Farewell Japanese students

It was a sad day, when all of our Japanese visitors had to leave after their 2 week stay. It always amazes me how students from such a different culture to ours, in a short period of time form such emotional attachments to their host students and families. I am sure many long standing friendships will form out of this visit.

It is a real learning experience for not just the host students and their families but also for all the Moonta students who connected with our Japanese visitors. I already look forward to our next cultural exchange visit happening in 2011, and encourage students and families to become hosts, as it is a truly one off family experience. Take the chance to talk to one of our host families and gain an insight to the activities and also the positives to opening up your home to a student from another culture.

I must thank Tricia Stringer, Janine Bennett and all the other Moonta Area staff for their time, effort, expertise, patience and passion in bringing about this host exchange. All activities were well coordinated and went off with out any disruption to the normal school program. I also thank all the host families who willingly gave up their time and opened up their house to our visitors. We could not have done this without you. Thank you very much.
From the Principal's Desk

Staffing news
Laura Camporeale will be taking leave for the remainder of this term. We wish her well and hope she enjoys her time away. Her Intervention and Support Coordinator position will be taken up by Mrs Sonia Perkins who will come out of her Year R-1 class from weeks 6 to 10 of this term. Sonia’s replacement will be Ms Tania Bell. We welcome her to the school and we are sure she will enjoy her 5 weeks at Moonta Area School.

Bullying and Harassment
It is every child’s right to come to school to learn and be free of harassment or bullying. It is a right I take very seriously and we have inclusive and affective polices to deal with those involved in bullying or harassment. However our procedures can only work if we are aware of the problem, and students/parents are willing to report it to us. If your child comes home and say they are being bullied or harassed, we want to know about it. Please speak to child’s Home Group teacher, or contact their relevant Coordinator, Middle School Daniel Richardson, Senior School Meredith Westbrook, school counsellor or member of administration. It is up to all of us to ensure that Moonta Area School is as bully and harassment free as we can make it.

Car park
We remind parents using the kindy car park that you are not allowed to park and leave your car parked in the drop off zone. Our car parking is an ongoing issue and we are working hard with the governing council, and the local council toward a long term permanent solution. In the mean time, we need your support by doing the right thing. .

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IN THE DROP OFF ZONE BY THE KINDY

SSO Week
Next 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 in in thanking these staff during this PSA national recognition Week. We’d be lost without them

Parent Opinion Survey
A reminder to the 100 families that received a parent opinion survey, to try and complete it asap. If you need a hard copy they are available from the school.

We thank those who have already completed them, as we value highly parents’ feedback on all aspects of the school.

How to give your child success
“Children in middle class families are estimated to have experienced some 100 hours of being read to when they enter school, compared with 25 hours of reading time provided in low income families” Neuman 1999 Finding time to regularly read a book together can make sure your child is ready to read and more successful at school. Come and visit the school library and borrow books together, read a recipe or TV guide, read signs in the cars, on shops in the magazines. Talk about reading and books. Get them to read off the internet or print out and read. For older children get them to read out aloud to you on a regular basis, or when grandparents, uncles and aunties come over. Any or all of these things will make a difference not only to your child’s literacy but also numeracy and most other areas of study.

Illness
This time of year can be challenging in that many of our school community come down with illness. Of course this year we have swine flu as well to worry about. I sent a letter home last week indicating that we have some of our students diagnosed with swine flu and the necessary precautions we need to take to try and reduce the risk of it spreading. We are starting to see the number of students and staff suffering from illness increasing. This has seen us having to split classes, as we have been, on several occasions, unable to replace that teacher with a temporary relieving teacher (TRT). This time of year often sees a shortage due to the number of teaching staff away due to illness across the peninsula.

Leaving the area or know of families moving in
We are starting to look at our classes and staffing for 2011. To allow us to do this as accurately as possible and avoid class changes at the start of the year we need to know our enrolments at all year levels. If you are planning to leave the area or you know of families that are planning to attend Moonta Area School we would be most grateful if you could let us know.
This week is officially **National Science Week**. It kicked off in South Australia with the South Australian Science Excellence Awards which I was fortunate to be able to attend. They have six award categories including the scientist of the year and the science educator of the year. I was there in support of a local Kadina teacher, Chris Chapman, who was one of the 3 finalists. It was amazing to see what is happening in Science and all of the job opportunities available for the younger generations. Very pleasing was the increasing number of females represented in all award categories.

**Primary Science**

The South Australian Government has recognised the importance of science education and the need to provide a relevant curriculum. They have endorsed the Primary Connections Program which was produced by the Australian Academy of Science. This program is a series of units of work that have a specific literacy component. The government has provided training days for all primary staff over the next two years. Here at Moonta, we are well under way with training and resources.

The program aligns with the Australian Curriculum that will be introduced next year. It is recommended that year 3-7 students receive 120 minutes, year 3 receive 90 minutes and year R-2 receive up to 90 minutes science education weekly.

**Teaching methodology in Primary Schools**

Primary School Science education is going through a transformation. In my primary days it was a demonstration lesson by the teacher followed by notes to copy from the board. Gradually a more hands on approach developed, where students followed instructions to perform an experiment. Now they are required to develop reasoning skills. They need skills to: question, make predictions, hypothesise, set up fair tests, observe carefully, measure results accurately, analyse data and provide evidence to support an argument.

**Science week at Moonta**

We are celebrating Science week during week 5, 6 and 7 to coincide with Children’s Book Week in week 7. The theme for Book week is, ‘Across the Story Bridge.’ This works well as a science focus and classes will be involved in bridge building activities. Students from year 3-6 will be studying wind and wind power. They will learn what causes wind through a series of investigations. They will measure wind speed and velocity with self constructed instruments and will design blades to construct a working model of a wind turbine.

Two classes will visit the new Waterloo Wind Farm on Monday this week.

**Science argument – Flynn Cockshell, Year 3**

Question- What happens when air is heated?

When air is heated it expands and it rises.

When I put a bottle with a balloon on top in hot water the balloon blew up.

When I lit a teabag on fire it rose in the air.

It rises because, when you put the bottle in hot water the air expands and when you put it in cold water it contracts. When air is heated the molecules get excited and they spread out and become lighter.

Kerry Crosby
Middle school students at Moonta area school were fortunate to have an overseas visitor come to the school in early August and run a series of workshops entitled ‘The foundations of acting.’

Arranged through Yorke Youth Services in Kadina, Eva Butterly, a 19 year old drama student from a city centre college in Dublin, Ireland, presented her workshops over three afternoons to a very appreciative group of 21 students from years 7, 8 and 9.

Eva hoped through her workshops to develop creativity, build confidence and self esteem, develop the powers of observation and imagination and above all to introduce the participants to drama and theatre within a fun and creative environment.

Eva’s high energy program introduced the students to improvisation, abstract movement and mime and was based on observation, trust, concentration, teamwork and energy.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive indicating that Eva achieved her objectives. Comments from students included such statements as: ‘you’re a wicked actor,’ (Billie) ‘I liked the drama workshop because it was fun and made me more confident and comfortable about myself,’ (Maddie) and ‘the highlight of my week has been the drama activities we have done with Eva. Eva has inspired me to get into an acting career.’ (Gemma)

We are all looking forward to Eva’s return on her summer break next year.
The Reading Challenge will close of at the end of week 7 this year. So far around 230 students have completed the challenge which is a great effort. Don’t forget that once we hit 250 a movie will be shown to all who have handed in their sheets. There are still a couple of weeks to go so urge your classmates to finish their reading sheets and hand it in to the library – 20 more to go!

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge

Mrs. Strauss – Scott: Lenny Buttle, Caitlin Parmiter, Nikki O’Brien, Sam Barrett, Calen Buchanan-Sully
Mrs. Hackett: Kate Stewart
Mr. Hall: Rachael Clarke, Sam Crocker
Mrs. Hancock: Isabelle Glasgow, Hollie Ravenscroft
Mrs. Van Galen: Jorja Connor, Brayden Dunn
Mr. Camporeale: Kiara van Rooy, Nicole Collaton, Connor Mullholland
Mr. Hall: Scott Francis, Jordan Porteous
Ms Balnaves: Mikai Prohaska
Mrs. Keleher: Lloyd Hobbs
Ms. Shepard: Oscar Hayhurst

Well done to Lily Steele, Aleisha Mann, Seth Osborn, Dale Jones, Mikaela Dunn, Amber Woods, Kira Gibbons, Kyan Johns, and Harrison Hatcher for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s voucher from Moonta Newsagency goes to Hollie Ravenscroft.

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**Year 7 Camp Fundraisers**

**Coffin Bay Oysters**

Would you like some fresh oysters?

Catch up with any Year 7 student or place an order at the front office.

$8 per doz (GST free). Payment due by 31st August. Delivery to the school Friday 3rd September (week 7). See Sally Hackett if you need more info.

**Photo Fun Fundraiser**

The Year 7 classes have been learning about photo manipulation in computing. To support this learning and to raise money for our Year 7 camp the students are selling photos.

An example of the photo options are stuck up in each primary classroom for you to look at. Please help the Year 7s to make their learning a real experience.

Order forms for the Year 7 Photo Fun Fundraiser were sent home with every primary child last Friday. Don’t forget orders must be taken to the front office with payment by the end of Week 7. It’s a cheap way to get some really good photos that your child will cherish for a long time.

$2 – A4, $1.50 – A5 (GST free). All photos will be laminated. Photos will be delivered by the end of term.

If you would like more information see Sally Hackett or Margie Hancock in the Year 7 room.

**Car Wash Fundraiser**

Would you like your car washed? The Year 7s are washing cars every Friday until the end of term to raise money for their Year 7 camp.

Cost: $8 car, $10 4WD – outside only (GST free)

Car will need to be dropped off at 1:15 p.m. on the school oval. Enter via the gates near the Kindy. Pick up will be at 2:30 p.m.

Please fill in the tear off slip below and return to the school by the Thursday before the wash. We will only wash 16 cars in each session to ensure they are well done.

Thanks for helping out the Year 7s with their camp fundraising.

Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

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**Car Wash Fundraiser Tear off Slip**

Name: ___________________________________  Contact Mobile No:___________________________

Car Type: _________________________________   Car Registration:_____________________________

Preferred Date: **27th August, 3rd September, 10th September, 17th September** (please circle)

All people will be sent a text reply so they know when their car is getting washed.
In Week 7 we are combining all of the above events to celebrate these focus areas of our curriculum. Following are some of the activities taking place during Week 7.

- **Book Fair** – All week in the library. Books for viewing Monday and Tuesday and will be for sale from Tuesday after school onwards.

- **Games, competitions and quizzes** will happen in the library at lunchtime all week. This will include construction and graphing activities

- **Open Morning** – Wednesday 1st September during Lessons 1 & 2, families and friends are invited to come and see classes from R to 12 in action. There will be a timetable and map to show you what will be happening where. At recess time you are invited to enjoy a cuppa and some morning tea in the library. We look forward to welcoming you.

- **Splash Theatre Performance** – Wednesday afternoon, R-7 classes will attend a performance created especially for Book Week.

- **Dress Up Day** – Friday 3rd September R-6 classes to dress up in some way e.g. trolls, to match the bridge theme, fairy tale character etc. Assembly will be at 9 a.m. in the Gym. Senior students will present a shadow puppet production of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Moonta Area School Sun Smart Policy**

Our current Sun Smart Policy requires students to wear hats when outside at school throughout the whole year. ‘Cancer Council SA recommends that SA schools implement a comprehensive skin protection policy when the ultraviolet radiation (UVR) levels are 3 and above – this is generally from the beginning of September until the end of April.’ (Cancer Council SA information sheet – Being Sun Smart during the winter months and vitamin D)

We would like to make changes to our Sun Smart Policy, requiring student to wear hats when outside at school only during Terms 1 and 4. Students would also be encouraged to wear hats during terms 2 and 3 if outside for long periods of time or if the UV level is above 3. Changes to the policy would be made adding the words “during Terms 1 and 4” when it mentions the wearing of a hat.

If you would like a copy of the proposed amended policy or would like to discuss the proposed changes, please contact me at school on 88 252088 within the next two weeks.

Di Daulby

**Secondary Subject Counselling**

**Important parent meeting 8th September**

Term 3 is when we start to get underway with our planning for next year. Students need to choose subjects which will give them the best opportunity to pursue their wanted occupations. This can be easy if students know exactly what they want to do, but often they are still not sure and are not yet willing to commit to one vocation. There are also the various requirements of the universities, TAFEs and other registered training organisations. Add to this that our current year 10’s are starting the New SACE you can understand why it can be a confusing time for both students and parents.

To assist students and parents through this counselling process the school carries out a range of activities through the year and more specifically this term.

- Year 10 students currently doing their Personal Learning Plans
- Meredith Westbrook/Vince Ivens will be running parent and student sessions on the 8th September for all current year 10 & 11 students
- Counselling panels for all year 11 & 10 students
- Subject teachers discussing subjects and options at next year level
- Year 11 & 12 students receiving all UNI/TAFE/SATAC information booklets

Subject and career counselling is ongoing and the information changes on a regular basis. I encourage any parent who would like further support to contact either Vince Ivens or Meredith Westbrook.
The Year 12 Hospitality Students have had the assistance of Mr John Holmes (Executive Sous Chef, Sky City Casino, Adelaide) to determine what a Signature dish is and to plan and prepare for their practical. John travelled to Moonta twice, once to help the students plan and the other to assist them with the presentation of their dishes.

The students and I would like to thank John for giving up his time and demonstrating the difference his skills made to their presentations.
Year 11 Bushwalking Camp
Moolooloo

Rachel Templer,
Breanna Smith, Adele
Smith, Amelia Shields,
Bec Butler, Jono Slade,
Geoff Webb, Luke Moss,
Seán McMahon,
Dylan McPeake,
Mitchell Morby,
David Sime,
Kris Daddow (teacher)
Casey Galbraith (trainee)
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 23rd August:

Proposal One: Year 12 Formal Fundraising for Decorations
Proposal: Formal tickets are more expensive this year. In an effort to reduce costs we would like to raise money for decorations.
Requirements from home: Food.
Cost: Students Provide Ingredients.
Date: Wednesday 1st September, Week 7.
Proposer: Year 12 Formal Committee / W Brusnahan

Proposal Two: Year 12 Formal
Proposal: To have the year 12 Formal (previously held at Seagate Bistro Motel) at the Wallaroo Marina Hotel. Due to the expense ($55 per head).
Cost: $55 per person.
Date: Thursday 2nd December, Term 4, Week 8.
Proposer: Year 12 Formal Committee / W Brusnahan

Proposal Three: Second Change of date for the Mock Accident
Date: Thursday 16th September, Week 9.
Proposer: M Carson / M Westbrook

Proposal Four: “Taste of Flinders” Program
Proposal: For year 12 students. The program aims to ease the transition process from secondary school to University.
Date: Wednesday 22nd September, Week 10.
Proposer: M Westbrook / B Schmidt

Proposal Five: Muso Magic
Proposal: 2 day workshop to provide a CD including music, design, lyrics etc. Working with a Professional Musician from “Chocolate Starfish”.
Date: Thursday 25th – Friday 26th November, Term 4, Week 7.
Proposer: V Ivens / B Schmidt

Proposal Six: MS Read-a-thon 2011
Proposal: Encouraging students of all ages to read and raise money for the MS Society at the same time.
Requirements from home: Raising Money Form Community.
Cost: $10
Date: June / July / August 2011.
Proposer: C Balnaves / D Daulby

Proposal Seven: YP Vets Visit
Proposal: “Pet PEP program to be presented to students R- 4.
Date: Tuesday 21st September, Week 10.
Proposer: D Daulby / D Angus

Proposal Eight: R.E. Seminar
Proposal: The year 7- 10 students attend an R.E. Seminar about “Image and Identity”.
Date: Thursday 2nd September, Week 7 at 1:50 – 2:15 p.m.
Proposer: M Pope / B Schmidt

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 9th August 2010:
2. Science Week Waterloo Wind Farm Trip – DJ/KS-S classes visit the Auburn Wind Farm as part of the technology study “Wind Power”.
3. End of Year Assembly and Family Night – That we hold our end of year assembly at 9 a.m. Family Night from 5 – 8 p.m. – early evening family night to wind up the year.
5. Fundraise for Year 7 Camp – Photos – As part of IT, Students will photograph classes, friendship groups etc and sell photos back to students. Throughout term 3.
6. Fundraise for Year 7 Camp – Various fundraising events: Car wash every Friday, BBQ outside Foodland (date to confirmed), and run a raffle. Drawn by the end of Term 3.

The following proposal was approved by the Principal
7. Year 12 Geography Lectures Thursday 19th August. Leave Moonta at 3:30 p.m., attend Lectures, and return home 10:30 p.m.

GETTING YOUR L's – Employment directions will be running this highly successful course at the Farmshed in Kadina on Thursday 26th August. Cost $240. Further information Anne Bridge 85238223
Moonta Softball Club is looking for new players Girls aged 8+ and Boys 8-15. Sign up: 15th September on the school oval. Juniors 3:15 p.m. Seniors: 5:30 p.m. First Practice: Wednesday 22nd September 2010. All games played in Kadina. Further information please contact Marsha 0402 856 849.
Moonta Blazers Basketball Club – Invites all interested people to a General meeting at the Moonta Football Club on Wednesday 25th August at 7:30 p.m. All players, coaches, umpires welcome to discuss 2010-2011 season.
**New Building update**

**Parenting Tips**
Raising kids to **thrive**.
Confidence. Character. Respect.

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**Being Talkative with Children**

- Talk about what you are doing, as you do it
- Talk about what the children are doing

- **Link** current experiences to children's past experiences (builds understanding)
- **Encourage** children to give their opinion

**Thinking aloud** provides opportunities to make predictions, plan and demonstrate thinking

Don't just show what to do—**Explain** what you are doing

Use **descriptive vocabulary** to describe objects, actions, characteristics & behaviours

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*Source: Talking Literacy Package (2009). Used with permission from: Sue McCandlish, Talking Literacy Project Officer, Department of Education and Children’s Services*
Students at MAS have been involved in this new initiative, working with these wonderful Labrador Retrievers over the last month.

At its simplest, Labs ‘n Life gives young people the opportunity to assist in the training of Labrador Retrievers to be of assistance to families of children on the autism spectrum.

Students at Labs ‘n Life learn more than just how to train a dog in the process. Working with dogs increases self esteem and sense of accomplishment; instils a work ethic and sense of responsibility; builds trust and empathy; demonstrates the value of reward and positive reinforcement; teaches anger control; communication skills, and how to meet objectives without the use of force.

The Labs ‘n Life initiative aims to build youth competencies relevant to enabling them to become responsible adults. Our students are certainly benefiting from involvement in this program.

Week 6
Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th August
FR / CB / RH Camp
Monday 23rd August
5 p.m. DMC
Friday 27th August
11 a.m. Jump Rope for Heart (R-9) demonstration

Week 7
Monday 30th August – Friday 3rd September
Book Week / Literacy and Numeracy Week / Science Week
Tuesday 31st August – Friday 3rd September
Stage 2 OED Self-Reliant Camp at Moolooloo Station
Wednesday 1st September
Splash Theatre – Book Week performance
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

Week 8
Monday 6th September
School Closure
Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th September
R-6 Interview Week
Wednesday 8th September
Year 11/12 2011 Student/Parent Information Night
Thursday 9th September
Teddy Bears Picnic – SP class
R-2 SACA Cricket Clinic

Week 9
Wednesday 15th September
Nursing Home Visit – SP class
Friday 17th September
R-6 RE