnerships with a mentor to plan, implement and reflect upon an action learning project.

As part of this award Hayley will get membership with ALEA for 1 year, receive support, guidance and collaboration with an experienced educator, and have up to 3 days teacher release for the purpose of engaging with her mentor and support to attend the ALEA national conference.

Uniform
I thank parents for their continued support in ensuring all Moonta Area School students are in the correct uniform. Great to see so many girls in our new school dress. With the cooler weather approaching, students will change to long pants, jumpers, etc. This can often be time where standards slip. We have a range of good clean second hand clothing available at the school if parents wish to access this.

Calendar

Thursday 2nd April
- R-12 Assembly 9 a.m.
- Kindy Transition
- Japanese Quiz Day/Himeji Gardens Trip
- Clothing Pool Open 2:30 – 3 p.m.

Friday 3rd April
- Clothing Pool Open 8:30 – 9 a.m.
- R-6 RE

Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April
- Year 11 Windsurfing Camp
- Knockout Netball / Football
- Year 7-12 Mid Semester reports sent home
- 2 p.m. Dismissal

Friday 10th April
- Public Holiday – Good Friday

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Tarnya Smith, Mr Camporeale’s class.
Hi! We are the Safety Ambassadors of Moonta Area School this year. Our names are Alec Hutchins and Jaymee Matthews. Our roles include teaching safety lessons to students, updating you in newsletters about the goings on in the school and representing Safer Communities Australia among students. We will try to perform these roles and more during the year.

Walk with friends.
Inform an adult if somebody hurts you or does something that doesn't feel right.
Never talk or go with strangers.
Name, address and phone number – know them.
Every time you go out, tell an adult.
Ring 000 for emergencies.

The SACE exhibition is currently being held at the Light Square Gallery in the Adelaide Centre for the Arts building, 39 Light Square, Adelaide. It is open to the general public from Monday 30th March to Wednesday 6th May 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (excluding public holidays) and 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays 4th April and 2nd May. The exhibition is usually attended by over 10,000 people.

We greatly appreciate the encouragement and support given by our art teacher, Vicki Earles, as she seeks to nurture the creativity within each of her students.
Congratulations to the following children who have gained levels of hiragana ひらがな in the following categories:

**White ribbon** (しろ)
Rhyan Baker, Tamika Sansbury, Callum Gibson

**Green ribbon** (みどり)
Rhyan Baker, Tamika Sansbury, Callum Gibson, Shannon Platts, Willis Daveson, Mikai Prohaska, Ellie Ellingham

**Red ribbon** (あか)
Ellie Ellingham, Sarah Muir, Brody Nitschke

**Yellow ribbon** (きいろ)
Adam Silvestri

**Blue ribbon** (あお)
Adam Silvestri, Carly Chapman, Jake Cunningham

**Brown ribbon**
Josh Moss

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to compete in the South Australian Japanese quiz:
Cara Aldridge, Sarah Hutchinson, Jake Cunningham, Alec Hutchins, Mikaela Dunn, Gemma Tripodi, Nathaniel Spencer, Adam Silvestri, Brodie Cunningham, Georgia Prout.

They will be competing in Adelaide tomorrow (Thursday 2nd April).

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**Japanese にほんご**

**Students in Years 10/11/12 who are interested in a Welding course at Kadina TAFE starting in Term 2, should register their interest with the Vet Coordinator before the start of term 2**

**Costs:** $176. This includes kit (Overalls etc.) and 80 hours of training.

**Pathways for this course:** Metals and Engineering

Within the Metals and Engineering industry, you may be involved in activities such as cutting, pressing or casting metal, welding or grinding and working with heavy machinery, computer technology, cabling and mechanical equipment.

Welding could lead to a pathway as a Fitter Machinist or working on major structures such as ships and bridges to working as a jeweller.

Students wanting further information should speak to Jackie (Apprenticeship Broker) on 0458 564 717.

**Information Technology courses** will also be available next term, register your interest now with the Vet Coordinator.

Final applications are being taken for the **Cert 2 in Business Administration**.

Courses will pick up some modules from any of the following: Medical, Local Government, Education or Retail. If you have an interest in any of these areas please register your interest with your Vet Coordinator before the end of the school term.

*Attending a course whilst still at school will help develop your skills and abilities and prepare you for the future world of work.*
From the 11th to the 13th of March, the members of the student voice committee attended the annual Student Voice Training camp. The camp was held at Glenhaven Park which is home to South Australia’s tallest ‘Giant Swing’. The Giant Swing is just that – an enormous swing in which you are harnessed into and hoisted a huge 12 metres off the ground before being released to swing. During the camp, we participated in many activities which made us use our initiative, build our team skills and challenge our fears.

During the high ropes course (emphasis on HIGH ropes! – I’m talking 10 metres off the ground high!) many people in the group were terrified at the thought, however most of us were able to face our fears. The Posty’s Walk was the ‘easiest’ of the high rope activities, as it consisted of a cable leading from one pillar to another approximately 10-15m away, and another cable to hold onto. The next step up in difficulty was the Leap of Faith; this was a leap from the top of a 10m post to grab a trapeze bar. A surprising amount of the group was brave enough to try this, and almost all succeeded!

The hardest of the activities was the Giant Buoys, three enormous buoys were tied to a cable to hang in mid air, and you had to walk along a cable below them, with nothing but the buoys to hold. The most difficult part was of course that the black buoys attracted heat, and subsequently were burning hot; not a pleasant experience while balancing so high from the ground!

The team standing safely on the ground were nothing but supportive to the other team members attempting the ropes. The chanting and encouragement bought a really nice atmosphere to the camp and everyone was incredibly supportive throughout the entire trip.

Low ropes was a course more suited for everyone and we all got through it – some were even lucky enough to escape the wrath of the ground and avoid bruises! What low ropes consists of is an obstacle course made of ropes, held around half a metre off the ground. Let me tell you, it is a lot harder than it appears – they still wobble and make it difficult to keep balance! However, the team was around you to catch you if you fell or lost your balance, which is exactly what being a team member is all about. Even if you’re not literally catching someone or helping them balance, just by encouraging someone – whether it be in sport or at work – you are helping them keep their balance in life.

Throughout the camp, the phantom of ‘Graeme’ aroused the group’s interest. Graeme was of course a mysterious young man who went missing on the hike, fell off the high ropes, fell out of the giant swing, got eaten by crocodile’s, slipped from rocks into the river and pretty much every other death you can possibly imagine. Yes, he was a very unfortunate boy! However we never did find any evidence of him ever existing…however I think that in our hearts, we all knew that he did!

The camp brought the student voice team together and let us get to know each other a little better. The leadership training was incredibly beneficial and everyone has taken something away from this camp. Whether it is confidence from tackling the high ropes, leadership skills from the training, or even if a new friend was made. No one went home empty handed and everyone has evolved into great leaders for our future.

Molly Linnett
The following proposals have been approved at a phone meeting held Monday 30th March:

1. **MS Readathon Information Session** – Interested students attend the session held at lunchtime in the library. Wednesday 20th May, Term 2, Week 4.

2. **Music Concerts** – We would like to introduce 2 Music Concerts each year. One at the end of Semester 1 and one at the end of Semester 2. To showcase to parents and the community our music program and to give valuable performance opportunities to students. Thursday 25th June, Term 2, Week 9.

3. **Book Week / Literacy & Numeracy Week** – Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September, Term 3, Week 7.


**SPORTFEST 2009 (our 14th Year)**
Coaching Clinics for students aged 5-15 years at Prince Alfred Collage, Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town.

April 15th – 17th (Wednesday – Friday) or April 20th – 22nd (Monday – Wednesday)

**Choose from:**
AFL Football / Netball / Basketball / Soccer / Combo

Guest appearances from Jason Porplyzia, Nathan Van Berlo, Chad Cornes and Michelle Den Dekker.

Emphasis is on skill development and maximum participation. We want all students significantly better equipped to enjoy and pursue sport for many years to come (low player / coach ratio, abundance of equipment, experienced and enthusiastic coaches).

Features:
- Free Junior Sherrin AFL football or soccer ball, McDonalds voucher and Encouragement Award, Nippy's juice, ten pin bowling discount voucher
- Combo – rotate sports every 45 minutes, using modified equipment, younger students
- Sportswap – chance to try another sport sand game play (optional after lunch).

Cost of the 3 day clinics either:
8:30 a.m. – 12 noon $140
or 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. $190.


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- Introduce your family to another culture
- Make life long international friends
- Share our Australian culture and lifestyle

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Make your choice early.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**
Australia’s own intercultural educational exchange organisation
1800 500 501

**Free Events!**
**MAKE A MOVE 2 THE MOVIES!**
Friday 3rd April 2009
**Bride Wars**, PG @ 7 p.m.
**Twilight**, M @ 9 p.m.

STATEWIDE CINEMA MOONTA TOWN HALL
Only 100 tickets available for each movie, get tickets from Kadina Council Office or by contacting Jodi Russack

**BCBFEST Bus 2 Burra!**
Saturday 4th April 2009
**Bus leaves Kadina Town Hall**
1 p.m. arrives Burra 3 p.m.
**Leaves Redruth Gaol, Burra**
11:30 p.m. arrives Kadina 1:30 a.m.

Only 40 seats available. All you need is spending money. Bus and Entry Ticket is FREE

Events are for 12-25 year olds.

Please contact Jodi Russack, Youth Development Officer on 88 211 600 or email jru sacram@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Tickets or a Seat.
Year/Class: R SH
How long have you attended MAS: 1 term.
What is the best thing about MAS: Playing with friends, having lots of fun.
Best memory at school: Playing Shark n’ Fish with my friends.
When I grow up I want to be: Singer and be on TV so my family and friends can watch me.
In my spare time I like to: Go to the beach, singing and dancing to music, playing on my pool table and my flying car, lots of toys.

Year/Class: 4 KSS
How long have you attended MAS: 5 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: PE, Sports Day, Gym and maths.
Best memory at school: Friends and games.
When I grow up I want to be: Fireman or a Waiter.
In my spare time I like to: Play Hacky Sack.
Play Nintendo DS.
Snorkelling with my Dad.

Year/Class: 7 MH
How long have you attended MAS: 2 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: PE, doing Sports and the Gym.
Best memory at school: When the magpies were swooping us at recess and lunch last year.
When I grow up I want to be: Police Officer or a Builder.
In my spare time I like to: Play xbox 360, watch wrestling, go to beach and hang out with friends.

Year/Home group: 12 MW
How long have you attended MAS: 13 years, since Kindy.
What is the best thing about MAS: Friendly teachers, and growing up with friends.
Best memory at school: When Eyre won Sports Day.
When I grow up I want to be: Zoo Keeper or Veterinary Nurse.
In my spare time I like to: Play sport, socialise and sleep.
Volunteer Roster – Weeks 10 & 11:
Thursday 2nd April:
Pam Clarke, Jo Phillips 9 – 11:30,
Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1
Friday 3rd April:
Tanya Holman, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1,
**2 volunteers needed
Monday 6th April:
Sally Hennig, Lesley Scott,
Pam Clarke 9 – 11:30
Tuesday 7th April:
David Lodge, Julie Wardle,
Sally Hennig 9 – 11:30
Wednesday 8th April:
Sonia Steele, Barb Hartley 9 – 11:30,
Sharon Kroon

Canteen News

CJs Netball Club is looking for a Seniors Coach. Training Tuesday nights is school gym from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Play Saturday afternoons in Kadina. Please contact Michelle Fisher asap if interested on 0439 899 622.

Children’s Drum Building Workshops
Pulse Studio’s is proud to offer a 2 day workshop on Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th April 2009
The Ascot Arts Centre – Kadina Commencing at 9 a.m.
Cost: $85.00 per student for 2 days.
In the workshop students from Years 4-7 have the opportunity to build from the beginning their very own miniature West African Ashiko hand drum.
For more information and students registration, please contact Daryl Parker on 88 214 599. Arts and Community Development Officer for Country Arts SA and the District Council of the Copper Coast

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Road Crossing Monitors
Term 1, Week 11
Angus Simms, Brody Nitschke, Steven McGinley

STATEWIDE CINEMA

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (April 11th - 24th 2009)

For bookings phone: 0459 104 646
- ADMISSION: ADULTS: $30.50
- CHILDREN/STUDENT/PENSIONERS: $8.50
- 11AM SESSIONS ALL TICKETS $8.50

**Note: popcorn & movie $10.00 all sessions**
**AIRCONDITIONED**
www.statewidecinema.com.au

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