Moonta Area
R-12 School

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

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Multi
Cultural
Food Hall

End of Term – Friday 25th September
Early Dismissal 2 p.m.

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Tragic Accident

As a school community we always feel the pain and help support those who are struggling, the best way we can. Our thoughts are with Bruce, Judith and Lucas Gordon and Samuel’s friends at this difficult time.

There will be some interruption to normal classes to allow staff & students to attend Samuel’s funeral. Parents will be informed at the earliest possible time. I thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

School Choir

I had the absolute pleasure of watching our choir perform last Thursday night at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide. The students put on a fantastic performance and represented Moonta proudly. I would like to thank all the students for the time and effort they have all put in to make the choir something we can all be very proud of.

A special thanks to Mr Frank Camporeale for his continual dedication, his time, expertise, organisation and humour that have supported the Moonta School Choir for many years. I would also like to thank Megan Prout for supporting the students in Adelaide all day.

End Of Term

A reminder that next Friday 25th September is the last day of school for term 3. Students will be released at 2 p.m. on this day.

Staffing

Term 4 will see some returns from long service leave. Judy Van Galen, Di Daubly and Bruce Gordon will return from leave. Adele Keleher will return from maternity leave for 4 days per week. Tracey Peters has extended her leave for the remainder of this year.

Adele will return to her 3-4 class for 4 days of week with Sonia Perkins picking up the 5th day. Sonia will also pick up a day behind Shelley Heir who will return to her Reception class after being Assistant Principal for term 3. Dianna Jarman will also return 5 days per week to her year 3 class after being Literacy & Numeracy Coordinator for term 3.

I would like to thank both Shelley & Dianna for putting up their hand and being willing to take on promotion positions. They have both done a great job and I have really appreciated their efforts this term.

Sonia will also work 1 day a week in Barb Drechsler’s new reception class. Chelsea Balnaves and Shirley Clark will also continue in their current roles for the remainder of the year.

Amanda Shepherd, Mary Legoe, Peta Eylward and Steven Drake will be leaving Moonta Area School at the end of this term. We thank them sincerely for all the work they have done to provide MAS students with deep, engaging learning experiences. We wish them well with their future employment.

Parent Governing Council Workshop (see advertisement)

The Moonta Area School Governing Council is running a parent workshop on Wednesday 23rd September at 7 p.m. in the Community Library. This session is aimed at parents who would like to know more about governance in school and the role of governing council. We invite all parents to this session but ask that you book into the session by contacting the front desk and giving your name by Friday of this week.

Naplan (students in Year 3, 5, 7, & 9)

Later this week or early next week you should be receiving your child’s NAPLAN results. Your child’s report shows his or her results in comparison with the results of all other children in Australia who sat the tests. The report shows:

- the national average
- the range for the middle 60% of students; and
- whether your child has achieved the national minimum standards.

This report is just one element of the information that your child’s teacher has on his or her learning and achievement in literacy and numeracy. Your child’s teacher will be able to provide you with more information on your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Hayley Collaton, Year 12MW.
During Week 7 we had a combined focus on Book Week, an annual event organised by the Children’s Book Council to promote the best Australian Books for children, and Literacy & Numeracy Week.

The theme this year was ‘Book Safari’ and classes adapted this theme in many ways. Some chose to focus on a book and others used their class study topic to create mini safaris for others to visit. So we had an assortment of animal safaris and others which varied from safaris into space, deep under the ocean, at the beach, around Australia and into Spring.

The library was decked out to represent various forms of animal and book safaris. During the week classes from Reception to Year 10 came in to try their luck at the animal book safari we had set up. There were also lots of lunchtime activities and competitions on the go each day. Many people started the competitions but not all remembered to hand in their entries. It was still a difficult job for the judges and we gave away lots of prizes and encouragement awards. (See list of first and second place winners below.)

The week culminated with a chance for students to dress up in some way to represent their class safari and we had a parade in the gym. It was great to also see so many parents supporting the children and staying on to visit classrooms and enjoy some morning tea in the library.

Thanks to all the teachers and students who made the week so successful with all their input and thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair. It was very successful and meant both the school library and the kindy could make a selection from the books available. Congratulations everyone on a very special week.

Mrs Stringer and Mr Steele

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R-2 SACA / Milo Cricket

All Reception to Year 2 students participated in the SACA / Milo Cricket Clinic on Wednesday 9th September, Week 7.
Primary Years – Tennis with Mr Daniels

At tennis we learnt back hit, front hit, and more. We did the tennis ball machine and it was fun – Jackson did the biggest hit we saw!

Ruby Markham & Tabitha McCulloch, DJ

Last week we did mini tennis. Mini tennis is a type of tennis with low pressure balls, low nets and small racquets. On Friday we did rallies and nearly broke the class record. Claudia had a little accident on Friday with the net – we are happy that she is ok and back at school.

Jasmine Crocker & Nickala Smith, DJ Year 3

Middle School – 8/9 Knockout Tennis

On Friday 4th September both the girls and boys participated in Knockout tennis held at Kadina.

The boys team comprising of Jack McCauley, Blake Pedler, Luke Sparrow and Michael Sparrow played in the spirit of the game but were beaten 5 sets to 1; 34 games to 14.

Jacinta McPeake, Jess Campbell, Hannah Wardle and Aisha Cooper made up the girls team and they played well but lost 5 sets to 1; 34 games to 14.

The team was coached by Hayley Spaans and we were lucky enough to have Sarah Knight assist us with transport to and from Kadina.
A team of 50 students headed to Kadina to ‘strut their stuff’ on the athletics field in a trial day to determine the SAPSASA athletics team for 2009. The team had been chosen from various practises held throughout the term. The Moonta team were raring to go and were well supported by proud parents who assisted with the travel for the day.

The morning events included all sprints and middle distance running. Students supported fellow team mates, cheering loudly from the sidelines. This cheering was of great assistance in helping some of the runners to push that little bit harder to help in qualifying for the SAPSASA team. We were spoilt this year with the use of the Little Athletics new Laser Timer, this enabled us to get more accurate readings and reduce the work load of the parents who usually have to take up a timer for the morning. Thank you to Lyndon Elsworthy for helping with this.

The afternoon saw students head off in different directions to complete the field events. Students were again well supported by fellow students and parents.

All students put in a huge effort; as teachers we were very proud of their determination, the sportsmanship that was displayed and the excellent behaviour throughout the day.

Many students managed to win events or gain personal bests for the day. The following students have qualified for the SAPSASA athletics team to compete at SANTOS stadium on Friday Week 1, Term 4 – 16th October.

**10 year olds**
- Blake Whale – Shot Put
- Samara Elsworthy - Discus

**11 year olds**
- Emma Hackett – 100m, Discus, Relay
- Ellie Turner – Shot Put, Relay
- Gemma Ivens – Long Jump
- Sasha Glasgow – High Jump
- Matt Perks – 800m, Relay, High Jump, Long Jump
- Kyle Scenini – Shot Put
- Cameron Platten - Discus

**12 year olds**
- Chelsea Fisher – 100m, Relay, High Jump, Long Jump
- Courtney Fricker – 200m, Long Jump, Relay
- William Ethridge – 100m, Relay
- Sam Yandell – 200m

**13+ year olds**
- Gemma Ivens – Long Jump
- Kimberley Perks - Discus

Training for the above students will be held on Wednesdays - week 9 (16th Sept), week 10 (23rd Sept) & week 1, term 4 (14th Oct) at Kadina from 4 to 5 p.m. If a competitor cannot make training they must notify Sally Hackett in advance.

Well done to all students involved. Big thanks must go to the parents that transported students to the event and assisted on the day. Also a big thanks to Andrew Kite and William Northeast for their help throughout the day.

Sally Hackett
A great night was had by all at the recent Year 7 Quiz Night held in the Middle School. There were approximately 60 people, raising over $250. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Following an excursion to Adelaide last term to experience the influence other cultures have had on Australian Cuisine and further research, the Year 12 Hospitality students presented a Multi Cultural Food Hall on Thursday 10th Sept.

Approximately 80 guests enjoyed the wide variety of foods presented and were delighted with the standard of presentation. Each group organised their area in the theme of the country they were representing, some groups even dressing up to further enhance the atmosphere of the evening.

Thankyou to the following businesses that donated prizes for the night...
Studio 67 – photo vouchers
Dee Warthold – tanning voucher
Nat Chapman – kayak voucher
Cup cakes company – cupcakes
Matrix Companies – various prizes
Moonta School Library – book prizes

Thankyou to the following families for their kind donations...
Ryan Madden & family,
Sarah Hutchinson & family,
Chloe Barrett & family.

I wonder if you could have been one of the winners on the night. Try out some of these questions.

1. Which state has the lake with the longest name and what is the name?
2. The Neverland Ranch is in which US state?
3. What is the real name of Hannah Montanna?
4. What is the name of the park at the most southern point of the Yorke Peninsula?
5. What is the name of a 20 sided polyhedron?
Senior School

Senior School Parent Information Night
Last Thursday night the Senior School held a SACE information evening for parents and students in preparation for students to be counselled about their career paths and subject choices for next year. One session was held for the Year 10’s going into Year 11 next year, these students will be the first to begin the new SACE. A second session for the Year 11’s going into Year 12 in 2010 outlined the requirement for students to complete the current SACE. Students and parents were then able to collect information on each subject and talk to the relevant teacher over a coffee and nibbles. Thank you to the many parents and students who attended. Your presence will make this week’s subject counselling sessions run much more smoothly.

Subject Counselling
This week Mrs Westbrook, Mr Ivens and Mr Angus are counselling students and their parents in regards to students’ future career paths and the subjects they need to study in order to pursue those careers. If you were absent last Tuesday night you will need to see Mrs Westbrook to collect your package of information and the relevant forms, and to make an appointment for a counselling session.

Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Last Monday the Year 12 Geography students travelled to Marion Bay where Peter Stockings of the Yorke Regional Development Board and the DCYP outlined the way in which the desalination process works and provides potable water to the Caravan Park, Tavern and General Store.

Students were surprised at how small and simple the plant was and the fact that the water has no hint of salt in it at all. The students also visited the wind farm at Edithburgh to look at wind as a source of renewable energy. The 65 wind turbines create quite a spectacular landscape.

Research Project
Last Wednesday afternoon representative from Port Broughton, Snowtown, Kadina Memorial High School, Harvest Christian School and Moonta gathered for a workshop with Ian Howlett from the Future SACE office to discuss pilot projects and the process required to implement the Research Project, a new Year 12 subject that will be compulsory in 2011. Fiona Anderson and Meredith Westbrook are conducting the Moonta Area School Pilot.

APPA – Scholastic Links to Literacy #8

Breaking Bad Reading Habits: Independent Readers
What if my child...
1. reads with little or no light. Provide a comfortable chair or beanbag that has a special reading light and make a Book Nook.
2. won’t put down their book during dinner. Give them a 15 minute warning before dinner to finish the page, paragraph or chapter. Ask them what they’re reading about during dinner
3. forgets to return books to the library. Use a visual reminder, such as a library box or bag. After each book is finished, it is dropped in until it is due back. Schedule when books are to be returned on a wall calendar.
4. reads instead of doing homework. Be firm: reading for leisure comes after homework. Agree to study breaks so your child can read a chapter or two to break up extended homework assignments.
5. sneaks in reading after bedtime. Factor in reading time when setting bed-time, maybe half an hour before lights-out. Allow one special reading night — maybe on weekends, when children can stay up reading later than usual. Read aloud together. Then you can turn off the light.

GREAT READS
- Pet Vet: Motorbike Bob, by Darrel & Sally Odgers. Trump the dog helps Dr Jeanie the vet. Bob the border collie is a biker dog who is sure he’ll never need a vet’s help. But when Bob gets into strife, it’s Trump to the rescue. Suggested for readers aged 7+.
- Skeleton Creek, by Patrick Cameron. Read the books. Watch the videos. Unlock the mystery. This is unique mix of Ryan’s stories and Sarah’s videos (on a special website) that together uncover the mysterious happenings at Skeleton Creek. Suggested for readers aged 9+.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 21st September:

**Proposal One: 5-a-side Soccer**  
Proposal: Carnival at Maitland, to train and play 5-a-side soccer for Year 8/9.  
Date: Wednesday 11th November, Term 4, Week 5.  
Proposer: R Stutley / D Richardson

**Proposal Two: Blue Light Social**  
Proposal: Police Blue Light team will run our Term 4 social for our students. They will provide supervision and run the canteen. For present Year 6-12 students.  
Cost: $5 admission.  
Date: Thursday 12th November, Term 4, Week 5.  
Proposer: V Ivens / B Schmidt

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 7th September:

1. **Cyber Safety** – Years 4-7, topics include: Effective strategies to help keep safe online, use of internet, risks faced when online. Tuesday 27th October, Term 4, Week 3.
3. **Casual Day** – Theme “Sport”. To raise money for the postage of the ‘Shoe Boxes’. Classes to combine and watch a movie, play games or sport together. Cost: Gold coin donation. Tuesday 22nd September, Week 10.
4. **Year 10 Camp to Stenhouse Bay** – Camp to the bottom end, students to participate in various activities – swimming, fishing, possibly sailing, guided tours of the Inneston ghost town and lighthouses, sand boarding, beach cricket, etc Cost: $100 per person – to cover food, accommodation, cleaning fees, bus hire, fuel. Monday 30th November – Thursday 3rd December, Term 4, Week 8.
5. **Year 3/4 Nursing Home Visit** – Year 3/4 class to walk down and visit with residents. Perform a choral reading piece and write thank you letters. Requirements from home: Hat and water bottle. Tuesday 15th September, Week 9.

The following proposal was approved by the Principal:

6. **Year 12 Geography students visit the Marion Bay Desalination Plant and the Edinburgh Wind Farm** – Monday 7th September, Week 8.

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**Parents dropping children off near the Kindy, please be aware of the magpies swooping!**  
They seem to be territorial around the JP Playground, and a few children have been pecked.

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**Australian Writing Competition**

Earlier this year, students competed in the Australian Writing Competition. Some excellent results were achieved and congratulations go to those students. Certificates will be presented at the next school assembly, Thursday 24th June (week 10).

**Participation:** Adam Silvestri

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**SPECIAL PARENT MEETING**

**Introduction to Governance**

As a Governing Councillor, you determine the strategic direction of your school. You develop its policies, approve and monitor its budget and run its OSHC and Canteen.  
This session provides a comprehensive overview of the role of your Governing Council.

**Session covers:**
- What is Governance?  
- Role of Councillors  
  - Council Membership  
  - Legislated requirements  
- Roles of the Governing Council  
- Policy  
- Site Learning plan  
- Police Checks  
- Committees

**Wednesday 23rd September at 7 p.m. in the Community Library**

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**Canteen News**

Volunteers are still needed, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. please contact the school or Tracy in the Canteen if you are able to help out.
Swimming Courses – Austswim Instructors
Course: Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the RSL in Kadina & the Swim Centre. Instructor update course at Kadina Swim Centre: Sunday 18th October, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For any further information contact RLSS – 82349244, or enrolments can be downloaded or completed online www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au

In2 Cricket – Coordinator: Ian Ravenscroft, Assisted by Don Beitz and Tim Dovell. Moonta Area School 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Commences Wednesday 14th October through till Wednesday 2nd December (8 week campaign) then a break till Wednesday 17th February and Wednesday 24th February 2010 (2 week campaign and break up) Have-a-go: 5, 6, 7 year olds. Have-a-game: 8/9 year olds. Cost $50 per child, includes receipt of gear and handout material.

Moonta Netball Club Junior Windup to be held at the Moonta Football Club. Subbies, G, F & E Grade players and families welcome. Thursday 24th September, 5 p.m. start for games. 6 p.m. tea, followed by presentations. BBQ Tea and salads supplied for gold coin donation. All players are required to bring a plate of sweets. Drinks are available to purchase over the bar. Hope to see you all there.

Moonta Cricket – Junior & Senior Colt training to commence Thursday 24th September at 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Coach: Ian Ravenscroft. All intending players who haven’t signed up, contact Sharon Kroon on 88 251 424.

Moonta Basketball Club – Practice times for U12 Girls 3:15 – 4 p.m. U14 Boys 4 – 5 p.m. at the town courts on Wednesday 16th September. Any queries phone Michelle on 0437 579 948 or Megan on 0407 253 458. U14 Girls practice times are 4 – 5 p.m. commencing Wednesday 23rd September at the town courts. Any queries phone Tony on 0418 853 207 or Megan on 0407 253 458.

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STATEWIDE CINEMA
AT THE MOONTA TOWN HALL

SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (September 25th - October 10th 2009)

** kids: popcorn & movie $10.00 all sessions**
- ADULTS: $10.50
- CHILDREN/STUDENTS/PENSIONERS $8.50
- 11AM SESSIONS ALL TICKETS $8.50

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25
2.00pm SISTER’S KEEPER (M)
7.00pm THE UGLY TRUTH (MA)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26
11.00am ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
1 & 7pm UP! (PG)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27
2 & 7 pm UP! (PG)
4.00pm ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
8.00pm SISTER’S KEEPER (M)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28
11.00am & 7.00pm UP! (PG)
4.00pm ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
8.00pm THE UGLY TRUTH (MA)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 29
11.00am ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
1.00pm & 6.00pm UP! (PG)
8.00pm ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30
11.00am SISTER’S KEEPER (M)
1.30 & 6.00pm UP! (PG)
8.00pm ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1
11.00am ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
6.00pm UP! (PG)
8.00pm THE UGLY TRUTH (MA)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2
11.00am & 6.00pm UP! (PG)
8.00pm THE UGLY TRUTH (MA)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3
CINEMA IS CLOSED

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9
2.00pm & 6.00pm CHARLIE & BOOTS (PG)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
2.00pm ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
7.00pm THE UGLY TRUTH (MA)

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**Week 9**

**Friday 18th September**
- R-6 RE
- Interschool Gymkhana at Clare

**Tuesday 22nd September**
- ‘Party House’ Performance – Year 8/9
- Casual Day: Theme - Sport

**Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th September**
- Year 4/5 KS & FC Camp to Narnu Farm

**Thursday 24th September**
- R-12 Assembly

**Friday 25th September**
- Years 7 – 12 Mid Semester 2 Reports sent home
- 2 p.m. Dismissal

**Week 10**

**Monday 12th October**
- Term 4 Commences

**Tuesday 13th October**
- Super 8 Cricket – Year 8/9

**Friday 16th October**
- Disabled Athletics

**Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st October**
- Year 5/6 CB/MP/FR Camp – Arbury Park

**Tuesday 27th October**
- Cyber Safety – Years 4-7

**Friday 30th October**
- Pupil Free Day