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Moonta Area
R-12 School

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

New Staff & Reception Students

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Welcome back to term 3. I hope all students and staff had a little break and recharge for the term ahead. Term 3 is normally a very busy one.

**More Good News- New Language Centre**

It is great to be able to report that we have been a successful applicant under the Science and Language centres for 21st Century element of the Australian Governments $14.7 billion Building the Education revolution (BER) program.

The total amount we have won is $1,152,000.00, which will be for the building of a new Language Centre at the school. Along with the $2.5 million we have already been allocated for a new 4 classroom block, it will mean we will soon start to see some more physical changes at the school.

The proposed location of the Language centre will be next to the new classroom on our current courts, and we plan to replace these courts at the front of the school next to Verran Tce, (bowling club side). It is pleasing that a local builder Aceline Constructions has been granted the tender for both of these buildings.

**Welcome to our new students and their families**

We welcome the following new reception students to our school:
- Jack Barker
- Aaron Darling-Delaney
- Olivia Elsworthy
- Oscar Hayhurst
- Kyan Johns
- Casey Johnson
- Emily Jolly
- Emma Prout
- Austin Shearer
- Jamieson Sparrow
- Rhys Swift
- Connor Wiltshire

We are very pleased to have them here at MAS and we look forward to supporting them with their learning.

We also welcome Molly and Thomas Skipworth who have transferred to us from Western Australia.

**Staffing**

This term we welcome back Barb Drechsler who has been on leave for terms 1 & 2. Barb has all the new reception students. We also welcome the following teachers and wish them all the best whilst at Moonta Area School:

- **Mr Stephen Drake** (Science secondary replacing Bruce Gordon)
- **Ms Amanda Shepherd** (Reception class, filling in behind Shelly Hier)
- **Ms Mary Legoe** (yr 3 Diana Jarman’s class for 2 days per week)
- **Ms Peta Eylward** (yr1/2 replacing Judy Van Galen)

We welcome these teachers to our school and look forward to working with them. I encourage all members of our school community to make them feel welcome.

We also wish Shelley Hier, Assistant Principal, and Diana Jarman Literacy & Numeracy Coordinator all the best in their new positions for term 3.

**Out Of Hours School Care**

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) and Vacation Care provides supervised recreational activities and care for primary school aged children. OSHC services offer a range of age appropriate activities which encourage children to interact with friends, learn life skills, problem solve and be challenged by new experiences in a safe and relaxed environment. These services may offer care before school and/or after school and/or on pupil free days and/or during school holidays. Attendance in OSHC can be on a casual, part time, regular or emergency basis. The cost of care varies depending on the fee set by the service and the income of the family.

At this stage we are looking at whether we have enough interested parents to facilitate a OSHC at MAS. Any interested parents are asked to come to the front office and complete a survey by the end of week 5. If we believe we have enough genuine interest and commitment, the Governing Council will start looking at this further.

**Student Sporting Success**

Congratulations to Matt Appleton on representing South Australia at the recent Australian National Football League Under 16 Championships held in Sydney from July 3rd -10th. Also congratulations to Danielle Keast on being selected in the SA Academy Netball Team to play in Maitland, NSW.

**Year 12’s**

For our year 12 students who were on camp in week 10 of last term, it is time to really put the head down and work to the best of their ability. For many there are only 13 weeks of school to their final exams. Experience has shown me that even if their results last term were not as high as they would have liked, a real determined effort from now till the end of the exams can make a real difference to their final results and possible tertiary and employment options.

**Ground improvements**

If you come into the school, you will see that there have been a number of improvements to our grounds and facilities over the holidays. Thanks to a lot of hard work from our groundsman Lynette Bettess and Roger Elsworthy, as well as additional support from Bruce Schmidt.

**Work experience**

Congratulations to the Year 10 & 11 students on the successful completion of your work experience in Week 10 of last term. We have received an overwhelming number of positive reports about your performance in the workplace. Thank you, to local businesses and industries for your support of our students.

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Kyra Burns Mrs Strauss Scott’s class.
This week is PSA National Recognition week for School Service Officers. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school.

Please join us in thanking these staff during this PSA national recognition Week. We’d be lost without them.
Aussie of the Month

Nominations for Aussie of the month for June
Linda Hettner – Sarah Jolly
Shelley Hier – Rex Leach
Judy van Galen – Michael Mitchell
Caroline Hutchins – Will Shipard
Kristy Johnson – Lily Steele
Dianna Jarman – Lachy Buck
Sonia Perkins – Mark Francis
Fiona Ryan – Stepheenie Muench
Frank Camporeale – Katie Shipard
Kris Strauss-Scott – Rachael Clarke
Andrew Kite – Lachlan Slack
Chelsea Balnaves – Carron Daveson

Congratulations

The winner for R-2 is Rex Leach
Rex is always nice to others and likes helping people. He plays well with others and packs up well after activities. In class he is good at writing, listens and sits nicely on the mat.

The winner for 3-6 is Rachael Clarke
Rachael works well in class, is always on task and willing to help others. She cares for others, is friendly and willing to share and tries her best in everything she does.

Ski Trip Pics

Second hand School Clothes for sale. MAS jumpers approx $2.00. Open Thursday 30th July, 2.30pm-3pm and Friday 31st July 8.30-9.00am. Location: Door road end of Drama Room. Any enquiries contact Lesley Scott 88253543.

R – 6 Action Group

The new R-6 Action Group for Semester 2 were given their badges at the end of term 2 assembly. Congratulations to these students. These students will represent their classes for term 3 and 4 of this year. We change over class reps for each semester so that more students experience leadership skills. We would like to thank those students who were class reps for semester 1 and encourage them to try again next year.
On Wednesday of week 10, a group of students dressed in Cornish clothing went to the old railway station to catch the tourist train. We went for a ride on it to the old school at Moonta Mines. There we met the camera men. They filmed us as we lined up and walked to the front stairs like they did in the olden days. From there we walked into the classroom and sat down while they filmed us. Mrs Stringer our teacher asked us some questions. We had to put our hand up and try to answer them. This was a difficult task because you had to answer the questions as though you lived in the olden days. Mrs Stringer was a very serious teacher! After we finished filming we got to have a look around the Museum. Then we hopped back on the train. The train driver took us for a tour around the track. We got off at the old railway station and from there we walked back to school.

We would like to thank all the teachers and parents who came along.

Bayden Cross and Riley Hatcher
All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and condition apply. From 1st July there will be some changes to Fees.

- All School Dental Service care is free for preschool children
- Children who are dependents of holders of Centrelink Concession Cards, Vet Affairs Pension or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care.
- For primary and secondary children who are not dependants of card holders a fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.
- Students with a commonwealth Govt. Teen Dental Voucher are welcome to use it at the School Dental Service. If presented at a School Dental clinic it will entitle them to a full course of dental treatment including preventative care and any treatment if required.
- Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between checkups will be covered by the fee paid at your child’s most recent check up.

For more information contact Kadina Dental Clinic, 27A Hallett Street, Kadina, ph 88211300. Open: Monday – Friday 8.3am-12.30pm & 1.30-4.30pm.

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 E.J. Appleton.

We desperately need volunteers to work in the canteen.

Even if you only have an hour to spare on any day, we’d love to have you.

PLEASE either ring the school and ask to speak with either myself or Tracey
Cutting our canteen supervisor or call in and see us.

The canteen price list will be coming home with this newsletter. Please take note of some price changes and some new items on the menu
Active After School Communities

Active After School Activities will be conducted again this term. The program will consist of Games/Multi-skills and Gymnastics for R-7 students. Please fill out the form attached if your child/children wish to participate in this terms program. Medical consent forms are available from the font office if your child/children have not participated this year. Notes will be sent home to inform you of your child/children’s success in gain a place in this terms program.

Lisa Daddow

Premiers Reading Challenge – Update 7

Congratulations to Mrs Jarman’s class. Every student has completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. They have read their 12 books, filled out their sheet and handed it in at the library. Since our update at the end of last term the following students have completed the Challenge. A great effort from -

CH – Ella Mullins
DJ – Dylan Slack, Taylor Hann
FR – Matthew Langdon
FC – Samara Elsworth
KS – Gemma Ivans
CB – Chloe Haynes, Mikai Prohaska
MH – Jaymee Matthews

For those who haven’t read many books yet – you still have time! Completed Challenge sheets are not due until September 4th That's the end of Week 7. Last year 191 students from our school completed the Challenge. Let's make 2009 our best year yet.

Keep reading from Mrs Stringer and Mr Steele.

Moonta Basketball AGM: Sunday 2nd August, 5pm at the Cornwall Hotel Meeting room. All intending Coaches, Players and Parents are encouraged to attend.

Family Day Care: I have a childcare vacancy for an under 5 year old during the day. I provide flexible hours, Government subsidised fees and have 17 years experience. Please phone Julie Fuss 88253311. approved Care provider No. 6810/113.

Men’s Health Evening: Tuesday 28th July 6.30-9.30pm at Kadina Farm Shed, 50 Moonta Rd, Kadina. Topic: Bowel Cancer, Prostate Cancer Prevention/Detection & Heart Health/Heart Attacks. RSVP to Janine Whale, Wallaroo Hospital 88230200.
**Literacy Tips - 4**

**IMPROVING READING COMPREHENSION**

**All Readers**
Talking about what children read prompts them to think about what they’ve read and to read more carefully.

1. **Ask about it.** Ask your children what they are going to be reading about before they read and what they found out after they read.
2. **Read the right books.** Your child should get lots of practice reading books that are not too hard. They should be able to recognise and understand most of the words without help.
3. **Re-read to build fluency.** Children need to be able to read quickly and smoothly — a skill known as fluency. Re-reading simple, familiar books gives children practice in decoding words quickly, so they’ll become more fluent.
4. **Wide reading.** Ask your children what they are learning about in class or what interests them. Go to the library or find easy-to-read books or magazines to read about the topic. This helps build vocabulary and background knowledge.
5. **Talk about words.** Encourage your children to ask you about unfamiliar words and ways they can figure out what words mean.

**GREAT READS**
- **Goldilocks and the Three Koalas**, by Kel Richards and Claire Richards. A rhyming, Aussie version of a favourite story: ‘Everyone called her ‘Goldilocks’, although her name was Shirley, because she had a mass of hair, fluffy, blond and curly.’ Suggested for readers approximately 5+.
- **Choose Your Own Adventure: Struggle Down Under**, by Shannon Gilligan. Uncle Gilroy has found an amulet that unlocks the mystery of a strange civilization in the Australian Desert. The reader has to choose what to do and there are many possible endings! Suggested for readers aged 8+.

**Year 5/6 Excursion**

On the 10th of June, Miss Balnaves class walked down to the Copper Coast Lifestyle Village to get a better understanding on Australian War heroes. We heard people’s stories about the war from a number of residents. One man told us how he was a minesweeper in the South East China Sea. Another resident told us about how she was only allowed one small bag of lollies because of rationing. We went there because it linked with our Anzac Day topic we were learning about in SOSE. After listening to the different stories, we had morning tea and then we had a tour around the village. We all enjoyed the excursion and learnt a lot from this experience. We now have a better understanding about the war and the different experiences people had. Thank you to all the parent helpers and also to the residents from the Copper Coast Lifestyle Village. A special thanks to Katrina Cross for helping to organise this excursion.

Written by Riley Hatcher, Bayden Cross & Harry Love

**Careers**

Students will learn about Liquor service, wine studies, restaurant service, espresso coffee, workplace hygiene and more!

Certificate II in Hospitality, full time course (3 days per week) commencing 18th August to approximately 3 December 2009 at TAFE SA Port Pirie Campus!

To register your interest and for further information, contact Jenny on 8638 4264.
**Student Profiles**

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**Sam Crocker**  
**Year/Class:** 5 KSS  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 ½ years  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Friends, Holidays, Swimming, Gym  
**Best memory at school:**  
Sports days and the end of school class party  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
I do not know that yet  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Play Basketball, swimming, tennis and football, go down the beach and go fishing

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**Claudia Taffor**  
**Year/Class:** 3DJ  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 years.  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Computer Room  
**Best memory at school:**  
Garden Groups.  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
A Zoo Keeper  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Basketball, Little Athletics, ballet and swimming

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**Cloe Barker**  
**Year/Class:** R / SH  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 1 year.  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Playing with friends.  
**Best memory at school:**  
Going to the Zoo  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
A Horserider.  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Play with my ponies & go swimming.

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**Sam Barker**  
**Year/Class:** 5 KSS  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 ½ years  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Friends, Holidays, Swimming, Gym  
**Best memory at school:**  
Sports days and the end of school class party  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
I do not know that yet  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Play Basketball, swimming, tennis and football, go down the beach and go fishing

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**Sonja**  
**Year/Class:** 3DJ  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 years.  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Computer Room  
**Best memory at school:**  
Garden Groups.  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
A Zoo Keeper  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Basketball, Little Athletics, ballet and swimming

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**Teddy**  
**Year/Class:** 5 KSS  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 ½ years  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Friends, Holidays, Swimming, Gym  
**Best memory at school:**  
Sports days and the end of school class party  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
I do not know that yet  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Play Basketball, swimming, tennis and football, go down the beach and go fishing

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**Cleo**  
**Year/Class:** 3DJ  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 years.  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Computer Room  
**Best memory at school:**  
Garden Groups.  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
A Zoo Keeper  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Basketball, Little Athletics, ballet and swimming

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**Alex**  
**Year/Class:** 5 KSS  
**How long have you attended MAS:** 4 ½ years  
**What is the best thing about MAS:** Friends, Holidays, Swimming, Gym  
**Best memory at school:**  
Sports days and the end of school class party  
**When I grow up I want to be:**  
I do not know that yet  
**In my spare time I like to:**  
Play Basketball, swimming, tennis and football, go down the beach and go fishing

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**Autism/ Asperger Forum**

‘Growing into Adolescence’

A forum investigating the specific needs of adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the impact of these needs on individuals, their communities and services in the Yorke and Mid North Region. The forum gives voice to individuals with ASD and their families. It will attempt to identify improved management strategies for schools and services from an interagency perspective.

with guest speakers Katharine Annear (Autism SA), Teigue Porter and Cheryl Glenie followed by an interagency panel chaired by Kate Jenkins

**Thursday, August 13 10am – 3pm**

**Eagles Sports and Community Centre, Port Wakefield**

**About the speakers:**

- **Katharine Annear**, from Autism SA, is a woman with Asperger Syndrome who has run many successful social skills groups for young people with ASD.
- **Teigue Porter** is a teenager with Asperger Syndrome. He has written a 100 page novella and is currently training to be a magician.
- **Cheryl Glenie** is principal at Snowtown Area School and Teigue’s mum. She will co-present with Teigue.
- **Kate Jenkins**, from Yorke & Lower North Community Health is the facilitator of ASPAUT, a support group for families of young people with ASD. Kate will chair an interagency panel addressing such issues as violence and anxiety management.

Workers $10
Parents and families no charge
Tea, Coffee and a light lunch provided

For more information please contact:
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**REGISTRATION: Contact Deirdre Huppatz on 8842 6650 or e-mail huppatz.deirdre@saugov.sa.gov.au**

**Author Event – Nick Earls**

**Moonta Community Library** in conjunction with The Advertiser Big Book Club is hosting **Nick Earls at the Seagate Bistro Friday 31st July at 10am.**

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and some morning tea by the sea while you listen to this award winning author. Get a group together. Tickets are free but please book at the library as we need numbers for catering purposes. Meg’s Bookshop at Pt Pirie will have Nick’s books available for purchase and Nick will be happy to answer questions and sign books after his talk.

Phone 88251511 to book your seat.

**The Book**

*Curtis Holland is no longer a rock star! His dad is dead. His wife has left him and his life is a mess. With his chart-topping band, Curtis Holland lived the cliched rock dream. Residing in hotels and recording studios, travelling in custom-built buses, getting married after a sound check in Nevada. But what do you do when the cheering from your fans fades? Filled with acute observation, humour and tenderness, The True Story of Butterfish is Nick Earls at his very best.*

**The Author**

Nick Earls is the author of thirteen books, including bestselling novels such as *Zigzag Street*, *Bachelor Kisses* and *Perfect Skin*. *Zigzag Street* won a Betty Trask Award in the UK in 1998, and *Perfect Skin* was the only novel nominated for an Australian Comedy Award in 2003. *48 Shades of Brown* and *Perfect Skin* have been adapted into feature films, with *Solo un Padre*, the film adapted from the Italian edition of *Perfect Skin*, a top-ten box office hit in Italy in 2008. *The True Story of Butterfish* is his first work simultaneously written as both a novel and a play. Nick has an honours degree in Medicine and has lived in Brisbane since migrating as an eight-year-old from Northern Ireland.
Year 12 Camp 2009

Flinders Ranges

4 Wheel Drive Tour

Camel Riding

Dress Up Night

Pt Augusta Water Tower

Top of Devil’s Peak

Mambray Creek

The Terraces – Alligator Gorge

Kanaka Ruins
Calendar

**Term 3 Week 1**

**Thursday 23rd July**
Leadership Camp

**Friday 24th July**
Sacred Stone

**Term 2 Week 2**

**Monday 27th July**
DMC Meeting 5pm

**Wednesday 29th July**
Canteen Committee 3.15pm

**Term 3 Week 3**

**Tuesday 4th August**
English Competition

**Wednesday 5th August**
Maths Quiz Yrs 8-12
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm

**Thursday 6th August**
Maths Competition

**Term 3 Week 4**

**Monday 10th August**
DMC Meeting 5pm

**Tuesday 11th August**
Parent Club 7.30pm

**Thursday 13th August**
Finance Committee 3.15pm

**Term 3 Week 5**

**Tuesday 18th August**
R-12 Assembly

**Wednesday 19th August**
Mathematics Comp (Uni of NSW)

**Thursday 20th August**

**Thursday 20th & Friday 21st August**
Leaders Day

**Term 3 Week 6 & 7**

**Monday 31st August – Friday 4th Sept**
R-6 Tennis Coaching

**Term 3 Week 7**

**Monday 31st August**
Book Week / Literacy & Numeracy Wk