Double Success for Moonta at Interschool
Interschool success
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Interschool Sports day last Wednesday. It was pleasing to see so many Moonta students willing to be involved and trying to do their ‘personal best’. The team support and encouragement shown by our students was commendable and shows our students have real team spirit for each other and the school.

A huge THANKYOU to the Sport & Rec Committee and all the staff and parents who supported the day. “Mega” thanks to Kris Daddow, Sarah Knight and Raelene Stutley for the effort they put into bringing about these days, which are fantastic, but require a lot of work & coordination.

Student progress
It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to have parent interviews. By this time of the year teachers are able to give some explicit feedback about your child’s learning and progress. I have asked all teachers to ensure they make contact with parents whose students may be failing or having difficulties in their subject area.
Action for these students needs to be taken sooner rather than later, and change is most effective when teacher and parent are working in partnership.
Written reports for students in Years 7 to 12 will go home on 9th April.

Hats
The cooler weather has made a nice change, (more rain would be handy). But I remind all students and parents that as a Sun Smart school, the wearing of hats is a must whilst outdoors. It is great to see most of our students doing the right thing without having to be reminded. Well done.

Australian awards for teaching excellence
An Australian Government initiative, these awards recognise and reward excellence in the teaching profession and promote the standing of the teaching profession in the community. They:
  - Recognise achievement
  - Celebrate excellence
  - Share best practise
Further information and nomination forms available from www.teachingaustralia.edu.au

Moonta Parent Club:
CYBER BULLYING / INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
Next Tuesday 31st March at 7 p.m., there will be a parent workshop held in the community library.
Internet safety is at the heart of all parents’ concerns when allowing our young people access to the World Wide Web. On Tuesday 31st March, Brett Lee from iNESS will be educating our youth 7-12 on how to be internet savvy. INESS is the first privately owned Australian business to specifically target the education of children in the dangers of the internet, cyber safety and cyber bullying.
Brett worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of those as a detective in the field of child exploitation. In his last 5 years of service, he was a specialist in the field of undercover internet child exploitation investigations. Brett has been personally involved in the online investigation, arrest and prosecution of numerous offenders, whose medium for preying on children is the internet.
iNESS provides an engaging presentation by allowing the audience to see the Internet through the eyes of a child and shows the sad reality of the Internet as a medium for sexual predators.

Welcome Sonia Perkins
Who is now teaching Mrs Keleher’s Year 3/4 class, while Adele is on maternity leave.
**Internet Safety Advice for Parents and Teachers**

- Know what your children are accessing on the Internet.
- Know how it works and take an active interest in what they are looking at on the Internet.
- Know the on-line friends that your child is communicating with.
- Set up family agreements for Internet usage. This can address issues like the time of day allowed on, length of time allowing online, how to deal with privacy and net etiquette.
- Take an interest in the new sites children are finding online and spend time exploring with them. This will help children retain your values for when they are working alone.
- Put the computer with the Internet access in a public area of the home, such as the living room, rather than a study, bedroom or playroom.
- Have family talks about the Internet and encourage children to let you know if they come across anything disturbing.
- With older children you may choose to discuss the nature of the material found on the Internet.
- If you are speaking with people on-line, and even using a webcam, you are letting a person into your home.

**INTERNET SAFETY**

**Parent Session**

Moonta Community Library

**Tuesday 31st March, Week 10**

at 7 p.m.

Parents from Moonta Area School are invited to attend.

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**Calendar**

**Thursday 26th March**

Kindy Transition

**Friday 27th March**

Country/Diving/SWD Swim Day

**Week 10**

**Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April**

**Softball State Carnival**

**Monday 30th March**

Youth Week Event

Choir Combined Rehearsal

DMC 5 p.m.

**Tuesday 31st March**

Mile End Athletics

Cyber Bullying Workshop

Years 7-8: 11:30 – 1 p.m.

Years 10-12: 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Staff: 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Parent Workshop: 7 p.m.

**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

**Week 11**

**Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April**

Year 11 Windsurfing Camp

**Tuesday 7th April**

Knockout Netball / Football

**Thursday 9th April**

Kindy Transition

Year 7-12 Mid Semester reports sent home

2 p.m. Dismissal

**Friday 10th April**

Public Holiday – Good Friday

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Interschool Sports Day was held last Wednesday at Moonta, although Ardrossan hosted the event.

The location was changed due to the dry conditions of the Ardrossan Oval and Moonta was able to assist Ardrossan by allowing them to utilise the very good state of our oval.

The weather conditions were ideal for the event and students from Ardrossan, Port Broughton and Snowtown joined us for an excellent day’s programme.

Once again, we were rewarded with success in the earning of the two most important shields – the Athletics Pennant and the Fletcher Shield for team games.

It was an excellent day with committed participation, and the sportsmanship and atmosphere amongst all competitors was positive and enthusiastic.

It was a close competition throughout the day with final scores supporting the strength and commitment of the Moonta competitors.

Athletics Pennant:
Moonta Red 1st on 326 points, Ardrossan 260 points, Port Broughton, Moonta Green 4th on 181 points and Snowtown.

Fletcher Shield:
Moonta 1st with 93 points from Port Broughton on 73 points followed by Ardrossan and Snowtown.
We also had some record breakers in our teams, with congratulations going to the following students for their efforts and achievements.

**Record Breakers**

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By the end of the day we had many individual winners and runner-ups.

**Individual Awards**

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Congratulations to all the record breakers and all those who received awards. Big congratulations go to all other students who participated and made the day enjoyable and successful.

From these results, students have been selected to compete at the athletics championships at Mile End on Tuesday 31st March, with best wishes for their continued success.
Early Years

Year 1/2 Clark and van Galen Activity
As play is an important Early Years learning tool we start Activity at 8:30 a.m. each day.

Children choose from a range of activities including art, role play, PE, IT and technology.

Primary Assembly Guiding Principle Award Winners

Mrs Jarman’s Class
Mrs Kelcher’s Class
Ms Ryan’s Class
Mr Camporeale’s Class
Mrs Straus-Scott’s Class
Miss Balnaves’ Class

Mr Watson’s Class

Congratulations to all winners.
Middle School – DON’T BE SCARED!!!

The Year 8/9 students have moved into Kernewek mode by producing various sized Scarecrows for display around Moonta during the forthcoming Kernewek Lowender.

Following a request from Lorraine Povey for students from Moonta Area School to be involved in the project, teachers Raelene Stutley and Wendy Brusnahan accepted the challenge and promoted the idea with their students as part of the Year 8/9 electives program.

A willing band of 20 students has been working, collecting clothes, timber scraps and accessory items to undertake and complete the task of Scarecrow making.

When completed the Scarecrows will be on display around the town and will add to the colour and excitement of Kernewek Lowender.

Senior School – Year 12 Hospitality

After spending Monday afternoon last week with Executive Sous Chef John Holmes, the Year 12 Hospitality class was ready to put their skills to the test and prepare their Signature dishes. John had worked with the students to expand their knowledge and really push their ideas to the next level. After the lesson quite a few had their feathers ruffled when he expected more than a schnitzel for a signature dish. However, to their credit, the students all rose to the challenge and were prepared on Thursday for their practical lesson and to learn from John’s experience.

The result was amazing! All students produced dishes that could have been served in any restaurant. They ranged from King George Whiting stuffed with prawns served on balsamic tomatoes, draped with asparagus spears and topped with a delicately flavoured tarragon fish velouté to Herb crusted lamb cutlets!!! John did an excellent job with each student, demonstrating to them that with a little imagination and patience they could produce very high quality food.

The students and myself would like to thank John for giving up some of his holiday time to share his knowledge and skills.
DMC Proposals

The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 30th March:

Proposal One: MS Readathon Information Session
Proposal: Students interested in involvement in MAS Readathon attend an information session in the library at lunchtime.
Date: Wednesday 20th March, Term 2, Week 4.
Proposer: D Daulby / D Angus

Proposal Two: Music Concerts
Proposal: 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.
Benefits: To showcase to parents and the community our music program and to give valuable performance opportunities to students.
Date: Thursday 25th June, Term 2, Week 9.
Proposer: V Ivens / B Schmidt

Proposal Three: Book Week / Literacy and Numeracy Week – Annual Events
Date: Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September, Term 3, Week 7.
Proposer: T Stringer / D Daulby

Proposal Four: Japanese Homestay – Annual Event
Date: Wednesday 29th July – Tuesday 11th August, Term 3, Weeks 2 – 4.
Proposer: T Stringer / D Daulby

The following proposal has been approved by the Principal:

Proposal Five: Youth Week Event
Proposal: Youth Council of the Copper Coast, Jodi Russack, providing free sausage sizzle to all students as youth week promotion and to contact students interested in being on Youth Council.
Date: Monday 30th March, Week 10.
Proposer: V Ivens

To all Parents / Carers

Last week I reminded all Year 10/11/12 students that they are not allowed down the street without permission and are not to go to the street to buy lunch/recess. This applies to all of our students R-12.
The consequence for breaking this rule is automatic suspension.
Please remind your child/ren about this.

Bruce Schmidt

Some issues with Parking and Using the School Crossing

- CAR PARKING: A further PLEA to parents. Please DO NOT use the Community Library car park to drop off and pick up students. There are a number of parents who continue to ignore our requests. This park was provided by District Council for the use of Library patrons only.
- Also please use the new car park by the Kindy correctly. The area on the LEFT as you drive in is a DROP OFFF zone ONLY. It is not a place to park, get out of your car and bring your child into the school. If you want to do this, move further into the car parking area. Some new signs will be placed in the next few days which should make this clearer.
- In the holidays the access gate near the staff room at school will have a coded key pad installed. Only staff will have access through that gate. This will happen as a result of Governing Council concern for student safety in that area. Students and parents will need to enter via the front of the school.
- In the last week I have reported two vehicles to the police for speeding through the school crossing and failing to stop when the signs are up and the lights are flashing. Please be aware of the road rules regarding this and PLEASE use the crossing. Again some parents are calling children across the road quite near to the crossing.

Your support with these points would be appreciated. We are trying to provide the safest access we can for your children, but we need your support.

Bruce Schmidt

Clothing Pool

Secondhand School Clothes for sale. Located road end of Drama Room. Opening next week Thursday 2nd April at 2:30 – 3 p.m. and Friday 3rd April 8:30 – 9 a.m.
All donations or consignment items welcome.
Any enquiries, Lesley Scott 88 253 543.
Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 participation - The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a program for students from Reception to Year 9. However it is being extended to include students from Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 who have participated in previous years and would like to continue their involvement. Students can fill in the Student Reading Record for Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 students available from the library.

It is expected that students read 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level. The books will be signed off in the usual way. Students will submit their form to the library by 4 September 2009.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge and handed in their sheets.
SHi – Will Drogemuller
LH – Courtney Swift, Ashleigh Groom, Charlie Warren, Sean van der Veen, Joel Wiltshire, Isaiah Brown
VG – Ryan Mullholland
CH – Mataya Pollard
DJ – Jackson Zwar, Jordan Butler, Leah Drew, Josh Chambers, Jasmine Crocker, Nickala Smith, Ryan Shields
AK – Gracie Steele
FC – Katie Shipard

A great effort by all those students. Keep reading from Mrs Stringer and Mr Steele.

Going, going ... gone AFS puts the world at your feet

One of the world’s largest not-for-profit organisations wants young people in Australia to go live life – at our expense. AFT Intercultural Programs Australia is offering 20 partial scholarships to schools and local AFS volunteer groups across the nation. This exciting initiative provides individuals the rare and unique opportunity to engage with cultures around the world in a more meaningful way without breaking the budget! It’s not student exchange or a standard issue holiday you could get at any travel agency – it’s a chance to break out, be different and pave your own way forward!

This exclusive scholarship will award participants with $2000 discount to live and learn overseas for a period of six months. Dip your feet into the vibrant cultures of Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia or Thailand – you choose the destination; you make the journey.

As participants, not only will you be stepping into a brave new world, but also places coloured by a diverse range of cultures, languages and peoples. Our programs are personal learning experiences that last a lifetime and aim to empower an individual’s cultural awareness and sense of justice.

With ten nations and even more cultures in regions across the world waiting to be discovered, what are you waiting for? Apply today at www.afs.org.au

Competition for these scholarships is high and spots are limited. Applications for scholarships to Austria, Brazil, Costa Rica, France and Germany close on 1st April 2009. The deadlines for applications for scholarships to all other countries are as follows: Chile and Malaysia – 15 April; China – 30 April; Japan – 29 May; and Thailand – 25 April.

For more information regarding program eligibility and scholarships, please go to www.afs.org.au or e-mail us at ausafs@afs.org

Would you like to learn about being a Host Family for an International Exchange student?
South Australia will be hosting 30 students from Spain and 10 from Japan and host families for 11 week periods will be required.

Maybe you are interesting in sending your child on an International Exchange program. There are many countries to choose from. Programs are for 3, 5 or 10 months.

An information session will be held at the Burra Community School Staffroom.
Wednesday 1st April at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Teresa Earle, Burra Local Coordinator.
Guest Speakers – host parents and exchange students.

If you have any enquiries please call Teresa Earle 88 922 607 or 0438 922 607.
Experience the work while at home in Australia by becoming a host family for an International Exchange Student.
Student Profiles

Year/Class: R SH
How long have you attended MAS: 1 term.
What is the best thing about MAS: Playing with my friends.
Best memory at school: Making friends.
When I grow up I want to be: A racing car driver.
In my spare time I like to: Swim in Grandpa’s pool.

Year/Class: 3 DT
How long have you attended MAS: 5 months.
What is the best thing about MAS: Teachers.
Best memory at school: Making friends.
When I grow up I want to be: Defence Force, Navy, Air Force, Army.
In my spare time I like to: Cook, go camping, go in the boat, help dad, I like going Four Wheel Driving.

Year/Class: 9 WB
How long have you attended MAS: 8 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: Computers.
Best memory at school: Maths.
When I grow up I want to be: A Singer.
In my spare time I like to: Dance.

Year/Home group: 12 MW
How long have you attended MAS: 3 years.
What is the best thing about MAS: Ando, you can always hear her.
Best memory at school: Sports Days, and of course Ando.
When I grow up I want to be: Live near the beach, have a good job, rich 😊.
In my spare time I like to: Watch Phoebe, do synchronised swimming.
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.

The Education Tax Refund –
Get 50% Back
Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to $750 for primary students and $1500 for secondary students. This means you could receive a refund each year of up to $375 for each primary and $750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?
To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:
- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- The Veterans’ Children Education Scheme
- The Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- A Scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- An Australian Postgraduate Award.
Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?
You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:
- Laptops, home computers and associated costs – for example, internet and paper
- Educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- Stationery and art supplies
- School textbooks and associated learning materials
- Trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.
Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?
You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.
If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.
Volunteer Roster – Weeks 8 & 9:

Thursday 26th March:
Pam Clarke, Tanya Holman, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1, **1 volunteer needed

Friday 27th March:
Kelly Madden, Kiara Madden, David Lodge, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1

Monday 30th March:
Sue Ferguson, Sally Hennig, Lesley Scott

Tuesday 31st March:
Sue Ferguson, David Lodge, Sally Hennig 9 – 11:30, **1 volunteer needed

Wednesday 1st April:
Sonia Steele, Sharon Kroon 9 – 11:30, **1 volunteer needed

Canteen News

Moonta Hockey Club Training – Senior Colts: Wednesday 25th March at 4 p.m. Mens and Womens: Wednesday 25th March at 5 p.m. Held at the school oval. Junior Colts and Mini’s to be advised of training later.

Moonta Basketball Club: Wind up: Juniors and Seniors, Sunday 29th March, 11 a.m. at the Moonta Football Club. Hot roast rolls and dessert, gold coin donation per person. Drinks available at the bar.

CJ’s Netball Club Inc are keen to offer young girls the opportunity to improve their skills and play competitive netball each week in Kadina. We are seeking junior players. Positions are still available in our 11&J and Subbies teams. Although our other teams are finalised, the committee has agreed to open registrations to new players and will form additional teams if people can be found to Coach, Umpire and act as Team Manager. Persons willing to fill these positions, and interested junior players, please contact CJ’s President Michelle Fisher on 0439 899 622 to register your interest ASAP.

Kadina & District BMX Club Drain Road, Kadina – Come and watch our riders battling it out as they train for BMX National Championships. The track will be open Sunday 5th, 12th, and 26th April from 1 p.m. for Racing, and on Tuesdays from 4 – 6 p.m. for Training. New riders welcome: ages under 5 years to 50+ years. Enquiries contact B Rankin 0437 299 711 or 88 214 221.

Public Notices

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 jrussack@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Tickets or a Seat.

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