Learning, Caring, Sharing: the Future is in Our Hands

Moonta Area
R-12 School

Year 8/9
Jamie Tape Memorial

9-a-side Football Carnival

Pupil Free Day – Friday 5th June, Week 6
Public Holiday – Monday 8th June, Week 7

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“An experience you’ll never forget”

On Monday the 11th of May Dillon Whale and Tiff Paget set off to Melbourne with 20 other South Australian students to be involved with a voyage on the One and All. We were sailing the ship from Williamstown to Wallaroo and bound to return on the weekend to coincide with the 2009 Kernewek Lowender. The first few days was packed with seasickness and after four days we were stopped due to bad weather warning and docked at Portland, Victoria until early hours of Sunday morning. We were involved in team building activities, competitions, and sailing activities such as sextant plots, navigation exercises, setting sails and taking control of the helm (steering the boat). We formed strong friendships with the other members of the trip and boats’ crew members. On Tuesday when we finally docked at Edithburgh due to rough weather, with a warm welcome by all families we said our final emotional goodbyes.

Dillon and I would like to thank everyone who made this opportunity possible and we are really glad we had this experience. We encourage all people to give it a go.

To find out more info about the One and All or book trips go to www.satallships.com.au

Tiff Paget and Dillon Whale
Staffing news
It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to another of our teachers; Nicola Adams will be finishing up at the end of this week. Nicola will be starting a new business venture, running the ‘Miners Couch’ in Kadina. Whilst we are very sorry to be losing Nicola we wish her and Damien all the best and hope they have great success with their new business.
Nicola’s class will be taken over by Miss Kristy Johnson from the 1st June. Kristy has come from Adelaide to take this position and has previously taught at Minlaton, Annesley College and St Peters Girls College. Kristy will be taking the class full time, so we also thank John Savage for the time he has put into this class. John will continue to teach 1 day a week, filling in behind Shelley Hier when she is Mentoring.

Bruce Gordon, Di Daulby and Judy van Galen will all be taking leave in term 3, which has created some leadership opportunities within the school.
I am pleased to announce that Shelley Heir will be our Assistant Principal R - 6 for term 3 and Dianna Jarman will be our Literacy & Numeracy Coordinator. We wish both of them well in their new positions.
To take on these positions, Shelley will need to be replaced full time for the term and Dianna for 2 days per week. Once we know the exact details we will let all parents know of the changes.

Kenerwek Lowender
What a fantastic celebration took place last week and on the weekend. Whilst the weather was not ideal we still saw plenty of activities occur, many involving students, staff and parents of MAS students. Our students were involved in Dressing of the Graves, Maypole & Furry dance, the Grand Procession, and catering for various activities. These were school events, many others were involved in various other ways as well. I would like to thank all participants and the relevant staff and parents who gave up many hours of their own time to ensure our involvement was at the highest quality. We look forward to the next Kenerwek in 2011.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
Leading Learning & Teaching
On Friday the 15th, I accompanied Meredith Westbrook, Daniel Richardson and Judy van Galen to the third day of a five day program which is designed to support teams of leaders from schools to significantly influence improvement in student outcomes by enhancing the quality of student teacher interactions. We worked on developing strategies to focus their leadership on improving what is taught and how. We look forward to continuing this program next term as it will help us in achieving our Literacy targets identified in our Site Improvement Plan.

Pupil Free Day: Friday 5th June
A reminder to all students & parents that we will be having a Pupil Free Day, on Friday week, the 5th June. On this day all staff will be working on aspects of improving Literacy. All staff will attend a session on whole school direction and the Site Improvement Plan; we will then break up to work on particular aspects more closely related to their levels of schooling.

R-6 will be continuing their work on Literacy improvement, specifically spelling, looking at components of a spelling program, identifying strategies/structures to cover these components. They will also be involved in a writing analysis, to determine spelling strategies used.

7-9 staff will be working on their English-Literacy overview. They will be mapping curriculum, participating in critical reflection and developing shared understandings and expectations around several areas of literacy including, genre, spelling, grammar, writing, reading and oral language.

10-12 teachers will be working with Ian Howlett SACE field officer on the implementation of the research project and the Literacy component of this. All staff need to have an understanding of the research project to support school delivery, counselling and mentoring. Staff will also spend time on Literacy, specifically looking at writing.

Out Of School Hours Care
At our last Parent Club meeting the issue of OHSC was brought up. MAS has looked at this previously and the end result was that there was not enough families willing to commit to the program for the long term, to make it feasible. I have initiated discussions with the OSHC unit to develop my understanding of the requirements of this program. I plan to put out a survey later in regard to this matter.

Student Absences and Lateness
I have, on many occasions, spoken about the need and reason for students to attend school all the
time and keep any absences to a minimum. We are finding it frustrating that we have a number of young students who are consistently late for school. At this age there is nothing the student can do to get here; he/she is totally reliant on the adult to do the right thing. Habits formed at this age, whether good or bad tend to stick, and we see a continuing pattern throughout their schooling life. We strongly encourage all parents to ensure their students are here on time, every day, and that we have a note/phone call if the student/s are late. This is a Government requirement and non adherence can lead to parents being fined. I thank you for our support in this matter.

Some senior students are getting parental permission to take days off for such things as: to attend music concerts, go shopping or because it is their birthday. I cannot stress enough that these are not considered acceptable reasons for students to be absent from school. As a school community we need to change this “culture”. If we want MAS students to be successful in the global community they will be entering, then we need to help them to develop those habits that will support them in the future. Having a ‘day off’ because its your birthday is not one of them.

Change to Reflection Room Process
There will be a small change to our school procedures in regards to our Student Behaviour Management Policy. From now on any student who is “Fast tracked” to the Reflection Room, will have that visit count towards an internal or external suspension. Previously fast tracks were not included.

Year 8/9 9-a-side Football Success
Congratulations to out 8/9 football teams both boys and girls, who took part on Wednesday 20th May at Maitland. The year 8 boys were eventual winners in their division with the year 9 boys and 8/9 girls doing well. When all results were combined we were fortunate enough to win the Jamie Tape Shield for the most successful school on the day. Considering we were up against some school with much greater numbers than our, this is a tremendous result. Thanks to Daniel Richardson, Raelene Stutley, Sarah Knight and Megan Dunn for all their work in organising and supervising the day.

Exchange student returns home
It is unfortunate that our exchange student Kai Brockerhoff has had to return home suddenly due to illness within his family. Whilst Kai was only here for a short time, he made a significant positive impact towards Moonta Area School. We thank the Appleton family for hosting Kai over this period.

Decision Making Council (DMC)
The MAS Decision Making Council is an integral part of ensuring we have our community involved in school decisions and activities. These meetings are held on Mondays at 5 p.m. on even weeks. All DMC proposals are listed in MAS media before they go to the committee for discussion and approval. Any member of the community has a right to attend these meetings to put forward their views; alternatively you can pass on your thoughts to a member of that committee. Governing council representatives include: Travis Skipworth, Meredy Shipard, Parent reps: Heather Francis, Wendy Muir, Student reps: Michael Carson, Taylah Andrews, Staff reps: Laura Camporeale, Frank Camporeale, Daniel Richardson, and Fiona Anderson.

Alternate Learning Options funding proposal successful Great News
I have received notification that we as part of a Yorke Peninsula consortium have been successful in obtaining $70,000 in funding to support students across Yorke in alternate learning. This money will be used to support students by developing a program that involves case managing disengaged students and forming individual learning plans. We hope to improve the long term outcomes of students and to inspire participants to think creatively and embrace life long learning principles that are not restricted to classroom learning.

Youth Allowance Eligibility
You may be aware that there were some changes announced recently in the budget which will make it more difficult for rural students to access Youth Allowance payments for tertiary study. The school has a petition from Rowan Ramsay’s Office (Member for Grey) at the front office which is for rural families to participate in if they object to these changes. Please note the need for a timely response – we need to forward the petition this Thursday 28th May.

This week’s picture of Mr. Angus was drawn by Tayszha Penhall, Mrs. Strauss-Scott’s class.
NEW CANTEEN SUPERVISOR
Please welcome Tracy Cutting to the school staff. Tracy has been selected to manage the canteen as a result of the resignation of Melissa Coonan. Tracy has had extensive experience in the food industry and we look forward to her ideas. Please remember that we are always on the lookout for volunteers to work in the canteen so if you have a spare hour or two please give Tracy a call.
At the same time we are fare-welling Melissa Coonan. Mel very capably took over from Evie Jacquier and we are sorry to lose her. Mel will not be far away as she will be working in the new Moonta Fruit and Veg shop with her partner.
THANK YOU to Sue Ferguson who has stepped in to help supervise the canteen over the last month while Melissa has been working here and at the Fruit and Veg shop. Sue has worked tirelessly over many years for the students here and her support has been much appreciated. Bruce Schmidt

Since our last update we have had lots of completed sheets handed in and our board is filling up with lots of Cousin Jack and Jenny cut outs. Well done to all the children in Ms Hettner’s class - the whole class has finished.
Congratulations to the following students have completed the Challenge.

SH – Cheyanne Ostendorf, Ashton Warmington, Rex Leach,
LH – Zarli Willshire
VG – Harry Williams, Karli Nicholas
NA – Zoe Linke,
CH – Aleisha Mann, Will Shipard
SP – Baden Northey, Kate Prout
FC – Blake Whale, Natasha Moore, Alisha Wardle, Jacob Sakoulidis, Nicole Collaton, Natasha Hubbard, Edwin Dyson, Cortney Ellingham, Jordan Porteous
KS – Kane Vaughan, Rachael Clarke, Cameron Ferguson
CB – Mikaela Dunn
AK – Lani Van Rooy
WB – Sarah Andrews
It’s great to see the older year levels starting to get some representation. We even have some Year 12s working on the Challenge this year. Completed Challenge sheets are not due until September 4th so you still have plenty of time to read and record your books.
MAS Choir
at Moonta’s Dressing of the Graves

On Wednesday 13th May, the Moonta Area School Choir assisted at the Kernewek’s Dressing of the Graves. Most were able to dress for the occasion in traditional outfits.

Besides singing the National Anthem at the entrance gates of the cemetery, to a large audience, they sang Linden Lea at eleven graves chosen for the commemorative occasion. The students had learned the two verses of Linden Lea, a Cornish song chosen for the occasion, in two practices. They sang unaccompanied but in tune and with a beautiful, rich tone.

They began at the children’s graves and drew the crowd to the area. Here, the students from Mrs. Ryan’s class sprinkled rose petals over the graves. In the mean time, the choir broke off into small groups of two or three and went, with a supporting parent or grandparent, to pre-designated sites, ready to sing at the appropriate time.

Once the procession of people were ready to move to the next site, the choir members stationed there would begin singing and continued until the banner and the Rev. Giles arrived, leading the rest of the crowd. While the citation was being read, the choir members moved quietly to the next site, slowly swelling the numbers. (Remember we had only two or three at each to start with.) The sound became louder and richer and continued to draw the crowd, along the lines of the poem, ‘The Pied Piper of Hamelin’.

The positive remarks and the attention given to the choir were indicators of having carried out their role for the afternoon successfully. The adult supervisors and I were proud of them and their efforts.

Mr. C.

RAD18 YOUTH

Rob is Coordinating an innovative Youth club called Radi8 Youth.
Radi8 Youth will run a fortnightly program run on Friday evenings at the Moonta Dart Club. It’s for ages 10 and up and will be involved in all sorts of cool activities like: Fishing, hiking, sports, creative art, kayaking, boating beach, activities, camps and there will be nightly prizes. Rob wants to provide the young people of Moonta and surrounding areas with something interesting and fun to do! Rob created the Kid’s alive program in Adelaide many years ago and its success speaks for its self. It’s one of South Australia’s most successful after school programs. The Radi8 Youth program runs out of Lighthouse Ministries Moonta. The only cost is a gold coin donation. Drinks and snacks provided and canteen also available.
For More info Speak with Rob on 0411 120 892 or Michael Carson.
Reconciliation Week 2009

27 May – 3 June

2009 theme - "See the person, not the stereotype"

Reconciliation Week is held every year between 27 May & 3 June. These two dates are significant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples particularly.

On 27 May 1967 the Federal Government held a referendum to change the Australian Constitution. For the first time Indigenous Australians were to be counted as citizens in the census and the Commonwealth would be able to make laws on their behalf. Over 90% of Australia voters said 'Yes' to the referendum.

On 3 June 1992 the High Court of Australia passed judgement in the Mabo case. The High Court found the Merriam people of Torres Strait were 'entitled as against the whole world to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the lands in the Murray Islands'. The historic judgement overturned the legal basis of Australia as 'terra nullius' (a land belonging to no one) at the time of colonisation.

Achieving reconciliation involves raising awareness and knowledge of Indigenous history and culture, changing attitudes that are often based on myths and misunderstandings, and encouraging action where everyone plays their part in building a better relationship between us as fellow Australians.

Week 5 – Thursday 28th May

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
- Narungga welcome to country, Power point presentation, Guest speaker,
- Music
- Hands for Reconciliation & Aboriginal flag raising

Week 6 – Tuesday 2nd June

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE
- Steve & Jamie Goldsmith

Years R-7 ACTIVITIES
- Narungga language activities, Animal Mural dot painting on calico,
- Wool friendship bracelets

CONSENT FOR EXCURSIONS/TRIPS/CAMPS

Written consent is now the only form of consent we can accept for students wishing to go on camps/excursions/visits outside the school. If parents do not send back signed permission notes then students will not be able to go. In the past we have rung and gained verbal permission but this is no longer legally acceptable so please make sure you are organised and return consent forms early.

Bruce Schmidt
On Wednesday 20th May a group of year 8 and 9 students participated in the Jamie Tape Memorial 9-a-side Football Carnival in Maitland. The day started lively with all the teams, and their year 10 coaches, who were anxious to begin, after the organisers had explained the rules and how the day would pan out.

**Year 8 Boys**
The Year 8 boys fielded an extremely strong side coached by Dylan McPeake and Luke Moss, and failed to disappoint, winning their first game against Yorketown by 22 points despite a slippery ball making possessions difficult. They continued their impressive style of football throughout the day, maintaining their 100% record into the finals after beating Kadina by 95 points. They beat Yorketown again in the preliminary final securing themselves a spot in the final against Ardrossan. It was a very even game and at half time Moonta were only ahead by 2 points but pulled their heads together in the second half to beat Ardrossan by 21 points and win the final.


**Year 9 Boys**
There were 2 teams fielded in the Year 9 competition, one coached by Mitchell Morby and the other coached by Sam Prohaska and Rachel Templer. Mitchell’s side started off strongly winning by three goals and made it through to the finals without losing a game but unfortunately fell short of the grand final, losing in the preliminary final. The girl’s side was unfortunate not to win a game despite playing some great, competitive football. Both sides managed to kick enough goals to boost our percentage and. keep us in contention for the overall winner’s flag.

Year 9 Boys A: Blake Pedler, Michael Scarce, Dale Madden, Cameron Stevenson, Joel Holness, Michael Sparrow, Thomas Polgreen, Jack McCauley, Trevor Karpany, Mitchell Morby (Coach).

Year 9 Boys B: Michael Williams, Dylan Barrett, Zak Celani, Andrew Appleton, Kingsley Chantrill, Josh Ritter, Hayden Lamont, Lachlan Bache, Vaughan Kroon, Sam Prohaska (Coach), Rachel Templer (Coach).

**Year 8/9 Girls**
The 2 girls sides were mixed with years 8’s and 9’s and the side coached by Adele Smith and Elle Colliver were able to win 2 games while the side coached by Amy Tuck and Nakita Paget were able to register 1 win. Both girls sides played well and they kicked straight, scoring many goals to boost the overall percentage.

Year 8/9 Girls A: Jacinta McPeake, Danielle Keast, Lucy Ackland, Mandy Whale, Ebony Love, Tayla Scarce, Stephanie Drogemuller, Lisa Wilkins, Elle Colliver (Coach), Adele Smith (Coach).


At the end of the day we were all called to the presentation to find out the results of all the divisions. The girls division was won by Minlaton and the Year 9 competition was won by Kadina. Moonta won the Year 8 division. This made for a close call in deciding the overall winner. Minlaton finished 3rd, Kadina finished second and Moonta finished 1st! We had pulled it off and what a day for Moonta Area School.

Special thanks to Shane Moss for umpiring a few games and Alice Raunic who assisted by goal umpiring. Also thanks to Sean McMahon, who was running around all day taking photos and Alice Ackland who was helping out the girls teams.
Are you confused about what is discipline and what is child abuse?

Is physical punishment child abuse?

How many times have we heard the same old story, that parents can no longer discipline their child because if they hit their child they will be “up” for child abuse. This is a common concern with no correct answer.

Sometimes the physical punishment can go too far and causes bodily harm. In South Australia the “Common Law” allow physical punishment as long as it is “reasonable” and “moderate”. We would all have different opinions as to what is reasonable and moderate punishment. Put yourself in the child’s shoes and think about what it would be like to receive that punishment as a child.

Ask your self:

- Would I like someone to do this to me?
- What I’m doing really make differences to the behaviour?
- Am I letting go of my own frustration on my child?

Read the accompanying brochure for more information.

Live performances with powerful messages

On Thursday 4th June, Brainstorm productions is presenting two productions to our students. The first “Braveheart” will be presented to our R-6 students. When children are unable to cope with moving house, a family break-up, being bullied or losing a family member or a pet it can have a huge impact on their behaviour and wellbeing. “Braveheart” gives children strategies to deal with their emotions through good communication and positive thinking-making them happier and more resilient.

The second play for our year7-10 students is called “The Hurting Game” and it is a daring look at the hurtful games we sometimes play to give ourselves a sense of power and belonging. The play helps teenagers discover how they get sucked into drinking, bulimia and bullying just to survive the game.

VOC STUDIES

Guest Speakers

On Tuesday 18th May, the year 12 Voc. Studies students were privileged to be addressed by guest speakers Jackie Fairlie (Yorke District Apprenticeship Broker) and Ashley Dickson (Statewide Group Training) who discussed their roles in relation to the various forms of government and private agencies that are available in the District Council of the Copper Coast. The session was most informative with all students showing total involvement. The speakers will be excellent resources, for our school, in the future!

Interviews

Throughout the past few weeks, the Year 12 Voc. Studies students have been participating in simulated interviews, with excellent results. Jackie Fairlie (Yorke District Apprenticeship Broker) interviewed the students, assisting in their preparation for the ‘World of Work’. Presentation, communication and knowledge of research questions were the criteria for judging their performance. On behalf of the class, I would like to thank Jackie for her excellent organisation and perseverance.

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Child Abuse

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The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 1st June:

**Proposal One: Change of Date Sacred Stone RE**  
*Date:* Friday 24th July, Term 3, Week 1.  
*Proposer:* R Martin / D Daulby

**Proposal Two: Year 12 Hospitality Trip – Multiculturalism**  
*Proposal:* This is the annual trip with Yorketown AS. Students visit the Central Market to do activity/research. Have tea at Tapp Inn, Kent Town, experience a Tapas menu and do a workshop at Regency TAFE on cake decorating. Lunch will be in the Graduates Restaurant (experience silver service).  
*Cost:* Costs to be submitted next meeting.  
*Date:* Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th June, Week 8.  
*Proposer:* F Anderson / B Schmidt

**Proposal Three: R-6 Student Fun Day**  
*Proposal:* R-6 Action Group would like a Fun Day. The students would like to wear casual clothes with a crazy hair style.  
*Date:* Tuesday 30th June, Week 10.  
*Proposer:* E Hackett / Margaret Pope

**Proposal Four: Year 8/9 Activities Week**  
*Proposal:*  
Mon/Tues/Thurs – Activities to prepare for Market Day stalls on Friday. Various activities to support the curriculum in a more relaxed environment.  
Wed – A day trip to Marion Shopping Centre and Movies. To experience a way of life in a city environment and a celebration and reward for the semester work.  
Fri – Market Day – an invitation is extended to all R-7 classes and experience a Mall Market – sideshows, gift stalls and food stalls.  
*Requirements from home:* Lunch.  
*Date:* Term 2, Week 10.  
*Proposer:* R Stutley / D Richardson

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:
1. Year 10 Girls Knockout Netball – Tuesday 26th May, Week 5 at Maitland.  
2. Year 12s attend a Tertiary Education Panel presentation at KMHS – Monday 1st June, Week 6 at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  

The following proposal has not been approved:
3. Crows Football Club Road Safety visit  
Suggestion to change the time, possibly too much happening.

**Science Competition**  
This competition will be held on Wednesday 10th June in the Middle School, commencing at 11:30 a.m. The competition is 45 minutes for Year 3, 4. Students participating are Baden Northey, Georgia Skinner.

**Apple Tree**  
As part of our celebration children and their families have sent positive messages about Moonta Area School. These can be viewed on the apple tree in the foyer.

**Running Records Workshop**  
As part of the ongoing Early Years Literacy project, Laura Camporeale has been supporting teachers in the Yorke/Mid North District in the recording and application of Running Records. Running Records are taken on texts that students read. They help:  
- Identify the appropriate book level for the student  
- Identify appropriate instruction group placement  
- Enable teachers to modify instruction  
- Identify areas for development  
- Evaluate individual progress overtime

Staff attending the Running Records workshop
Volunteer Roster – Weeks 5 & 6:

Thursday 28th May:
Pam Clarke, Tanya Holman, Racquel Barrett, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1

Friday 29th May
Glenys Pilgrim, Renate Paulson 10 – 2,
Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1

Monday 1st June
Lesley Scott, Pam Clarke 9 – 11:30,
Di Arnold 9 – 11:30

Tuesday 2nd June
David Lodge, Julie Wardle

Wednesday 3rd June
Barb Hartley, Renate Paulson 10 – 2,
*volunteer needed

Thursday 4th June
Tanya Holman, Ryan Starick 10:45 – 1,
*volunteer needed

Friday 5th June – Pupil Free Day

Monday 8th June – Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
David Lodge, Julie Wardle, *volunteer needed

Wednesday 10th June
Barb Hartley, Renate Paulson 10 – 2,
*volunteer needed

School Social!
Thursday 28th May, Week 5

Times:
R-2 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
3 – 6 5:15 p.m. – 7 p.m.
6 – 12 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Year 6 students are to make a choice as to which social they attend. They can only choose one.
Theme is optional – students do no have to dress up.

Ticket prices
R-2 $3.00 Under the Sea
3-6 $4.00 Halloween
6-12 $5.00 Casual Dress

Tickets will be available from the office on Monday 25th May, Week 5 or on the night at the door.
All Socials are held in the Gym.

Drinks and snacks will be on sale at the canteen.

Soft drinks 50c / cup
Water $1.10 / bottle
Chips $1.50
Chocolate Bars range from $1 – $2