Welcome to the New Reception Students

Back L-R: Rachel Bones, Alanah Swift, Harrison Hatcher

Middle L-R: Erin Gilfillan, Natasha Haynes

Front L-R: Tayissa White, Savannah Prout

MAS Media will now be sent home fortnightly

Issue 1: Wednesday 29th April 2009, Term 2, Week 1

Bruce Schmidt, Tom Ackland, Taylah Andrews (School Captains), Dean Angus attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Moonta
Welcome back to a busy and challenging term 2. I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing break.

This term will see new students starting in reception: we welcome Rachel Bones, Alanah Swift, Harrison Hatcher, Erin Gilfillan, Natasha Haynes, Tayissa White and Savannah Prout to Moonta Area School. We hope you really enjoy the next stage of your education.

This term is looking full. Activities this term include; NAPLAN testing, Kernewek Lowender activities, MAS and Interschool Cross Country, (which we will be hosting again this year), maths & science competitions, MAS music concert, Music is Fun band, Year 10 and 11 students going on work experience, Year 10 & Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camps, Year 12 camp, SAPSASA football and netball competitions to name just a few of the planned activities.

Staffing
Mr Andrew Kite will be continuing in Margaret Pope’s class for at least term 2. We also welcome a number of student teachers who will be with us for varying amounts of time. Megan Dunn (Middle years Health/PE), Emma Lehmann (Special Ed), Kristen Tumbridge (Middle years English/SOSE) and Courtney Taylor (Senior PE). We wish them all the best as they begin their final year practicum.

LEST WE FORGET
There have been many times in our country’s history when as a nation we have sent young people to war.

Anzac Day is one occasion when we formally remember those who have volunteered or been conscripted to serve our nation.

My thoughts in the sobering dawn of an ANZAC Day service are often drawn to those young people, given that their age would match those of our current senior students.

We are fortunate to live in peaceful times; I pray for this to continue. Thank you to our school captains, Taylah Andrews and Tom Ackland for representing our school so proudly at the dawn service.

MAS Media
Our newsletter will now be produced fortnightly on odd weeks. This will bring us into line with most other schools as well as allowing us to look at producing a better, more detailed, improved quality production without costing huge amounts in terms of both human and financial resources.

Uniform
With the change to cooler weather it is timely to remind students about the wearing of appropriate school uniform. Moonta Area School prides itself on how our students look and wish to keep up this standard. In this newsletter is a copy of our new uniform policy that operates from term 3 onwards. Please note that there is no grey allowed within the new policy.

Staff Success
Congratulations to Felicity Partington who was selected to take part in “Stepping Out” training. Felicity spent 4 days during the April holidays attending the initial training, with further follow up required later this term. This will enable Felicity to deliver training to our middle school teachers in the area of Literacy. This will “value add” greatly to our school improvement focus on literacy.

Parent Club
The next meeting for our parent club will be an evening meeting to try to accommodate those unable to attend during the day. The planned date is Tuesday 12th May at 7 p.m. in the conference room. I invite all interested parents to attend.

Kind regards

Dean

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Rachel Prout, Year 8 RS/HS class.
The last week of term saw the year 9s compete in the grand final of the Readers Cup. Throughout the year students were asked to read a selection of books and answer questions. Congratulations go to all participants and especially our grand final winners: Alice Ackland, Jessica Carson, Lucy Ackland and EJ Appleton.

Active After School Activities will begin in Week 3. This term we will be offering Games/Multi-skills on Monday nights and Gymnastics on Tuesday nights. Children are to meet at the end of Mrs Hutchins room at 3 p.m. They will enjoy a healthy snack followed by an hour of physical activity. Children are to be collected at 4:15 p.m. from the Gym.

If your child wishes to participate please fill out the form attached on the back page of this edition of MAS Media.

Medical forms are available from the front office if your child / children did not participate in Term 1. A note will be sent home to inform you if your child / children have been successful in gaining a place in their preferred session. Regular attendance is required for these places to be secured.

Lisa Daddow
Thirteen students from Moonta Area School windsurfed from Balgowan to Port Hughes from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th April, as part of their Outdoor Education studies.

Under the expert guidance of coordinator Kris Daddow, they are assisted by MAS sports trainee Sarah Knight and helpers Rob Daddow and Andrew Knight.

Support vehicles, four boats and six windsurfers comprised the contingent to Balgowan, from where the students windsurfed to The Gap to set up camp on the beach for the first night, erecting tents and cooking their own meals.

On the second day, they progressed to the south of Cape Elizabeth, and on day three completed a triangular course set up there by Kris. After camping at the cape that night, they followed the coast to Port Hughes.

“Outdoor Education requires students participate in three 3-day moving camps each year, with no base camp. Our other two camps involve bushwalking, followed by a final bushwalking camp which students complete as a group on their own,” Kris explained.

“We have conducted the windsurfing camp before at Lake Bonney, but this is the first time we have attempted it here in the gulf.

“The wind direction and strength varied over the four days, from reasonably strong to almost calm. In fact on the last day, the tide was taking us quicker that the wind – we were not going anywhere until a light westerly helped us make it back to Port Hughes.

“With 13 participants and only six windsurfing boards, students rotated from the boats about every hour, and were always keen to swap and have a go.

“Throughout the first term, they had been windsurfing every Monday and Thursday at Johnson’s Cove near Port Hughes, up-skilling. The camp was a culmination of putting into practice what they had learned, as well as teaching them self-reliance and outdoor living skills.

“A highlight for an exchange student from Germany was seeing plenty of dolphins, and he would run out into the water to get closer to them. He was having a ball.

“All the students were in good spirits along the way, and the fact they thanked me afterwards is usually a good sign they enjoyed it.”

Featured in the Country Times, Tuesday 21st April.

Journalist: Ros White.

Windsurfing in tandem. Two students take in the beautiful coastline as they sail close to the beach.

Setting up camp after a long day at sea.
The Eyes have it
The students in Nicola and John’s Year 1-2 class studied the five senses last term. As part of the topic on The Eye the students made papier mache eyeballs. If that was not frightening enough we hung them in pairs around our classroom. And yes the eyes do follow you around the room. Those parents brave enough to venture into our house of horror are more than welcome to come eyeball to eyeball with the face of teaching in the 21st Century.
Sense-ational!

This year our display in the library, to represent students who have finished the Challenge, has a Cornish feel. Once a student has handed in their challenge sheet we add their name to their class group in the shape of a Cousin Jack or Jenny cut out.

Remember this is a challenge. You should be reading books which are at your level and extend or challenge your reading skills. You don’t have to be a keen reader to complete the Challenge but you do need persistence!

Since our last update the following students have completed the Challenge. Well done to –

LH – Danny Hobbs, Matt Scarce
VG – Abby Prout, Shannon Daly, Kurt Daddow
NA – Flynn Cockshell, Lily Steele, Henry Hopkins
CH – Aidan Turner, Maddison Benn,
DJ – Jack Hobbs, Maddison Musolino, Tayla Allen
AK/SP – Josh Moss
FR – Amber Sharpe
FC – Lacey Clarke, Cameron Platten
KS – Rebecca Stock, Julian Tripodi, Sam Crocker
MH – Sara Stock

Beyond the Challenge – There are keen readers who are continuing to fill in sheets even after they have completed the original challenge sheet. Some classes are running their own Beyond the Challenge activities and some students are handing their sheets in at the library.

Well done to all those students who have completed the Challenge from Mrs Stringer and Mr Steele.
Moonta Area School Dress Code

Moonta Area School Governing Council has determined the following dress code for our school. This policy is in line with the DECS Administrative Guidelines, 10 April 1997.

Exemption
The principal may exempt students from the dress code (upon written request from parents) on the following grounds:
• religious
• cultural or ethnic
• new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
• itinerant students
• financial hardship
• medical or family sickness
• any other grounds determined by the Governing Council

Non Compliance with the dress code
1. Uniform Stamp from a school leader is put in student’s diary/communication book. It is recorded formally in a book and a conversation is had with the student regarding the non wearing of uniform
2. Phone call is made to parent/care-giver
3. Formal letter is sent home
4. Student is given the option to go home or get changed at school into a uniform given to them for the day.

Costs of the dress code
We aim to keep the costs of the dress code as low as possible. This is achieved by:
• expecting students to wear colour rather than set brands.
• secondhand clothing service.

Availability of approved clothing
• Moonta Area School uniforms are available from YP Uniforms.
• Other approved items of clothing are available at local stores – Marshall’s Menswear, Matthew’s Emporium (Moonta); Target, Robertson’s (Kadina), Sports Power, Kadina
• Bucket hats are available to purchase from the front office.

Expectations of all students

Pants, Shorts
Plain navy track pants (with no stripes)
Plain navy shorts – no jeans to be worn

Skirts, Dresses
Winter weight blue pleated skirt
Summer school uniform
Plain navy skirt

Shirts
Plain white cotton shirt to be worn only with school winter skirt
Plain navy polo shirt
Navy skivvy
Shirts or jumpers designed for other organisations eg sporting bodies are not to be worn unless they fit within the guidelines
• Special Interest Groups may be able to identify themselves by adding names and design only to the backs of existing navy blue polo shirts.
• Year 12’s only may be permitted to have own top as long as it keeps within the school colours.

Jumpers, Jackets
Plain navy woollen jumper or windcheater
School windcheater or school jacket
Plain navy jacket
Any jacket may be worn to and from school and at break times during inclement weather

Socks
Navy or white socks
Navy tights

Shoes
Practical, sensible shoes worn with socks
Sandals with or without socks
No backless shoes to be worn

Hats
As reflected in the sun smart policy
No beanies or caps to be worn

The Kernewek Lowender will be held in the Copper Triangle towns during the week after next. Students throughout the school have been making scarecrows, which will be placed around Moonta during the festival.
The May Pole is being practised under the watchful eye of Fiona Anderson, with assistance being provided by Megan Prout, Rachael Prout and Sarah Muir.
Some class programs over the next few weeks will include aspects of Cornish history to develop a better understanding of our town heritage.
The school will be entering a float in the Moonta Parade on the Saturday of the Kernewek Lowender. Students and parents from the school community are encouraged to dress in traditional Cornish costume and join us in the parade. Please contact me at school if you are interested in participating. Di Daulby
The National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) at Flinders University has been commissioned by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to undertake a project to examine the role of schools in alcohol education. This national project is part of the Government’s Youth Binge Drinking Initiative.

The project aims to:

- Investigate existing research on alcohol education programs aimed at deterring and reducing alcohol use in secondary school students
- Consult with experts and key stakeholders (e.g. school staff and students, parents of school students) about their experience with school-based alcohol education programs
- Provide practical recommendations to DEEWR.

The project comprises:

1. **A Call for Submissions** [the call for submissions is now open]
   
   Experts in education, alcohol research, law enforcement, policy advisors and health economists, as well as community stakeholders, such as youth groups, students and parents, are invited to submit their views on these issues. For details of the submissions process please visit the NCETA website [www.nceta.flinders.edu.au](http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au)

2. **An On-line survey**: the on-line survey is active from. Friday 27 February and can be accessed from the NCETA website.

3. **A literature review**

4. **Stakeholder interviews**: Face-to-face or telephone interviews will be conducted with school personnel and students from Government, Independent and Catholic schools in each state and territory.

For further details of the project go to [www.nceta.flinders.edu.au](http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au) If you would like more information about this project please contact the NCETA office.

Professor Ann M Roche, Director, National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction Flinders University - Ph: 08 8201 7575 Fax: 08 8201 7550 [www.nceta.flinders.edu.au](http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au)
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 4th May:

**Proposal One: To have Sacred Stone do RE with Years 7-12**

*Proposal:* Sacred Stone are a Christian group through Scripture Union who specialize in productions for RE in school, they are very well known and are visiting Kadina Memorial High the next day.

*Benefits:* To offer hope, joy and to let them know the Christian Community cares about them.

*Date:* Thursday 30th June, Term 3, Week 2.

*Proposer:* R Martin / D Daulby

**Proposal Two: That the Year 10 International PISA testing be done on Monday 24th August**

*Proposal:* PISA is an international testing programme given to all Year 10s in random schools each 3 years. We have been chosen as one of the SA schools to be tested. The results map our whole country against other OECD countries in terms of 15 years learning. PISA is the world’s biggest survey and assess students preparedness for life. In 2009, focuses on Reading Literacy with some focus on Maths and Science. In 2009 over 70 countries will participate.

*Date:* Monday 24th August, Term 3, week 6.

*Proposer:* B Schmidt / D Angus

**Proposal Three: That the Year 12s attend a camp in Term 2, Week 10 – Annual Event**

*Proposal:* That the Year 12s attend a camp as per normal for the purpose of satisfying criteria of Hospitality and Tourism assignments. The camp is always in the Flinders Rangers.

*Date:* Monday 29th June – Thursday 2nd July, Week 10.

*Proposer:* F Anderson / M Westbrook

**Proposal Four: Choir to sing for Kernewek Lowender – Dressing of the Graves at Moonta Cemetery**

*Proposal:* Students involved will have lunch at 12:30 p.m. Walk down at 1 p.m. Sing at nominated grave sites.

*Benefits:* Public performance – experience and supporting a Major Community Event.

*Date:* Wednesday 13th May, Week 3.

*Proposer:* F Camporeale / J van Galen

**Proposal Five: May Pole Performances**

*Proposal:* Students from Years 3-5 to perform the May Pole and Furry Dance.

*Requirements from home:* Cornish costume and packed lunch.

*Date:* Friday 15th May and Saturday 16th May.

*Proposer:* F Anderson / D Daulby

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**DMC Proposals**

Country Arts SA presents

**Slingsley’s WOLF**

at the Ascot Theatre, Kadina,

Wednesday 13th May 2009 at 7 p.m.

What lies in the darkness?
Where would we find ourselves if we dared confront our fears?

A boldly original physical theatre production that celebrates the power of fairy tales and the role that stories play in our lives. Featuring large-scale projection, filmic sound design and an original fantasy horror score.

Suitable for audience aged 10+. Tickets available from Moonta Variety Store

$16 Adults, $9 Concession & Under 17, $40 Family (2 adults 2 children).

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South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs (SAASPC)

**Free Parent Forum**

**Mind your Language**

Thursday 19th May 2009

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Australian Education Union Building

163a Greenhill Road, Parkside.

Come and join us for a fun informative day, and a chance to learn a nursery rhyme/song in a different language, hear from educators. Find out why language learning is important and about Languages Education in South Australian preschools and schools.

Speakers on the day from Department of Education & Children's Services, Ethnic Schools, Auslan (sign language) Multicultural Education Committee, Preschool, Primary and High Schools.

Registration essential - lunch will be provided at no cost. Resources will be available to purchase on the day.

Phone 8272 4640, free call 1800 724 640.

Registration form is available from the Front Office.

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**Clothing Pool**

Secondhand School Clothes for sale. MAS Jumper approx $2. Open next week Thursday 14th May, 2:30 – 3 p.m. and Friday 15th May 8:30 – 9 a.m.

All donations or consignment items welcome. Any enquiries Lesley Scott 88 253 543.
Student Profiles

Brett

Year/Class: 1 VG

How long have you attended MAS: 1 year.

What is the best thing about MAS: Going to the Library.

Best memory at school: Sports Day.

When I grow up I want to be: Spiderman, Batman, Fireman and Policeman.

In my spare time I like to: Play Spiderman.

Kate Muir

Year/Class: 4 KSS

How long have you attended MAS: 5 years.

What is the best thing about MAS: Meeting new friends.

Best memory at school: Winning Cross Country twice. Ice skating when I was in Ms van Galen's class.

When I grow up I want to be: Hairdresser.

In my spare time I like to: Netball and making Beados.

Adelie Andrew

Year/Class: 6 MP

How long have you attended MAS: 7 years (including this year).

What is the best thing about MAS: All my friends are here.

Best memory at school: Too many, can't decide.

When I grow up I want to be: Zoo Keeper.

In my spare time I like to: Play netball, swim, cook, hang with my friends, play and look after my animals.

Vaughan

Year/Home group: 8 RS

How long have you attended MAS: 1 year.

What is the best thing about MAS: Gym and Sports Days.

Best memory at school: Getting 39 Runs in Knockout School Cricket.

When I grow up I want to be: A Basketball player.

In my spare time I like to: Play footy, cricket and basketball.
Volunteer Roster – Weeks 1 & 2:

Thursday 30th April:
   Pam Clarke, Tanya Mullins, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1, **1 volunteer needed
Friday 1st May:
   Sally Hennig, Renate Paulson 10 – 2, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1
Monday 4th May:
   Lesley Scott, Pam Clarke 9 – 11:30, Di Arnold 9 – 11:30
Tuesday 5th May:
   David Lodge, Julie Wardle
Wednesday 6th May:
   Barb Hartley, Sonia Steele, Renate Paulson 10 – 2

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday and Thursday, please contact the canteen if you are able to help as we are short staffed.

Moonta Hockey Club – Trainings: Senior Colts – Wednesday 4 – 5 p.m., Juniors – Wednesday 4 – 5 p.m., Minis – Wednesday 4 – 4:30 p.m. on the School Oval.

Help Wanted for Kernewek at Moonta – Saturday 16th May: Someone is needed to Marshall at the Parade on Saturday from approx 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. This involves setting up and getting parade underway. People are required to do general duties (pick up rubbish and general tidy up) at the oval from 10 – 4 p.m. $10 per person per hour will be paid to any people who are able to help. Please contact Colin Schwab for more information 88 251 797.

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 2, Week 2
Harry Love, Jack Ravenscroft, Lochie Linnett

Active After-School Communities form

MOONTA AREA SCHOOL
"Learning, Caring, Sharing" The Future is in our hands.

Term 2 Active After-School Sessions
Commences Monday 11th May, Term 2, Week3

Participated in Term 1

Name: ..................................................... Class: ................... Year: ................ Yes/No
Name: ..................................................... Class: ................... Year: ................ Yes/No
Name: ..................................................... Class: ................... Year: ................ Yes/No
Name: ..................................................... Class: ................... Year: ................ Yes/No

By signing this form you agree for your child(ren) to participate in the AASC sessions under the same conditions stipulated in the consent form distributed in Term 1.
If your child did not participate, please fill in and sign a medical consent form available from the front office.

Name of parent/guardian: ..................................................... Signed: ..................................

Please tick which activity your child would like to be involved in:

Day: Monday  Sport: Games/Multi-skill R-7
Day: Tuesday  Sport: Gymnastics R-7

Places are limited. Please return forms as soon as possible to Front Office for processing.