Welcome to our New Receptions

Student Free Day –
Friday 30th October, Week 3

Due to size restrictions this edition of MAS Media has been modified. Please contact the school for the original edition.
Welcome back to term 4. I hope that those that had the opportunity had a chance to have a relaxing break and recharge for the term.

School developments
Walking around the school yesterday it was quite obvious that a great deal of work has been completed over the holidays. A huge thanks to Bruce Schmidt and Al Gordon for the time and effort they put in to making school look as good as it does.

Our new building area has been fenced off and work has begun on clearing the site in preparation for our new 4 class room block, language centre and new tennis and basketball courts.

New Enrolments
We also would like to welcome the following new students and their respective families who have transferred to Moonta Area School over the holiday break.
♦ Jye, Shari and Dana Bartlett
♦ Drae Hopkins

We also have 8 new reception students who started Monday. I visited them on Monday and they all seemed to be fitting in and enjoying their first day of school.

Student Free Day – Friday 30th October
A reminder that our second pupil free day for the year will be on Friday 30th October. On this day staff will be completing Restorative Justice training. Restorative Justice is a process that advocates that the people most effective at finding a solution to a problem are the people who are most directly affected by the problem. Restorative processes create opportunities for those involved in a conflict to work together to understand, clarify and resolve the situation and work together towards repairing the harm caused.

Class Placements for 2010
Don’t forget to let us know, in writing, if your child will not be attending Moonta Area School next year. Also, if you have family or friends moving to the district and who definitely want to enrol their children here, please let us know so they can be considered in the class placements.

We’d like as much information about 2010 numbers as possible so we can structure the classes according to student needs.

A reminder to provide any information that you would like considered in relation to your child/ren’s placement, for consideration. It needs to be a genuine request relating to your child/ren’s academic, social, physical or emotional needs. However, sometimes there are instances where it has not been possible to meet these requests for a whole host of reasons. Please put your request in writing, or alternatively, make a time soon to see either Bruce, or Di to discuss your child’s needs. Thank you.

Parent Club Meeting
The next meeting of the parent club will be on Tuesday 27th October at 6:30 p.m. in the conference Room. I invite any interested parent to come along to this meeting.

Staffing
We welcome back a number of staff this term returning from leave, Adele Keleher, Bruce Gordon, Di Daubly and Judy Van Galen. Good to have you back.

Congratulations to Treena Ferguson, Jane Sutton and Lisa Daddow who have all finally been made permanent with DECS after many years of service to Moonta Area School in contract positions. These permanent appointments are all well deserved.

We also pleased to announce that Kris Strauss-Scott has also been placed here permanently. Kris is a quality teacher with lots of experience and we are very pleased with this appointment. Kris joins Fiona Ryan and Dianna Jarman as our new permanent teachers for 2010.

Site Improvement Plan 2010 – Parent Survey
Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the parents’ survey sent home last term. Your opinions and thoughts are extremely important to us as we plan our improvement areas for 2010. I will put the collated survey information on our school website.

Clothing Pool – Second hand school clothes for sale. Road end of Drama Room. Open Thursday 22nd October at 2:30 – 3 p.m. and Friday 23rd October 8:30 – 9 a.m. Last time opening for this year. All profits go to school. Lesley Scott 88 253 543.
One hundred and thirty year fives, sixes and sevens were involved in a special mental and physical health day on Monday 14th September. The students spent the whole day attending sessions at either the Moonta Town Hall or the Uniting Care Church Hall. The warm weather allowed the students to enjoy sitting in Queen’s Square and they welcomed the BBQ sausage lunch which was provided by the members of the Combined Church Council.

Grace Bowman, our major guest speaker talked to the students about her life experiences and setting goals. She made connections between her experiences and our school’s Guiding Principles that is: team work, learning, being part of a community, her wellbeing and where respect, communication and empathy helped her achieve her aim.

A few comments from the 5/6 Ms Balnaves class

Matt: The highlights were the food, games and activities.
Jemika: The highlights were making stress balls, key rings and lunch. For me everything was good.
Georgia: The highlights were foot massage, manicure and facial and the ‘Saving Amy’ talk but the sessions could have been longer.
Brodie: My highlights were, karate, stress balls and the Grace Bowman talk.
Kate: Grace Bowman’s talk, positive body images and physio were my highlights.
Bayden: My best were games with Mr Angus, stress balls and the fire talk.

URGENT REQUEST:

Parents / caregivers: Please DO NOT access the school grounds by vehicle through the gate opposite the Senior Citizens Club. The whole area is now a building site for our new buildings and courts and there will be heavy vehicles needing to come in and out at all hours so for SAFETY REASONS we need to limit access.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this request.

Bruce Schmidt

Term 3 Holiday Improvements around the school
In the last week of Term 3, from Tuesday to Thursday, our classes had the opportunity of going to the Goolwa-Victor Harbor area for our camp, where we stayed at Narnu Farm, a well set up camp facility and working farm ‘of the past’. There were forty eight students and six adults (thanks to Wendy Muir, Mel Coonan, Karen Wardle and Sarah Knight who came with us as volunteers to support our students).

Departure from Moonta with our YP Coach, driven by Kym Gregory, and our Moonta Area School bus was for many of us, exciting. As we travelled, some of us worked on activities in our booklets while others of us sang. Of course the weather was less than perfect; in fact it was pouring as we headed through Adelaide.

On arrival, we couldn’t unload the bus, so we hopped off and filed quickly into the dining area and had lunch, during which the rain eased. So, unloading and setting up dorms happened quickly without getting wet. Our afternoon’s activities likewise were without rain. So we enjoyed our horse-riding, farm orienteering, etc. As we prepared for tea, down it came again and we were due at Granite Island for the Fairy Penguin Tour. We loaded the buses with our jackets and jumpers on and headed off, somewhat concerned. Someone was looking after us because we got to the causeway and – no rain! A great tour where we saw numerous penguins and their hide-aways with detailed explanations by our guides.

Back to Narnu where we had a few night activities, a movie for some, supper and bed – which we needed after our long day.

Day two was cloudy but not wet and we began with freshening up, breakfast and room-tidying (done well by the students) and so, to our morning activities which went without a hitch and interested us all. Of course most will tell you that the best part of the day was the afternoon spent at Greenhills. Well the waterslides, the rides the putt-putt course, the maze and the jumping air bag had a huge workout. And you’ll never believe this, but we ran out of time! Back at camp, we showered, changed and prepared for our evening’s entertainment – our Grand Concert Night. Our substantial tea was devoured by many (the open air certainly builds up an appetite) and then the stage area was set. What a night of creative acts! Red Faces and ‘Dancing with the Stars’ have nothing on us!
Our final day began at a respectable hour, with dorms being tidied, gear packed, breakfast done and dusted, bus loaded and farewells to the fantastic staff at Narnu. Granite Island was our first stop, to see it by day, walk around it, observe rock and coastal formations and, of course, the Horse Drawn Tram ride back to the mainland. This tram was especially put on at an unscheduled time for Mrs Strauss-Scott and Mel’s smile 😊 (so she tells me). From here, we headed for home via St. Kilda Playground where we had a quick break and lunch, arriving a little behind the expected time. The students were happy to be home and to be met by their parents which was a great way to finish off our wonderful time away.

Mrs Strauss-Scott and Mr Camporeale would be only pleased to take the group away again if the opportunity arose. The students were a credit to themselves and to Moonta Area School.
On Friday 18th September, Morgan, Julia (from Kadina High) and myself went to the Clare High Interschool Gymkhana. We had a really good day. We woke up at 4:45 a.m. to travel to Clare with our horses. It was a long trip.

When we arrived we saddled up and took part in our first event, in which Sarah won a green ribbon (third place).

After we finished our hacking we played games. We took part in Keyhole, Texas barrels, Old English Plate, Egg and Spoon, Bending and Can Race. We had a great day and Sarah took home three green ribbons. We would like to thank our parents and Mrs Anderson for arranging this day.

By Morgan and Sarah.

Camps/Excursions Review
We are in the process of reviewing our camps/excursions Policy. Last term staff met in their teams to discuss what they’d like to happen and made their recommendations. I have collated these into a document that covers only 2 pages. We would really like parent/student feedback on this. If you are interested please collect a copy of the staff information about camps/excursions from the front desk at school; have a read and if you’d like to comment do so either by ringing me at school or in writing to me at school by Friday 30th October. Once I have your feedback I will collate it and then write a proposal for the Decision Making Committee to consider with a view to having the new Policy operating in 2010.

Bruce Schmidt
Nominations for September were:-

**Reception – Year 2**
B Drechsler (Reception) Emma Prout
L Hettner (Reception/Year1) Sarah Jolly
A Shepherd / S Hier (Reception) Cheyanne Ostendorf
P Elyward / S Clark (Year 1/2) Abby Prout
C Hutchins (Year 1/2) Harley Simms
K Johnson (Year 1/2) Jorja Connor

The winner was: **Cheyanne Ostendorf**.
She is a helpful class member who works and plays nicely with others. She helps others with reading, shares toys and follows school rules.

**Year 3 – 6**
D Jarman (Year 3) Claudia Hatcher
S Perkins (Year 3/ 4) Zachary Zenning
F Ryan (Years 3-7) Kamarhyn Borlace
K Strauss-Scott (Year 4/5) Julian Tripodi
F Camporeale (Year 4/5) Jordan Porteous
C Balnaves (Year 5/6) Brianna Matthews
A Kite (Year 6) Adele Andrew

The winner was: **Adele Andrew**.
Adele is a friendly and polite with a great sense of humour. She is hard working, enthusiastic and always willing to help out. Her great smile and personality makes her fun to be around.

**Bid for a Bandsaw!**

Expressions of interest are called from the community to purchase a 14” Woodfast bandsaw. This machine has been in good service for many years in the Design & Technology workshop and is still running well. It is being replaced by a model with a few more modern features, but would still be serviceable tool for many home or business workshops. 3 phase power required.

All offers to be received to the school by **Friday 22nd October**, highest offer wins!!

All enquiries to **Neil Hackett**. Inspection by appointment 88 252 088.

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**Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes**

What a wonderfully generous effort by the students, staff and families of MAS have made to the recipients of the Samaritans Purse Christmas shoe boxes.

I can only imagine the all the smiling faces this Christmas when all those children in Cambodia receive their surprise. Imagine living in poverty, imagine have very little food to eat, imagine getting a box filled with goodies Christmas day!!!

Yes you should all be very proud of your effort. I love working at MAS because the students staff and families as so community spirited. Our School Motto is Learning Caring and Sharing and you all certainly put it into practice.

Well done to our fundraising committee for arranging for this event to take place.

Rob Martin CPSW

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**Aussie of the Month September**

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BUILD VOCABULARY — ROOT WORDS
Independent Readers
Understanding a root word and the prefixes (beginnings) and suffixes (endings) that go with a root word is a great way to build children’s vocabulary. Encourage your children to make colourful and interesting Word Posters. Make a different poster for:

1. **Un-**. Un- before a word (prefix) means not. So unlucky means not lucky and unhappy means not happy.

2. **-ful**. An ending (suffix) of -ful (not full) means full of. So helpful means full of help and thankful means full of thanks. Remind children that some words that end in -ful change the spelling of the root word (particularly if it ends in a y), so beauty + ful = beautiful and mercy + ful = merciful.

3. **-less**. An ending of -less means without. So meaningless means without meaning and careless means without care.

4. **Re-**. Re- at the beginning of a word means again. So reread means read again and repaint means paint again.

5. **Semi-**. Semi- as a prefix means half or part. So semicircle means half a circle and semi-permanent means partly permanent.

GREAT READS

♦ **Mates**: Thorpey, by Ruth Starke. Thorpey is a Comet fish who should be swimming around very fast, but he is floating upside down. What’s wrong? Does he have tummy trouble? Easy-to-read and lots of fun. Suggested for readers aged 7+.

♦ **Dinosaur Knights**, by Michael Gerard Bauer. A scientist in the future is trying to bring a living dinosaur back to the present, but the dinosaur is stranded in the Middle Ages. There a boy desperate to be a knight must face his fears and do battle. Suggested for readers aged 10+.
Proposal One: Year 3-7 FR weekly shopping visit
Proposal: As part of the maths program, students walk to the shop and buy items needed for cooking on the following day. Thursday lunch is provided in the cost.
Benefits: Hands on maths and literacy experience, including money skills, budgeting and portion sizes.
Cost: $4
Date: Wednesday each week – on going.
Proposer: F Ryan / D Daulby

Proposal Two: Year 1/2 Chu, KJ, JvG/SC class excursion
Proposal: Travel to Adelaide for excursion, either Maritime Museum or Snowdome, Museum, Central Market, or combination of above.
Benefits: Children travel to Adelaide by bus and experience the education program offered by the venues.
Requirements from home: Packed lunch, recess, snack and drinks. Students to wear school uniform.
Cost: Max $15.
Date: Week 5 or 6.
Proposer: J van Galen for others / D Daulby

Proposal Three: Nunga Little Athletics
Proposal: Nunga Little Athletics Day is an opportunity for Aboriginal children and youth to get together and have a go at various athletic track and field events. Held at Santos Stadium.
Benefits: Interaction with other Aboriginal children and youth from around the state. Opportunity to participate in Athletics Day.
Requirements from home: Drinks, snacks, running shoes and appropriate sports wear for the day.
Cost: $5 if travelling on the bus.
Date: Friday 27th November, Week 7.
Proposer: S Rankine / D Daulby

Proposal Four: Year 8/9 Knockout Softball
Requirements from home: Uniform and food.
Date: Monday 2nd November, Week 4.
Proposer: R Stutley / D Richardson

Proposal Five: Reception & R-1 Excursion to Maritime Museum
Proposal: Visit to Maritime Museum. Links in the Curriculum activities.
Requirements from home: Recess, lunch, hat, drink, coat if likely to rain.
Cost: $15 – 20
Date: Wednesday 11th November, Week 5.
Proposer: L Hettner / S Hier / L Camporeale / B Drechsler

Proposal Six: Year 11/12 Formal at Seagate Bistro
Date: Thursday 3rd December, Week 8.
Proposer: F Anderson / B Schmidt

Proposal Seven: Semester 2 Music Concert
Proposal: Annual event to showcase our school’s music programs – guitar, drums, keyboard, and woodwind. Held in the school gym, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Date: Thursday 26th November, Week 7.
Proposer: V Ivens / B Schmidt

Proposal Eight: Year 9 Parents Night
Proposal: Parents night for all parents of students going from Year 9 to 10. Subject selection, the PLP, parents as Career Partners (run by Jaenette Hirschhausen LCP).
Date: Wednesday 28th October, Week 3.
Proposer: V Ivens / B Schmidt

Proposal Nine: Year 7 Camp change of dates
Proposal: Change of dates due to plane flight expenses, original dates were Wednesday – Friday, Week 8.
Date: Monday 30th November – Wednesday 2nd December, Week 8.
Proposer: S Hackett / B Schmidt

The following proposal was approved by the Principal:
1. Year 8 Knockout Basketball – Held at Kadina Rec. Centre. Wednesday 14th October.

The following proposal was approved at the phone meeting held Monday 21st September
2. 5-a-side Soccer – Carnival at Maitland. Wednesday 11th November, Week 5.
3. Blue Light Social – Years 6-12 students. $5 admission. Thursday 12th November, Week 5.

TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

CONTACT 1800 500 501
E-mail scceaust@scce.com.au
www.scce.com.au
Update 11

The Reading Challenge is closed for another year.

Congratulations to the 199 Moonta Area School students who not only read at least 12 books over the last 8 months but also recorded them and handed in their sheet.

The following students just made the deadline late last term. Well done to...

SH/AS – Harrison Hatcher
CH – Sarah Anderson, Rhett Matthews, John Stone
SP – Mark Francis, Ashlyn Paulson, Lochlan Appleton, Skye Watson
CB – Bayden Cross
AKi – Kayla McCulloch, Zac Moore
MH – Nikki Alford, Jake Cunningham, Amber Trott, Jasmine Elvin
SHA – Kashia Vaughan, Sarah Hutchinson
RS – Sarah Moss

Certificates and medals will be awarded at our next school assembly. In the meantime look out for some new books to read. You don’t have to select from the PRC range till next year.

Plenty on the shelves in the library, from Mrs Stringer and Mr Steele.

Library Membership – It’s easy to join, there’s no cost and you get access to a huge range of resources including books, newspapers, magazines and DVDs. Call in while you are waiting to collect your children. The library is open Tuesday to Friday and Sunday afternoon.

For Parents of Teenagers – The parenting section of our library has a few new titles that have proved very popular with teenagers and their parents. ‘Guy Talk’ and ‘Girl Talk’ both by Sharon Witt are suitable for teenagers to read for themselves or to share with parents. They cover topics such as friendships, self esteem, puberty and body image in an easy to read format with great pictures and diagrams.

These two titles are available to borrow and are currently on display in the special ‘Parent’ area of our library along with several other titles around the parenting teenagers theme. These include the very popular ‘Raising Real People – Creating a Resilient Family’ by Andrew Fuller and ‘Adolescence – a Guide for Parents’ by Michael Carr-Greg. In the news at the moment there is a lot of talk about sexualizing children and we have a book on this topic as well – ‘So Sexy So Soon – The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can do to Protect Their Kids’.

Links to Literacy – Each newsletter this article brings great tips for developing literacy skills with your child. The books mentioned as great reads are also available for borrowing. Those mentioned in the current newsletter are on display in the ‘Parent’ area.

Call in and see us, Tricia, Dave, Janet, Janine and Jane.

Competition Results

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE COMPETITION
Earlier this year, students competed in the Australian Science Competition.
Credit: Baden Northey
Participation: Georgia Skinner

AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH COMPETITION
Earlier this year, students competed in the Australian English Competition.
Participation: Adele Andrew, Damien Silvestri

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
Earlier this year, students competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition.
Distinction: Josh Ritter
Credit: Jake Cunningham, Damien Silvestri

Some excellent results were achieved and congratulations go to those students. Certificates were presented at the last school assembly, Thursday 24th September (week 10).

Safety Spot

Hey it’s Jaymee and Alec again with another Safety Spot.
What do you do when you change your clocks over to daylight savings time?
CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE ALARM!
Batteries should be replaced every six months, so changing over to daylight saving time is ideal time to remember to also replace smoke alarm batteries.
And don’t forget... all smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years.

‘So Sexy So Soon – The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can do to Protect Their Kids’
Canteen Volunteers Term 4

A letter was sent out last term regarding Volunteers in the Canteen for Term 4. Unfortunately not all letters got home, so we have not put all families on the roster that didn’t respond.

Thankyou so much to those that did reply. Those that can work have been put onto the roster. If you can’t do the shift you have been put on please ring the school and let us know.

If you didn’t respond or receive the letter and can volunteer some of your time, could you please ring Tracy (canteen Supervisor) at the school to let her know.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Public Notices

Make a Wish Australia – I wish to be 10 years younger’ Hair and Fashion Spectacular. Saturday 17th October at 7 p.m. Wallaroo Tow Hall. Fashion Parade. Girls Night Out! To book tickets, contact Mignon Chapman 0408 859 055 or e-mail mignon@chl.yorke.net.au

In2 Cricket – Coordinator: Ian Ravenscroft, Assisted by Don Beitz and Tim Dowell. 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.

Are you looking to study in 2010? Are you interested in Working with Children, Youth, Community Services Work? Come along to a FREE information session at TAFESA Kadina Campus Room 7 20th October from 6.30pm onwards Contact Gisela on 88210417 and Larissa on 88210421

Moonta Junior Footy/Cricket Committee AGM – Wednesday 28th October 2009. 7 p.m. in the clubrooms. All Parents of players need to attend to form the new committee. No committee no teams.

Canteen Roster

Canteen Roster Term 4 2009

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Thursday 15/10/09

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Road Crossing Monitors

Term 4, Week 2

Gemma Tripodi; Emma Hackett
Hollie Ravenscroft

Term 4, Week 3

Chloe Vonderwall; Bianca Feroli
Amber Sharpe
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In Term 4 our Active After School Communities program will be holding 2 sessions per week. On Monday nights will be **Tennis Games R-7 beginning Week 2, 19/10/09** and on Wednesday nights will be **T-Ball Games R-7 beginning Week 2, 21/10/09.** *Please note starting dates for each session.*

Please find your enrolment form for activities below and tick or number your preferences. If your child has participated this year you will not need to complete a medical consent form. If your child has not participated they will need to collect this form from the front office and return with their enrolment form. As both are popular I encourage you to return your form asap.

**Forms to be returned asap for processing.**
*Please be sure to tick your choice of session.*
- Session times are from 3.00 - 4.15.pm. This includes a 15 min healthy snack before an hour of activity.
- Children are to be collected promptly from the Gym.

If you have more than 1 child and they choose to enrol for different sessions please write their name next to the corresponding box. A note will be sent home to inform you if your child has been successful in gaining a place in the program.

Regular attendance is required to ensure your child / children’s place in the program.

Lisa Daddow

**Term 4 Active After-School Sessions**

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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 front office.

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

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

**Day:** Monday  **Sport:** Tennis Games  **R-7**  
**Day:** Wednesday  **Sport:** T-Ball Games  **R-7**

Places are limited. Please return forms as soon as possible to Front Office for processing.
**Term 3 Casual Day**

**Tuesday 22nd September, Week 10**

**Theme: Sport**

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**Calendar**

**Week 1**
- **Wednesday 14th October**
  7:30 p.m. Governing Council
- **Friday 16th October**
  SAPSASA Athletics

**Week 2**
- **Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st October**
  Year 5/6 CB/MP/FR Camp – Arbury Park
- **Monday 19th October**
  5 p.m. DMC

**Week 3**
- **Tuesday 27th October**
  Cyber Safety – Years 4-7
  6:30 p.m. Parent Club meeting
- **Friday 30th October**
  Pupil Free Day

**Week 4**
- **Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November**
  Cricket / Tennis State Carnival
- **Monday 2nd November**
  School Crossing Training
  Year 10 Driver Ed
  5 p.m. DMC
- **Wednesday 4th November**
  7:30 p.m. Governing Council
- **Thursday 5th November**
  3:15 p.m. Finance Committee