Aussie of the Month
April Winners

Congratulations
Kate Stewart
and
Charli Hancocks

Cyber Bullying Workshop

Happy Easter everyone.
Have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Thursday 9th April: Early Dismissal – 2 p.m.
Easter & Holidays

I wish all of Moonta School Community a safe and happy Easter and for those who are taking holidays, I hope they are enjoyable and relaxing. It has been a very busy term, with lots of school activities which has really seen the term ‘fly’.

I have been very impressed with the way the majority of Moonta students have started the year. They are coming ready to learn in the appropriate uniform and on time. They have been willing to engage in their learning and for the most part trying to do their best. That is all we can ask.

I am looking forward to next term, and hope we have a lot less staffing changes than we did in Term 1. As I stated in last week’s MAS Media. It is not a desirable situation to be changing teachers.

I wish all Moonta teaching and non teaching staff a restful break. It has been a long hot term and I thank them for the consistent quality effort they put into our school to improve the educational outcomes of our students. Enjoy your break, a little time to relax and recharge for the rest of the year.

Sharing positive news

I received this letter from Rev Ian Giles, this week and thought I would share part of this letter with the school community.

“Just a brief note to say thank you for inviting me to attend the school assembly last week and for the fantastic cheque of $750.65. Please find enclosed a receipt. Would you please convey our deep appreciation to the staff, students and especially the Fund Raising Committee on their excellent effort! It was a fantastic response and indeed I felt really outstanding!

I have written to Chris Lane thanking him for his fine leadership and for the manner in which he met me and made me feel comfortable. He is a fine lad. I asked him to convey our appreciation and “thank you” to his fellow students and to the Fund Raising Committee for their splendid efforts.

Dean, I was also inspired by the quality of the assembly last Thursday and by the wide range and age of students taking on leadership roles and in gaining experience in public speaking. It was really excellent. Congratulations!

Our school assemblies are as good as I have seen in terms of being ‘student assemblies’. I congratulate our students and Margaret Pope for the work they put into our assemblies in making them a celebration of student success. I encourage all parents to come in, when possible, to be a part of our school assembly. The students really appreciate you being there.

Cyber Bullying Workshops

These workshops held last week were very informative and I have received excellent feedback from, students, teachers and parents about the sessions. In addition to these workshops you might like to know that My Space Australia has launched new cyber bullying safety tips and announced a partnership with Girlfriend Magazine and Boost Mobile to promote a new online ‘Code of Conduct’ to combat cyber bullying.

Designed to educate and promote awareness about cyber bullying, these initiatives are designed to give all Australians the tools necessary to combat cyber bullying.

The Internet Safety Technical Task Force’s Research Advisory Board, based in the US, recently produced an extensive report which highlighted that more parental intervention and guidance is needed, as cyber bullying usually happens between persons already known to each other and that technology alone is unlikely to solve the problem of bullying.

Safety tips on using MySpace

The technology on My Space allows users to block other users, they simply need to click “Block User” to prevent a known bully from contacting them. It also allows users to conceal their “Online Now” status, so users can be on My Space but it doesn’t have to be known to the wider community.

My Space profiles can either be public or private spaces in their entirety or users can select some parts of their profile to be public and parts to be private. To secure privacy, select “Customize Profile” from the Profile & drop down menu and set the privacy level for each module individually (Comments, Friends, Blog, etc.) or select it for all profile modules in one go. All under 18 year olds automatically have their profile set to private, so only their designated friends can be within their network.

My Space encourages users to use wider identifiers, for instance, their suburb as opposed to their street number/name when entering public details into their My Space profile. This will make it harder for school yard bullies to track people down online. If users have a public profile they need to view their profile as a window to the world, and refrain from posting any information or images they wouldn’t want the world to see.

To report a cyber bullying incident click on the “Contact MySpace” link which is advertised at the
bottom of every MySpace.com page. Users should select the topic “Report Abuse” and the sub-topic “Cyber bullying” from the drop down menus and follow the prompts to report an incident.

A pamphlet called ‘Cybersmart Guide for Families’ is available in the library.

**Student medication**
The management of students’ medication is one that requires good communication between parents and the school. School staff can store and supervise only medication that has been prescribed by a doctor for an individual student, for the period of time specified. Analgesics and other medications, which can be purchased over the counter without a prescription, should also be prescribed if staff members are asked to supervise their use. It should be noted that analgesics can mask signs and symptoms of serious injury or illness and should not, therefore, be used by school staff as a first aid strategy.

It is preferable that medication be given to students at home. For example, medication required 3 times a day is generally not required during the school day: it can be given before and after school, and before bed time. This minimises the quantity of medication held on site.

We also require that older students do not carry their own medication, as this can create a situation where there is potential unsafe access to the medication by other students. An exception to this is asthma medication, which is often required immediately to relieve symptoms.

For school staff to safely store medication, the medication must be

- Prescribed by a doctor
- Provided by the parent or guardian
- Within the expiry date of the product
- Delivered to staff as a daily supply (or a week’s supply at most)
- Provided with written instructions from the parent, guardian or doctor

**Aussie of the Month April**

Our first Aussie of the Month Awards were presented at last week’s assembly. In class meetings, students in R-6 nominated the student they believed was most deserving of this award. Reps then selected the Awardees.

Nominations for April were:-

**Reception – Year 2**
- Joel Wiltshire (Linda Hettner)
- Cheyanne Ostendorf (Shelley Heir)
- Charli Hancocks (Judy van Galen)
- Tahlia Woodward (Caroline Hutchins)
- Lily Steele (Nicola Adams)

The winner was: **Charli Hancocks**.
She is a friendly and cheerful class member who does her jobs responsibly and is kind and thoughtful towards others.

**Year 3 – 6**
- Ryan Shields (Dianna Jarman)
- Josh Moss (Sonia Perkins)
- Briana Silvestri (Kris Strauss-Scott)
- Edwin Dyson (Frank Camporeale)
- Cody Ritter (Ron Watson)
- Kate Stewart (Chelsea Balnaves)

The winner was: **Kate Stewart**.
Kate is a very helpful student who shows enthusiasm for learning and a great understanding. She is honest and creates a wonderful learning environment always encouraging others.
GREAT SUCCESS AT MILE END ATHLETICS

Last Tuesday, March 31st saw a team of 37 competitors travel to SANTOS Stadium in Adelaide to compete in the SASSSA Athletics Championships. After an early start to the day and quite warm weather conditions, Moonta students competed to their best and above, and gave us an overall, best ever result. All athletes gave an excellent performance, displaying top-level sportsmanship and willingness to participate. Cooperation and support among team members was very good. This year we were moved up to E-Grade Division 1, and our athletes performed to a high level and provided us with 2nd place results in both boys and girls events.

On the day, Moonta competed against eight other schools. In the boys division we finished 2nd on 331 points, behind division winners, Reynella East, with 406 points. The girls division saw us also placed in 2nd position with 344 points, behind winners, Nazareth College on 358 points. Both girls and boys are to be congratulated on their results.

Our relay teams were once again very competitive and the following excellent results were achieved.

1st Place: U14 Girls 4 x 100m
Stephanie Drogemuller, Morgan Fisher, Jess Campbell, Danielle Keast

1st Place: U14 Boys 4 x 100m
Sam Watson, Malcolm Karpany, Tyler Andrews, Will Northeast

1st Place: U16 Girls 4 x 100m
Breanna Smith, Sam Prohaska, Amy Tuck, Adele Smith

1st Place: Open Girls 4 x 100m
Breanna Smith, Sam Prohaska, Adele Smith, Sara Warren

2nd Place: U16 Boys 4 x 100m
David Sime, Dylan McPeake, Shane Moss, Matt Appleton

2nd Place: Open Boys 4 x 100m
Daniel Lish, Scott Andrews, Tom Ackland, Fallon Wangeline

Some very good individual results were achieved on the day. Congratulations go to the following students on their achievements:

1st Place: Open Girls 3000m
Samaria Prohaska

U16 Girls 200m
Adele Smith

U14 Boys Triple Jump
Sam Watson

Open Girls 100m Hurdles
Sara Warren

U16 Girls 90m Hurdles
Breanna Smith

U14 Boys 90m Hurdles
Malcolm Karpany

U14 Boys High Jump
Will Northeast

U16 Girls 100m
Adele Smith

U14 Boys 400m
Will Northeast

Open Girls Long Jump
Sara Warren

U16 Girls 400m
Adele Smith

U14 Girls Shot Put
Morgan Fisher

U15 Boys Javelin
Cameron Stevenson

Open Girls Triple Jump
Sara Warren

U14 Boys 800m
Will Northeast

Open Girls 1000m Steeplechase
Sara Warren
## Mile End Athletics

### 2nd Place:
- **U14 Boys Javelin**: Jack McCauley
- **U16 Girls Triple Jump**: Breanna Smith
- **Open Boys Triple Jump**: Fallon Wanganeen
- **U16 Boys 100m Hurdles**: Matt Appleton
- **U14 Girls 100m**: Danielle Keast
- **U15 Girls Shot Put**: Aisha Cooper
- **U16 Boys 800m**: Matt Appleton
- **U14 Girls 80m Hurdles**: Jessica Campbell
- **Open Boys Discus**: Scott Grenville
- **Open Girls Shot Put**: Kellie Watson
- **Open Boys 1500m**: Daniel Lish
- **Open Boys 400m**: Scott Andrews
- **U15 Boys 800m**: Mitchell Morby

### 3rd Place:
- **U16 Boys Discus**: Dylan Choules
- **U15 Girls Long Jump**: Sally Farley
- **U16 Girls Shot Put**: Amy Tuck
- **U14 Girls Discus**: Stephanie Drogemuller
- **U14 Girls Long Jump**: Danielle Keast
- **Open Boys Long Jump**: Daniel Lish
- **U16 Girls High Jump**: David Sime
- **U16 Girls Javelin**: Amy Tuck
- **Open Boys Javelin**: Scott Grenville
- **U16 Girls 800m**: Breanna Smith
- **U15 Boys 100m Hurdles**: Cameron Stevenson
- **Open Girls 800m**: Tiff Paget
- **U15 Girls Triple Jump**: Aisha Cooper
- **U16 Boys Javelin**: Dylan McPeake
- **U15 Girls 400m**: Rachel Templer
- **U15 Boys Discus**: Cameron Stevenson
- **U15 Girls High Jump**: Rachel Templer
- **U16 Boys Shot Put**: Dylan Choules
- **Open Boys High Jump**: Fallon Wanganeen
- **U16 Boys 400m**: Dylan McPeake
- **U14 Girls 200m**: Danielle Keast
- **U14 Boys 200m**: Malcolm Karpany
- **U14 Boys Long Jump**: Tyler Andrews
- **Open Boys Shot Put**: Scott Grenville

Thank you to Kris Daddow, Sarah Knight, Bruce Schmidt, Travis Skipworth and Shane Moss, for their roles as marshals and assistants at events during the day. A huge thank you to Sean McMahon, our photographer, who captured brilliant action shots of our competitors. Well done to all competitors for their efforts.
Over the past few weeks, the upper primary classes at Moonta Area School participated in a Japanese quiz. The top ten students enjoyed a day in Adelaide increasing their understanding of Japanese culture.

Congratulations to Cara Aldridge, Jake Cunningham, Georgia Prout, Brodie Cunningham, Alec Hutchins, Gemma Tripodi, Sarah Hutchinson, Adam Silvestri, Nathaniel Spencer and Mikaela Dunn.

They were amazed at the beauty and serenity of the Himeji gardens, which were a gift from the city of Himeji to its sister city, Adelaide. They were astounded at the simplicity of the “deer scarer”, a simple piece of bamboo balancing with water dripping into it. They were able to sit in the authentic tea house with its thatched roof and imagine the oceans and continents looking at the “sea of sand”. But I think they were most impressed by the size of the goldfish swimming in and around the water lilies in the lake.

It was time to enjoy some wonderful Japanese food. We found some Japanese stalls in the food court past the central market. We bought some sushi from Suzuki Sushi. Then we went to a stall called Ramen noodle shop. We ordered eight big bowls of food including teriyaki chicken, miso soup with noodles and chicken and chasu ramen which was beef with rice. We had lots of little bowls and were able to use chopsticks to put the different foods into our bowls. It was delicious (おいし – oishi).

But it was a lot of food and we couldn’t eat it all. As we were leaving it was around lunch time and we saw a man outside with a trough of hot coals and he was putting skewers of chicken (yaki tori やきとり) on it. Unfortunately we had to leave all those wonderful tastes and smells behind.

We went in the bus to Hindmarsh for the Japanese quiz. There were lots of kids from many different primary schools who all learnt Japanese. We were mixed up with kids from other schools. We had to introduce ourselves in Japanese. We were very good at the first few rounds on culture and hiragana. But we found out lots of things from other kids about kanji and pop culture.

We sang songs and told jokes in the bus on the way home... and yes we did get back in time for football and netball practice! We were very tired that night!

Leanne Cunningham came with us and we thank her very much for her support and encouragement.

Maureen Ashby (せんせい – sensei)
WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND THE SENIOR SCHOOL

Even though we are in our final week of Term 1 things aren’t slowing down in the Senior School. Students are well into their 2009 programs now. Below are some of the studies they are involved in this week.

Mrs Daddow’s Year 11 English class are analysing poetry related to the novel “Looking For Alibrandi” and the decisions students will be making about their futures.

Miss Partington’s Year 11 English class are analysing newspaper articles and short stories about issues related to teenagers.

The Year 12 Hospitality students are currently working with Mrs Anderson on their Special Studies where they are required to investigate an issue in the hospitality industry.

Mr Hackett’s Year 11 Tech Studies students are working on various timber projects, ranging from jewellery boxes to larger boxes for storing clothes.

Junior Golf Day – SAPSASA event

The encouragement cup is to be played at the Ardrossan golf course on Friday 1st May.

Be at the Ardrossan golf club by 9:30 a.m. Play to commence 10 a.m.

This event is to encourage children in years 5, 6 and 7 to come and give golf a go. Children play a modified course of 9 holes. Parents of players would be appreciated to help with scoring and etiquette of players in each group. You do not need to know anything about golf.

Children need to bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and most important their golf equipment.

If do not own any golf clubs some may be borrowed on the day.

Please phone Heather Ramsey on 88 392 062, evenings if require loan clubs.

Entries can be made on arrival and a $2 fee is charged.

At this stage we have professional coaches from Adelaide coming over to give the children coaching on the day.
DMC Proposals

The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 4th May:

Proposal One: Update dates for Netball Umpiring Clinic
Proposal: Activity has already been approved. Dates have now been finalised. Netball 3 Umpiring clinic at Moonta Netball Courts.
Benefits:
Requirements from home: Sports Shoes.
Date: Friday 18th September, Term 3, Week 9. 10:30 a.m. start.
Proposer: S Hackett / D Angus

Proposal Two: Year 9 School Camp Fundraisers
Proposal/Dates:
- Term 2, Weeks 2 – 9: Face painting for Year R-6 at lunchtimes, recess if demand is big.
- Term 2, Week 9: Sausage sizzle and cookies – part of the Year 8/9 elective programs.
- Term 3, Week 9: Friday 18th September, Walkathon.
Requirements from home/community: Walkathon supporters to sponsor.
Proposer: W Brusnahan / D Richardson

Proposal Three: Support World Vision with some of the can collection money
Proposal: Year 7 classes manage the ‘red’ can bins in the school. Through a class meeting, it was decided that ½ of the money raised would be donated to World Vision; the other ½ would go towards the Year 7 camp.
Benefits: Students help others in need. Build a sense of pride from helping others. Raise money for a good cause. Raise money for camp.
Proposer: S Hackett / M Hancock / D Richardson

Information from WC Foundation

Called There’s No Such Thing As A Silly Question, the book is a practical guide for families, providing information about where to go for support and services as well as general advice to support wellbeing.
It features first hand accounts of the experiences of other parents and advice, as well as information about the health care system. The publication was adapted from a Victorian book by the same name, produced by interACT and tailored for South Australian families through a team of health professionals at the CYWHS, the Flinders Medical Centre, the Lyell McEwin Hospital and the Department of Education and Children’s Services. Anna Malden, who coordinated the development of the SA content, is the Chronic/Complex Care Discharge Clinical Practice Consultant, Patient Flow at the WCH. The South Australian version of the publication came to fruition after a parent of a child with complex needs brought the book to the attention of WCH staff.
The publication is published and distributed with the support of the WCH Foundation.
“The WCH Foundation acknowledges the resilience and strength of families managing complex health conditions. We also recognise the commitment of care providers both in hospital and community settings,” explained Trish Hansen, WCH Foundation Acting CEO. “The WCH Foundation is proud to partner with the CYWHS along with South Australian families to provide this valuable health promotion resource,” said WCH Foundation Chairman, Nick Begakis AM.
This book is available free of charge by contacting the WCH Foundation on 8464 7900 or by emailing info@WCHfoundation.org.au and available online in early February by visiting www.WCHfoundation.org.au
Student Profiles

Year/Home group: 1 NA.
How long have you attended MAS: 1 year.
What is the best thing about MAS: I go on the big oval.
Best memory at school: Zoo.
When I grow up I want to be: Truck Driver.
In my spare time I like to: Play Lego.

Year/Home group: 5 CB.
How long have you attended MAS: Approx 6 ½ years.
What is the best thing about MAS: Swimming Lessons.
Best memory at school: Choir, singing.
When I grow up I want to be: A Spy.
In my spare time I like to: Play DS, Xbox, Xbox 360 and Swimming.

Year/Home group: 7 SHa
How long have you attended MAS: 1 term and 9 days. (when written).
What is the best thing about MAS: Friends, teachers, staff.
Best memory at school: Going to camp.
When I grow up I want to be: An Air Hostess.
In my spare time I like to: Do Sport.

Year/Home group: 9 WB.
How long have you attended MAS: 10 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: The hands on subjects like Sports Day, Science, etc.
Best memory at school: Team Games on Sports Day.
When I grow up I want to be: A Zoo Keeper if not I’ll be an architect.
In my spare time I like to: Spend time with family, draw and play hockey.
**Volunteer Roster – Week 11 & Term 2, Week 1:**

**Thursday 9th April**
- Pam Clarke, Jo Phillips 9 – 11:30,
- Sue Ferguson 11:30 – 1,
- Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1

**Friday 10th April: Public Holiday – Good Friday**

**Term 2, Week 1**

**Monday 27th April:**
- Sue Ferguson, Lesley Scott,
- Pam Clarke 9 – 11:30

**Tuesday 28th April:**
- Sue Ferguson, David Lodge, Julie Wardle

**Wednesday 29th April:**
- Sonia Steele, Barb Hartley,
- Renate Paulson 10 – 2

I would like to thank all volunteers who offered their valuable support this term in the canteen; we are always looking for extra help and if you are available next term please contact me.

Cheers to all for a Happy Easter holiday. Mel

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**Moonta Football** – No training tomorrow night (Thursday 9th April) for mini and micro mini but will recommence during the holidays.

**Moonta Uniting Church** – School Holiday Program ‘Kid’s Club’. Thursday 16th and 23rd April 2009. 10 a.m. to noon. Meeting in the Church Hall (the church in the square). Cost: $2 per child. We will be having drinks and snacks, playing games, singing songs, having a Devotional time, and a craft time but most important we will be having fun making new friends while learning a little about ‘the Bible’. Kids Club is open to all school age children. For further information please contact Carole Perkins on 88 252 674. Hope to see you all there.

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**Public Notices**

**Parenting Seminar**

Raising Happy and Confident Kids
Thursday 23rd April

Playford Civic Centre,
10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth
Cost $10.

Register on 1800176453 or contact myself for registration form and more information. Note also the website [www.kidscount.com.au](http://www.kidscount.com.au) for helpful and easy to read parenting information.

Vince Ivens

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**STATEWIDE CINEMA**

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

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For booking phone: 0490 106 666

- **ADMISSION: ADULTS: $8.00**
- **CHILDREN/STUDENT SPONSORSHIP: $8.50**
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