National Casual Dress Day – Friday 20th February
To raise funds for the Victorian Bushfire Victims.
Gold Coin Donation.

Thank you everyone for your donations.

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Parent Welcome Night
It was great to see so many parents take the opportunity to visit their child’s class and meet their new teachers. I encourage any parent who could not make it on the night, to make contact with and meet their child’s teacher. A good relationship with your child’s teacher allows for a real education partnership, and this can only improve the educational outcomes for our children.

AGM
The Annual General Meeting of Moonta Area School’s governing council will be held on Wednesday 4th March, 7:30 p.m. in the community library. In the next edition of MAS Media I will provide further detail, but if you are thinking about applying to become a member of our Governing Council, you might like to speak to our 2008 current members.

On Governing Council, elected members last year were: Zelda Ritter, Heather Francis, Judy Miegel, Mark Templer, Libby Williams, Tony Dunn, Adrian Hatcher, Craig Cross, Sandy Madden, Greg Smith, Meredy Shipard, Julie Wardle, Lyndon Elsworth. Representative members include: Janine Bennett, Daniel Richardson, Di Daubly, Travis Skipworth, Bruce Schmidt, Michele Appleton, Marsha Barratt

Moonta Parent Club
A reminder that our first meeting for 2009 will be on Tuesday 24th February at 12 noon in the Conference Room and I invite all interested parents to attend.

Cyber bullying
The Yorke Peninsula Division of General Practice has been successful in being able to support the running of a series of student and parent workshops on cyber bullying. These workshops will run on the 31st March, with the parent session being held at 7 p.m. We will provide further details as the date becomes closer.

Casual day
This Friday will be a Casual Dress Day as we are supporting the AEU National Appeal to raise funds for the Victorian Bushfire victims. Across Australia schools and students will be participating in this activity with funds raised going directly to students of public schools affected by bushfires to assist with purchases of school uniforms and school clothing.
A reminder to all parents, as a SUN SMART school the wearing of thongs, tank tops and singlet tops are not permitted.

Softball stars
Congratulations to the following students who made it into the "ALL STARS" junior softball team for the YP softball association. Kimberley Perks, Tayla Scarce, Ellie Turner, Ebony Love (also runner up association best & fairest), Sam Yandell, Aiden Tuck, Alex Choules

Canteen Volunteers Required
Our canteen’s future depends on its ability to make itself run at a slight profit. DECS will not allow any canteen to run at a loss. The introduction of the Healthy Eating Guidelines, has seen the removal of many previous (non healthy) profit making items from the menu. Along with the fact that healthy options take more preparation time, our need for volunteers has never been greater. Please contact Melissa at the canteen, if you can help in any way.

Sports Day Volunteers
We are always very appreciative of any help we can get to support the running of our school sports day on Thursday 5th March. There are many and varied jobs to do from timekeeping, to cooking BBQs. If you have some time on the day and would be willing to assist please contact the school. We would love to here from you.

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 1, Week 5
Riley Hatcher, Blake Trott, Mikai Prohaska

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Gemma Tripodi, Mrs Pope’s class.
Car Park Feedback

Now that the car-park adjacent to the Kindy has been operational for a few weeks, I invite you to provide feedback on it. Is the "Drop Off" zone working? Is the car parking facility adequate? This is a project the District Council has undertaken in negotiation with the school. We are keen to provide the best facility within our budget restraints.

Improvements to be undertaken include better signage and enlarging the parking area by moving some of the rocks.

Please provide your thoughts on the car-park in writing to Ron Watson at the front office.

Calendar

Friday 20th February
National Casual Dress Day
Gold Coin Donation
Year 8/9 Knockout Cricket – Kadina

Week 5

Monday 23rd February
Impact Leaders Day – Primary

Tuesday 24th February
12 noon Parent Club meeting

Thursday 26th February
Pre-Sports Day event – Javelin
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly

Friday 27th February
Pre-Sports Day event – Javelin
Clean Up Australia Day
Step to the Future – Year 10s

Week 6

Monday 2nd March
Pre-Sports Day event – 800/600m
5 p.m. DMC meeting

Tuesday 3rd March
Pre-Sports Day event – 1500m/JP Long Run

Wednesday 4th March
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

Thursday 5th March
MAS Sports Day

Friday 6th March
School starts 1 hour later due to Sports Day
District Swimming

Week 7

Monday 9th March
Public Holiday – Adelaide Cup

Our school has procedures in place to manage the safety of all people on site in the event of a Bushfire. We are required to remind you of the procedures at regular intervals in term 1 and term 4.

When the evacuation siren sounds, students and staff from both the school and Kindergarten will move in an orderly manner to the Gymnasium which is our nominated Safe Refuge. Teachers will organise students to take their bags and water bottles with them. All other adults on site have the option of moving to the Gymnasium or vacating the school site.

Once everyone is in the Gymnasium, the Emergency Response Committee will inform those present what needs to happen. The current members of the Emergency Response Committee are Dean Angus, Bruce Schmidt, Jan Ritchie, Neil Hackett, Frank Camporeale, Alan Gordon/Bill Saunders and Louise Hanrahan.

Should you wish for further information about our procedures please contact me at school.

Bruce Schmidt
Great start to the year in the Middle School

Year 7/8/9 students have made a bright start to 2009. In SOSE students have been working on the topic of “Geography and Mapping” with some fantastic work already being produced by students. In mathematics the majority of students have started off with a strong work ethic and are working on a variety of topics on individualised programs. During in-class maths lessons the major topics for this term are times tables, BODMAS, directed number and number processes with whole numbers and decimals. Project mathematics is taking an in-depth look at the mathematics related to the housing industry. Within English lessons, students are working on producing an Information Report and are also working on reading, comprehension, spelling and grammar activities. Science lessons have begun well with Raelene Stutley focussing on lab skills, Wendy Brusnahan working on Agriculture, Aquaponics and the Biological Sciences and Daniel Richardson teaching students about global warming and climate change. We look forward to seeing some fantastic work produced during term 1.

Senior School

Year Ten Meeting Evening – Tuesday 10th February

It was really pleasing to see a good number of interested parents and students who attended our meeting last week, especially as these students are the first to start the new system governing senior students from years ten to twelve known as the FUTURE SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education).

Bruce Gordon welcomed everybody and talked about the year ten home groups and area as well as discussed the large changes that start to come about as students embark on their senior school journey, not the least involving decisions about their future. Grant Keleher then presented a Power Point Presentation giving an overview of year ten including such things as Work Experience, Business Week and the end of year camp.

Meredith Westbrook introduced everyone to the FUTURE SACE and the part that the PLP (Personal Learning Plan) has to play, beginning this year with these students in year ten. This was elaborated on by Vince Ivens who along with Bruce Gordon, are delivering this in 2009. The evening concluded with some people taking the opportunity to have a tour of the Year Ten Block, visiting the home groups of the students, having a bit of a look at the science block as well as having some informal chats to help clarify a few things. We would really like to thank those people who came along and hope that the evening has helped somewhat in their understanding of their child’s future.

Year 11 Information Night

An excellent turnout of parents / students attend an information session for Year 11s.

Topics included SACE rules, school expectations’ and ways to help students be successful in their lead up to Year 12.

Many excellent questions lead to a useful discussion on subject choices and study habits.

Neil Hackett
Year 11 Coordinator
The following proposals have been approved at the meeting held Monday 16th February:

1. RE – Years R-6 –
   Term 1 – Friday 3rd April, Week 10.
   Term 2 – Friday 26th June, Week 9.
   Term 3 – Friday 18th September, Week 9.
   Term 4 – Friday 27th November, Week 7.


4. Primary Sports Dates held in Kadina –
   Knockout Netball / Football Carnival Tuesday 7th April, Term 1, Week 11.
   District Athletics Day Wednesday 9th September, Term 3, Week 8.
   Information regarding cost etc, will come out closer to the dates. Requirements from home: Drinks, sports clothes.

5. Music is Fun Band for students R – 9/10 – Thursday 11th June, Term 2, Week 7.

6. Kindy Transition Dates Term 1 –
   Transition Meeting Tuesday 3rd March, Week 6 2 p.m. in Miss Hier’s classroom
   Transition Dates Thursday 12th March, Week 7 8:45 – 10:25 a.m.
   Thursday 19th March, Week 8 8:45 – 10:45 a.m.
   Thursday 26th March, Week 9 8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
   Thursday 2nd April, Week 10 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
   Thursday 9th April, Week 11 8:45 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Early dismissal for Easter)

7. Junior School Captains are elected to represent the primary area of the school.

8. R-5 Action Group be renamed R-6 Action Group and include representatives from the Year 6 classes.


The following proposal has not been approved:

10. YP Cross Country – change of date due to clash with SAPSASA Event. Friday 15th May, Term 2, Week 3. Due to clash with Kernewek.

DMC Minutes

Clothing Pool

Open Thursday 19th February at 2:30 – 3 p.m. and Friday 20th February at 8:30 – 9 a.m. Located road end of Drama Room. Second hand school clothes for sale. Some Sports Day tops available. Any enquiries, Lesley Scott 88 253 543.

This week class teachers have received all the information and reading record sheets. They will be promoting and encouraging your children to take up the Challenge to read 12 books before 4th September. However the bulk of reading is done at home, so please support your child/ren by listening to them read, talking about their books with them and signing the record sheet.

The Challenge no longer finishes at Year 9 but can continue on for any senior students who would like to keep collecting medals. The Premier’s Reading Challenge website has a whole new look this year. It is the place to find out all you need to know about the Challenge but do chat to your child’s teacher or call in at the library if you would like more information.

Tricia Stringer & Dave Steele, Teacher/ Librarians.

Bucket Hats are now $5.00 from the Front Office
Year 3-7 Swimming
Student Profiles

Year/Class: 1 LH
How long have you attended MAS: 1 year.
What is the best thing about MAS: Playgrounds.
Best memory at school: Sports Day.
When I grow up I want to be: Gamemaker.
In my spare time I like to: Play Playstation and DS, going to the beach, and going to little athletics.

Year/Class: 5 RW
How long have you attended MAS: 6 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: The R-5/6 Action Group.
Best memory at school: Winning an Academic Award.
When I grow up I want to be: A Truck Driver.
In my spare time I like to: Play cricket, go down the beach and practice basketball.

Year/Class: 1 LH
How long have you attended MAS: 1 year.
What is the best thing about MAS: Playgrounds.
Best memory at school: Sports Day.
When I grow up I want to be: Gamemaker.
In my spare time I like to: Play Playstation and DS, going to the beach, and going to little athletics.

Year/Class: 7 SHa
How long have you attended MAS: 7 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: You get to catch up with all your friends and PE.
Best memory at school: Starting in Reception.
When I grow up I want to be: Something that involves the sea, probably diving.
In my spare time I like to: Go out and ride my bike, watch TV and catch up with friends.

Year/Home group: 12 MW
How long have you attended MAS: Since Reception – 13 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: The team games at the end of Sports Day and the many opportunities students are given.
When I grow up I want to be: A Primary / Middle School teacher.
In my spare time I like to: Play hockey and when I get the chance, just relax.
On **Friday 27th February** is the National Clean up Australia Day (Friday Week 5) and we are participating in the school clean up day event. This year Clean up Australia Day has been organised by the Year 7 classes. This is your chance to take to the streets and clean up our community. Each class has been buddied with another class.

**You** are invited to the Australia Day Clean up. Join your child’s class for a community clean up day. Followed by an iceblock for the students.

**When:** Friday 27th February, starting at 12noon

**What to bring:** plastic bags, tongs and gloves (Students will be supplied with gloves).

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<td>Miss Hier Rec &amp; Mrs Hackett Yr7</td>
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<td>Skate Park</td>
<td>Mrs Clarke/Ms Van Galan Yr1/2 &amp; Miss Spaans Yr8</td>
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<td>Main building, basketball courts &amp; surrounding playgrounds</td>
<td>Mrs Hutchins Yr1/2 &amp; Miss Partington Yr9 boys</td>
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<td>Mrs Adams Yr1/2 &amp; Mrs Stutley Yr8</td>
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<td>George Street</td>
<td>Mrs Ryan Yr3-7 &amp; Mrs Brunsahan Yr9 girls</td>
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<td>Mr Watson Yr5/6 &amp; all Yr10s + HG teachers</td>
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<td>Parkview Senior Citizens area</td>
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Plastic bags are needed.
Please send in as many plastic bags as you can & drop them at the front office.

**Thankyou for caring for the community.**

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**Australian Hockey League**

Hockey SA “SUPER” Skills Clinic
Saturday 7th March 2009
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Distinctive Homes Hockey Arena, Gepps Cross

Coaches include past Olympians Juliet Haslam OAM, Stephen Holt and Alison Peek OAM.

Anyone Under 14 invited to attend.
Cost: $20.00 per participant.

For inquires please contact Hockey SA on 8349 4044.

Limited places are available.

For more information please see the Front Office.

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**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.
Volunteer Roster – Weeks 4 & 5:

Thursday 19th February:
Pam Clarke, Jo Phillips 9 – 11:30, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1,
**1 volunteer needed 11:30 – 1:30

Friday 20th February:
Tanya Holman, Kelly Madden, Kiara Madden,
Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1

Monday 23rd February:
Di Arnold, Pam Clarke 9 – 11:30,
**1 volunteer needed 11:30 – 1:30

Tuesday 24th February:
David Lodge, Julie Wardle,
Sally Hennig 9 – 11:30

Wednesday 25th February:
Sonia Steele, Barb Hartley,
Sharon Kroon 9 – 11:30,
Renate Paulson 10 – 1:30

A very big thank you to the three volunteers who have come forward after our request for volunteers letter went out two weeks ago. Your help is much appreciated and valued here in the canteen.

We are particularly looking for extra volunteers to help out on Sports Day, Thursday 5th March. A roster for the day has been drawn up and your help is needed if only for one hour.

Please help to make this day a success for the children.

Cheers, Mel Coonan

Moonta Football Club Training – AusKick begins on Thursday 26th March at 4:15 pm. Micro and Mini’s will start on Thursday 12th March 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Juniors – Tuesday 3rd March at 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. We are looking for anyone interested in helping with either trainers, umpiring (goal or field) assisting coaches, etc. Please ring Stuart Andrews on 0427 253 055 if able to help. Teams and clubs don’t run on their own, parent support is vital. You will be surprised how much enjoyment you will get out of helping your child’s team.

Family Night – After training on the 12th March there will be a family night for all micro, mini and junior colts players and family members. This night is also for intending Auskick players and families. Gold coin donation for BBQ tea, drinks available, free drink for all players. All families very welcome.

Junior Cricket Information – Reminder again Have a Go Cricket at 3:30 p.m. today and final training Sunday 22nd February at Moonta Football Club oval at 10 a.m. followed by a free sausage sizzle. Junior Cricketers are invited to come and play ‘beach cricket style’ on the Club oval at 11 a.m. prior to the Official Opening of the Turf pitch. Free sausage sizzle for kids. Junior Cricket; Bacon and Egg sandwiches on sale ($3.00) this week and next at the Junior Cricket game at Weetulta. YP Association Cricket; Congratulations to the following boys on their selection into the YP Association Cricket team that plays at Balaklava this Sunday 22nd February. Rowen Nicholas, Jake Turner, Dylan Aldridge and Luke Templer (emergency). Good Luck!

Helping students to be successful readers

Wallaroo Mines Primary School, Activity Room

Wednesday March 4, from 9.30am to 11.30am

With Judy Keillor, Reading Recovery Tutor

Workshop content:
- Text types
- Introducing books to students
- How we read
- Reading prompts

There will be opportunities to observe and practice too!

Cost: Gold coin donation

Please reply with name and school to info@walminesps.sa.edu.au or call June Nash on 8821988 by Monday March 2.
**R-2 Sports Day**

The Junior Primary Sports events aim to provide a non-competitive, enjoyable environment in which all have the opportunity to participate.

Students are actively encouraged to dress in their team colours for the day, but events will be conducted in class groups.

For your information the team colours are: **Monterra – blue; Flinders – red; Eyre – green.**

On Thursday 5th March the children’s day will begin **at 12:15 p.m.** when they should come to class as usual **with a packed lunch.** Children will have lunch until 1 p.m. in the JP area, supervised by teachers (they will not be permitted to leave this area.)

**Events will begin at 1:15 p.m.** with each class rotating every 15 mins. The final sprint events will be held on the “back” of the running track on the main oval.

Children will compete in a “long run” prior to the day. This will be held on Tuesday 2nd March at 9 a.m.

Children will be dismissed at approximately **4 p.m. from the JP area** where they will receive a participation certificate and iceblock.

For safety reasons, parents/caregivers are asked to go to classrooms and **collect their children from the teachers.** If you have organised for someone else to collect them, please inform the teacher at the beginning of the day or beforehand.

After 4:15 p.m. staff are required to provide support on the main oval and therefore supervision of students will not be available.

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**Years 3 - 12 Sports Day**

Students have begun practices for Sports Day. These have been excellent, with lots of participation by all students.

We have not had many offers of help so far for Sports Day. If you can help with any events please fill out the slip in last week’s newsletter or contact the school. Assistance from any members of the community on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school.

Events for Years 3-12 commence at 12:30 p.m. sharp, whilst R-2 students are required in their classrooms at 12:15 p.m. Students in Years 3-12 are expected to arrive at 12 noon and to gather in their house areas. An official opening will begin at 12.15pm, prior to the first event at 12:30 p.m.

Students need to wear shoes to compete in all events. This is mandatory due to OHW&S issues. All students need to wear **HATS** and wear a shirt with sleeves. The most effective drink on the day is water. No participant will be allowed to compete in bare feet at Interschool.

A reminder that school begins 1 hour later the next day, Friday 6th March.

On the day we require beach shades or gazebos to use at marshalling points around all events. If you are able to assist, please see Kris Daddow as soon as possible.