This edition of MAS Media has been edited to reduce the size due to website restrictions. Please contact the school if you would like an original copy sent.
School Music Concert Thursday 26th November
Tomorrow night, starting at 7 p.m. we will be holding the second of our student music concerts for the year. Students who have undergone tuition throughout the year from Vince Ivens, Rob Martin, Andrea Roberts and Michelle Gisecke get another chance to show their talents in the public arena. Our School Choir will also be performing under Mr Frank Camporeale for the last time. We invite not only these student families and friends but all of the school community to come along, support these students and enjoy a great entertaining night out.

Family Night & Prize Presentation Assembly Wednesday 9th November
A reminder that these two very important end of year school functions are coming up.
The Prize Presentation Assembly will be held in the school gym on Wednesday 9th November at 9 a.m. This assembly acknowledges and highlights the achievements of our students in a public way and we invite all members of the Moonta School Community to attend.
Later that evening, starting at 5 p.m. our Family Night will be held. This is a casual fun night where families can sit and watch a variety of acts by students. There will be food and drink available on the night. It would be great to see you there.

Smoking Near School Gates
I have received a number of reports of parents smoking right next to the school gates. This is a concern for many parents, students and staff and we ask all smokers if they could please move further away from this area at the end and start of the school day. I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Catastrophic (Code Red) Days
Last Thursday was possibly our first declared Catastrophic (Code Red) day. Thankfully this did not eventuate but it did mean the school had to go through the new processes when these days occur. These are:
▶ We will provide written notification to parents that there is a possibility that the school may have to close. Hopefully this can occur 2 days prior.
▶ After receiving official notification that the day has been declared Catastrophic, we will text all parents the evening before after 4 p.m. We will update the school website to indicate school closure.
▶ Signs will be placed outside of the school early on the morning that is declared Catastrophic.

DECS is also reviewing its processes and we will notify you if anything should change from the above arrangements. If you have any concerns regarding this or suggestions to improve our methods of communication, please let us know.

Changes to Youth Allowance – Youth Compact
From January next year, youth aged from 15 to 19 will no longer be able to get the Youth Allowance unless they have completed Year 12 or Certificate II or are in education and/or training leading to that attainment. This is part of the Federal Government’s push to ensure young people are engaged and are either learning or earning.
As a school, it is critical that every one of our students moves through our school to a successful outcome. We can do that in many and varied ways and we are increasing the time spent, time case managing senior students through this process.
Youth Compact is a funded training or education place for young people from the ages of 15-24 that has been introduced to support students’ access to training. This can only be accessed by being at school or enrolled in TAFE. So it is even more critical that students remain at school or move to training.
I encourage anyone who knows of students in this age group, who are not in education or training, to let them know that they will need to re-enrol at school or enrol in other Registered Training courses. This is a requirement to be able to receive their Youth Allowance from January next year.

Premier’s Be-Active Challenge
We received a congratulatory letter thanking us for our involvement once again in this challenge. Being active and recording results for at least 10 weeks is a great accomplishment and I want to acknowledge the commitment of students and staff in achieving this. Students benefit in many ways from maintaining an active lifestyle and we hope to continue this in 2010.

This week’s picture of Mr Angus was drawn by Lisa Cooper, Mrs Westbrook’s Homegroup.
Moonta Area School

End of Year Music Concert

Thursday 26th November
7 p.m. in the School Gym

All are welcome to come along and hear the great talent of our drummers, guitarists, woodwind and keyboard players.

Something for everyone from AC/DC to the Classics.

Moonta Area School

Family Night

Wednesday 9th December
5 p.m. on School Oval

- Performances
- Barbeque
- Icecream
- Drinks
- Canteen open
- Father Christmas
- Raffles
- Activities for the Kids

All welcome

PYJAMA DAY 2009!

On Friday 27th November, Week 7 we are having a pyjama day!

You can come dressed in your pyjamas or wear casual clothes. No thongs please!

It is a gold coin donation and all the money raised is going to Student Voice.

Please wear sun smart clothes because we are a sun smart school!

2009 School Magazine – last chance to order:
Friday 27th November, Week 7

2009 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER FORM - $15.00 (INC GST)

Name: _______________________________________________ Class: ____________________

If you are a community member, please write down your contact number: _____________________

We will ring you when the magazine is ready for collection.

I would like to order _____ copies of the 2009 School Magazine. Enclosed is $_______

Signed: ________________________________
After extensive review, 2010 will see several changes to daily school structures. The senior school 4 day week will revert back to a more traditional 5 day week, with no early or late lessons and all subjects will have 1 single and 2 doubles.

There have been many reasons for this change. Some include:

- All staff available to attend staff meetings, currently this is not possible.
- Meetings after school, we have Year 11/12 teachers coming straight from classes to meetings or are cutting teaching time from students so they can attend meetings.
- Students with increased school based apprenticeships, TAFE and VET course are using different days of the week to do this.
- We have students each year who are unable to get to morning lessons and parents are inconvenienced getting students to school. This has been a issue each of the last two years with parents.
- Current system has Year 11 students having ‘study’ or ‘free’ lessons. This has supervision issue, especially early on in the year. A 6 line timetable over 5 days means all Year 11’s will be fully programmed.
- New SACE will mean that Year 12 students in 2011 will only need to study between 3.5 to 4.5 lines, meaning they will have up to 12 lessons off.
- Monday single lessons to allow for loss of up to 5 Mondays through the year.
- Allow for solid blocks of work, minimal disruption, extended time on task.
- Times fit in with neighbouring schools to facilitate improved access to wider school curriculum options for MAS students. With a small high school component, our offerings are limited. We need to look at the big picture to provide maximum choice for our students or risk losing them which will further exacerbate the problem.
- Could allow our staff to be teaching between 2 DECS sites.
- Allows for IT delivery of subjects between schools.
- Currently Year 11’s come and go at different times, making Home Group tasks extremely difficult to manage.

Whilst starting and finishing time will remain the same, there has been a slight change to the time of recess and lunch, to fit in with this new structure.

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# Year 3/4 DJ/AK/SP Camp to Warrawong Sanctuary

## Positive

| ☺ Talking to the animals |
| ☺ Scaring Mrs P with a spider |
| ☺ Participating in the animal show |
| ☺ Learning about skulls and scats |
| ☺ Considerate, caring people |
| ☺ Inventing animals using gumnuts |
| ☺ Climbing the rocking horse |
| ☺ Learning new facts from JN’s book at 6:00am |
| ☺ Seeing the peacock dancing |
| ☺ Wandering through 5 different habitats |
| ☺ Dylan’s birthday – singing & cake |
| ☺ Seeing the elusive platypus |
| ☺ Catching micro-invertebrates in the lake |
| ☺ Carpet python on legs |
| ☺ Going on a night walk |
| ☺ Going shopping |
| ☺ Talking to cockatoos |
| ☺ Touring the toy factory |

## Interesting

| ◇ Factory tour |
| ◇ Animals show & facts about animals |
| ◇ Habitat walk & Wet land study |
| ◇ Moths in the shower |
| ◇ Tricky but fun quiz |
| ◇ Visitors like platypuses. The best! |
| ◇ Art work using variety of gumnuts |
| ◇ Peacock shaking his feathers |
| ◇ White kangaroo |
| ◇ Secret life of plants |
| ◇ Fire skirts on trees |
| ◇ Skulls & scats activities |
| ◇ Using the microscopes |
| ◇ View from on top of the rocking horse |
| ◇ Rain forest habitat |
| ◇ Snake on people’s legs |
| ◇ Successful breeding of platypus |
| ◇ No antivenom for bees |
| ◇ Feral fence system |
| ◇ Meaning of Warrawong |

## Minus

| ☹ Not enough time |
| ☹ Headaches / Heat stress / Bus sick |
| ☹ Laughter / sleep talkers |
| ☹ Up too early in the morning |
| ☹ Left my stuff under the bus |
| ☹ Itchy bus seats |
| ☹ Poorly designed space for ball games |
| ☹ Biting Peacocks – ask Bob! |
Japanese ぜん

I like to spend time playing with the model of the zen ぜん garden in Japanese lessons. It is very calming and I can make lots of patterns with the fine sand and rocks.

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Canteen News

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is closed from Thursday 24/12/09 and will reopen on Wednesday 27/1/10.

If you have a Dental Emergency during this time

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The year 12 art show this year was amazing!!
Some of the work I saw gave me ideas for my own work.
Tom Ackland.

Kameron

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Year 10 Business Week

The Year 10’s are currently involved in Business Week after having completed all assessment tasks and exams. Judging of the 3 businesses will take place this Friday and details will appear in the next newsletter.

Year 12 Exams

School officially finished for Year 12’s last Friday, 20\textsuperscript{th} November. All assessment tasks have been completed and marked by teachers. The SACE Board exams, which began for our school on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} November and finished on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} November are currently being assessed by markers around the state. All work due for moderation in Adelaide has been collected by the courier and is also currently being assessed. The final Year 12 results will be posted and should be received by students prior to Christmas. The final date has not yet been released.

The Year 11’s have also completed school exams and have now officially finished for the year.

The Year 11 and 12 Graduation Dinner will take place on Thursday 3rd December at the Seagate Bistro. Photos will commence at 5:30 p.m.

The final function for all Senior School students will be the Awards Assembly on Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} December. All students are expected to attend.
Site Improvement Plan

We are currently reviewing our progress towards our 2009 targets as specified in our Site Improvement Plan (SIP). As part of this process the SIP committee asked that we survey parents on their views. Below is a summary of the information received. We are currently putting our 2010 plans together and will present these to the SIP committee early next year for ratification before they go to Governing Council for approval.

STUDENT / PARENT SURVEY

1. **What do you see as the strengths of Moonta Area School?**
   - Teacher/student strong, positive relationships
   - Camps, excursion, visiting performers
   - Community / school / student working and consulting relationships
   - Year 8 PE: Badminton and Volleyball. It was fun and good too
   - Practise different sports that we usually play
   - The library. It has a good range of books
   - Ms B, a great teacher
   - The school crossing
   - The Teachers
   - Friendly front office staff
   - Professional staff – caring and hard working
   - Engaging and interesting curriculum
   - Extending students strengths (year 8 maths)
   - Good facilities
   - Make accommodations to fit learning needs
   - Concert ending year
   - Student voice
   - Hat policy
   - Class sizes
   - Harassment in MAS dealt with very efficiently
   - Elective / music program
   - Great gym
   - Calendar on Newsletter
   - Reporting – mid term reports
   - Committed to providing an excellent education for children, wide variety of subjects offered, making learning fun, great communication on school projects
   - Moral of the teaching staff
   - Attendance procedures
   - The safety for the younger children
   - Grounds
   - 4-day a week – Wednesday for study/work day

2. **If you could change anything at Moonta Area School, what would you change? Why?**
   - Maths programme in the Middle School – I would eliminate the computer maths and introduce a maths programme that meets all learning styles
   - Written mid term reports and replace them with oral interviews like the primary for years 8 and 9
   - The computers because they are slow
   - Sports equipment needs to be in the classroom
   - Classrooms are small and need to be bigger
   - The desks are small and need to be bigger
   - Nothing
   - Newsletter – too long and lots of irrelevant information
   - A more diverse PE curriculum
   - Better lockers – larger fit in bag and books in better
   - Kids changing tops for PE
   - Offer out of school care. New to area with no family, it would make my life a lot easier whilst trying to return to work
   - I have never had a problem with the school. The kids have always had great teachers and a great relationship with them. The kids have always loved going to school which makes it easier
   - Fiona Ryan’s class have more photos taken and put into the MAS media so we can learn about what they have learned
   - The high school further away from younger children – as I don’t think they are a good role model for our younger children
   - Would prefer a 5-day week for years 11/12 – 4-day week not working for my child as she lacks motivation
   - Early morning and late finish times – bring back 5-days a week
   - Offer whole class music and drama lessons – possibly offer these as splits in middle school

3. **If you were going to take Moonta Area School to a higher level of achievement and student success, what would you focus on?**
   - Creating and maintaining a positive student staff relationship
   - Setting high standards of academic achievement
   - Middle school maths – we need to be taught more
   - More science subject choices in year 8 and 9
   - English and literacy – it needs to be taught more often and the curriculum needs to be interesting and motivating
   - SOSE-taught more often
   - Specific targeted intervention not just SSO support – grouping students to target a specific program – seems a lot in early years but not much in MP or Secondary
   - Secondary school options – offering subjects based on kids choices rather than teaching personnel
   - Swap Japanese lessons for PE to focus more on health, fighting obesity rather than speaking another language
   - Very pleased with current status
   - A higher level of student achievement / successes – keep teachers up to date with staff T&D
   - A special needs classroom starting from Reception
   - Personal development of students to decrease bullying at all age levels. Teaching old fashioned values of respect for each other and yourself
   - Not only having special programs for the kids who need extra help but have extension programs for the kids who can and need to be challenged to learn more about a topic/subject

4. **Any other comments?**
   - A yard clean up regularly
   - Lateness need to be addressed
   - Kids hanging around Foodland at 8:45 sets a bad image and sends the wrong message to the community
   - Regular updates how meeting SLP targets
   - I will say that the kids have mentioned that the teachers need to concentrate on all students in the class rather than the students that are struggling
   - More teaching staff especially for ones that need it
   - The school is pretty good now
Reading Tips for the Holidays

- Make time for reading. The holidays are a great time for traditional Christmas stories and Australian writers.
- Let children read the recipes while you cook holiday treats. Teach them to read measurements and measure out ingredients.
- Make up silly holiday rhymes and word games. Learn songs to sing together in the car.
- Let children read holiday cards to you so they learn to decipher handwriting, and help them make their own cards and write messages in them.
- Create a ‘book nook’, a special place for a stock of holiday books and magazines.
- Insist on handwritten thank-you notes for gifts, staying at someone’s house or a treat.
- Visit the community library every week during the holidays and keep a stock of books to read alone or read aloud.
- Have a special reading time when the TV is turned off, and the whole family enjoys reading.
- Look closely at illustrations with your children and ask them to describe what they can see. Talk about colours, perspective, the artist’s point of view.
- When you are reading aloud, bring the story alive by using your voice as dramatically as you can. Ask the children to make sounds like the wind howling, dogs barking etc.
- Read aloud to older children too and expose them to language, ideas, and adventures beyond their own reading skills.
- Sometimes, stop and ask what the children think will happen next.
- Relate the story to children’s own experiences. Ask them if they have ever felt the way the character feels.
- Read the same book over and over again, even if it drives you mad. Children love the repetition and can learn a story by heart and then progress to finding words on the page.
- Select a variety of books. Stories come first but find books about interests, or start new interests together. Read about different countries and cultures. Read poetry together and learn some simple verses by heart.
- Find books about big events in children’s lives like grandparents coming to stay, a new baby, starting school or going to a new place. Discuss any hopes and fears they relate to.
- Make a yearbook for the summer with stories, photos, artefacts and captions. Involve the whole family. Keep the yearbooks in the family archive to enjoy in future years.
**DMC Proposals**

**Proposal One: Year 6/7 Graduation**
*Proposal:* Graduation at the football club has already been approved. We would just like to change the date to Tuesday 8th December, instead of Monday 7th.
*Date:* Tuesday 8th December, Week 9.
*Proposer:* C Balnaves / Graduation Committee / M Pope

**Proposal Two: Mrs Hutchins and Miss Johnson's classes After school social event**
*Proposal:* Since classes missed out on their excursion to Port Adelaide and the social interactions, we would like to replace it with a fun after school event. Play, snack, activities and movie. Canteen to provide after school 'afternoon tea'. Finish by 6:30 p.m. before Music Concert.
*Cost:* $3.10 – food, drink, activity consumable.
*Date:* Thursday 26th November, Week 7.
*Proposer:* C Hutchins / K Johnson / L Camporeale

**Proposal Three: Change to swimming program (R-7)**
*Proposal:* Swimming lessons changed for 2010 to the following:
- R-2: Term 4. (Total 5 lessons)
  - Week 8 – Thursday, Friday afternoons
  - Week 9 – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Mornings.
- Years 3-7: Term 4. (Total 10 lessons)
  - Week 7/8 – mornings

*Benefits:* Years 3 to 7 have a smooth start to the year – with less interruptions.
*Proposer:* D Daulby / D Angus

**Proposal Four: Casual Day, theme: PJs**
*Proposal:* R-12 have a casual day. Money raised goes towards running of Student Voice.
*Requirements from home:* Sun smart Casual Clothes, no thongs.
*Cost:* Gold coin donation.
*Date:* Friday 27th November, Week 7.

*Proposer:* E Hackett / M Pope

**Proposal Five: Cyber Safety presentations**
*Proposal:* Presentations be conducted for Years 5-7 students, staff and parents, by Cyber Safety Outreach, Australian Media Communication Centre.
*Benefits:* Cyber Safety is a section of the Child Protection Curriculum which is compulsory for all students.
*Date:* Tuesday 15th June, Term 2, Week 9.
*Proposer:* M Pope / D Daulby

The following proposals were approved at a phone meeting held Monday 16th November:
1. **Year 9 Camp** – Changing to one night.
   *Date:* Wednesday 2nd – Thursday 3rd December, Week 9.
2. **1/2 VG/SC Pizza Night** – Children remain at school and participate in craft activities, cooking own pizzas and watching a G rated movie. Parents pick children up at 8 p.m. Thursday 3rd December, Week 8.
3. **Volunteers Morning Tea** – Thursday 26th November, Week 7.
4. **Choir at Parkview** – Thursday 19th November, Week 6.
5. **Choir involved in School Concert** – Choir to perform a bracket of songs. *Requirements from home:* Coloured t-shirt, water. Thursday 26th November, Week 7 at 7 – 8:30 p.m. Be there by 6:45 p.m.

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**NEEDED for ART ROOM**
- Plastic ice-cream containers
- Lots and lots of meat trays!!!
- Yoghurt, margarine containers
- Old sheets and towels

If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave items at front office or drop in to the art room.

Thankyou Vicki Earles

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**School Clothing Pool**

See Jane every Wednesday
8.30 – 8.45am
Lots of school shirts, jumpers and dresses

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**Moonta Area School Online**

Do you miss the newsletter from time to time or lose your copy? Visit the school's website where the newsletter is stored every fortnight. You can view back copies for the year as well as the current edition. There are also other regular updates such as news events, student work and parent information.

Check out www.moontaas.sa.edu.au and be kept up to date.
Typing Books

The school has copies of typing books which are no longer used by students but which are still relevant for learning to type. We have the following titles. The books are on sale for $2 each.

- *Accuracy and Speed Development for Information Processing with 100 Timed Tests* by D. Napper
- *Practical Typewriting – a Career Course* by D. Napper
- *Challenge 100 Paced Keyboarding Practice Tests* by A. Stokes
- *Practical Typewriting for Information Processing* by D. Napper
- *Keyboard Text* by H. Rothenberg
- *Keyboard Tasks* by H. Rothenberg

If you're interested please call in to the library to have a look. Tricia Stringer

School Resources

All secondary students have received a list of school resources checked out to them. Monday next week all items will be overdue. Please help your children to have a good look at home. This is the time of year when things turn up in unexpected places!

Next week primary students will be given a list of any items still checked out to them. We hope to have everything back by the end of this week but by the end of Wk 8 at the latest.

Once students have a clear record their names will be entered in a lucky draw – prizes will be awarded to a boy and a girl when it is drawn next week.

Tax invoices for items not returned will be sent out with school reports.

Students can borrow during week 9 for holiday reading.

Best wishes and happy book hunting – the library team.

Balino School Sunglasses

If you would like to order a pair of sunglasses for your child, see Rachael at the front office. Available in three different colours and sizes. We have samples for you to try. Orders due by Wednesday 2nd December, Week 8.

Small – $6.50 incl GST
Medium – $7.00 incl GST
Large – $8.00 incl GST

Subway Lunches

Tuesday 8th December

- Ordering envelopes are available from class teachers on Monday 30th November
- All envelopes with money must be back to class teachers (not Front Office) by 9 a.m. Friday 4th December
- Please place correct money in the envelopes, as no change will be given.
  - The school Front office cannot give change.
- No orders can be taken on the day (Tuesday)
- If you miss Monday's school deadline you may take orders to Subway. direct on Monday only

Subway lunch day brought to you by the Student Voice Executive and R-5 Action Group

Radi8 Youth Christmas Break Up Party

Rob & the Radi8 Youth team would like to invite all those who have enjoyed coming to Radi8 Youth throughout the year to attend the special fun filled Radi8 Youth Christmas break up party. Radi8 Youth will recommence in the 2010 with a new fun filled program. The Christmas party will be held at the Moonta town hall at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on the 27th November. We will be playing games, winning prizes and have lots of party food!!! Don’t miss out on a great night that’s been put on just for YOU! We appreciate your support throughout the year and look forward to serving you in 2010.

North East School of Tennis

John Boddington, a Life member of Tennis Coaches Australia-SA and a qualified Tennis Australia Club professional coach will be conducting Tennis Coaching Vacation Clinics at Coobowie and Maitland in the 2010 January School holidays commencing January 11th at Coobowie and January 18th at Maitland. Further information and application forms are available at the School’s Front Office.
Like to be more involved in your child’s wellbeing and development?

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Well you can – it’s easy! We are currently in the very early stages of a project aimed at age specific needs for 4-6 year olds in conjunction with the Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Service and would love to hear from anyone interested in child development. We are specifically looking at the best ways to support the development of children aged 4-6. **Occupational Therapy** (OT) can provide support and advice for children who are having difficulties in their everyday living skills for a variety of reasons. At this stage we need to know what the most common issues for children needing OT services are.

If you are interested or would just like to know more, simply email offorkidsonyorke@gmail.com or leave a message on 0430 638 466 and let us know how to best contact you, any suggestions so far and if you are interested in being involved.

Caitlin Collins and Danielle Kelly (Occupational Therapy Students)

Public Notices

**Summer School Dresses** – YP Uniforms and Promo Products. Please order now, samples here for sizing. Minimum of 20 required to order. NO orders taken after 11th December 2009. Order will be placed on this date. Delivery late January. 65 George St, Moonta. Phone: 88 252 824, Mobile: 0418 853 207.

Moonta Uniting Church – School Holiday Program ‘Kid’s Club’ Thursday 17th, 24th and 31st December 2009. 10 a.m. to noon. Meeting in the Church Hall (the Church in the square). Cost $2 per child. We will be having drinks and snacks, playing games, singing songs, having a Devotional and craft time but most importantly we will be having fun making new friends while learning a little about ‘the Bible’. Thursday 24th December will be an open Birthday Party for all. Cost will be a gold coin donation, to be given to Christmas Bowl as our gift to Jesus to help others. Kids Club is open to ALL school age children. For further information please contact Carole Perkins on 88 252 674.

APP A – Scholastic Links to Literacy #11

**LITERACY-BUILDING TIPS**

**All readers**

Providing literacy opportunities at home helps your child to continue to develop their vocabulary, reading and writing skills.

1. **Fill your home with reading.** Whether it is another title from a favourite series, sports magazines or pages, or comic books, any kind of daily reading is good for your children.

2. **Play writing games together.** Save the kids’ crosswords, word-searches, anagrams or cryptograms from newspapers or magazines. They are great for building vocabulary and stretching thinking skills.

3. **Read and do.** Provide cookbooks, ‘how-to’ books and other activity books and ask your children to follow the instructions and cook or make something.

4. **Turn off the TV.** Set aside time to do family literacy things together — play board games, tell stories or jokes, present concerts or just sit on the couch and read together.

5. **Choose a different book.** Challenge your children to go to a library or book shop and choose a book that interests them but is different to the books they usually read.

**GREAT READS**

- **Mbobo Tree**, by Glenda Millard, illustrated by Annie White. A beautifully illustrated, touching fable from an award-winning author. The magical and mysterious story of a little girl, found under a tree as a baby, who saves her villages — and the villagers’ lifegiving tree — through her bravery. Suggested for readers aged 4+ (or as a read-aloud).

- **Monster Blood Tattoo: Foundling** (#1) and **Lamplighter** (#2) by D.M. Cornish. Set in the completely original fantasy world of the Half-Continent of predatory monsters, chemical potions and some surgically altered people, the first two titles in this trilogy grab readers from the first sentence. Written and illustrated by a South Australian author and soon to be made into a movie. Suggested for confident readers aged 10+.
Week 7

Thursday 26th November
Volunteers Morning Tea
7 – 8:30 p.m. Music Concert in the gym

Friday 27th November
R-6 RE
Nunga Little Athletics

Week 8

Monday 30th November –
Thursday 3rd December
Year 8 Port Vincent Camp
Year 10 Stenhouse Bay Camp

Monday 30th November –
Wednesday 2nd December
Year 7 Melbourne Camp

Monday 30th November
5 p.m. DMC

Wednesday 2nd – Thursday 3rd December
Year 9 Adelaide Camp

Calendar

Wednesday 2nd December
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

Thursday 3rd December
Year 1/2 VG/SC Pizza Night
Year 11/12 Formal at Seagate Bistro

Week 9

Monday 7th December
Year 6/7 Graduation

Wednesday 9th December
End of Year Assembly
Family Night

Thursday 10th December
R-11 Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 11th December
2 p.m. Dismissal