Upcoming Events:

Friday 26th November
Muso Magic
Opera in the Mines
Monday 29th November
Yr8 & Yr 10 Camps
DMC 5pm
Tuesday 30th November
Yr 9 Camp
Wednesday 1st December
R-2 Swimming
Governing Council
7:30pm
Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

Annual Presentation Assembly
Wednesday 8th December,
school gym
The Annual Presentation Assembly will be held in the school gym on Wednesday 8th December at 9.00 am. 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 this very important school event.

School reunion
It was fantastic to see so many ‘old scholars’ of Moonta schools come back to the school last Sunday. We estimate over 200 former students attended the day to look at the school, memorabilia, displays, speak to some living legends and take the opportunity to have a tour of the school. Many had attended specific organised reunion events the night before and were still catching up well into Sunday afternoon.
A huge thank you to all the members of our school community that brought about this event. Specific mentions to David Steele, Fiona Anderson, Janine Bennet, Travis and Heather Skipworth, Fiona Ryan, Bruce Schmidt, Bruce Gordon, Frank Camporeale, Tricia Stringer and Library staff for all they did to support the reunion activities.
Year R-6 sing-along
This inaugural event has been facilitated by the R-6 teachers to provide an opportunity for our students to be able to perform a range of Christmas songs for our school community. They have spent considerable time learning these songs and we hope we can get a full audience for them to perform to. The sing-along will occur in the school gym on Thursday 9th of December at 2.00 and will finish by about 3.00, so put on your Christmas outfit, come along and have a great time singing with the children.

School improvement Plan 2011
The 2011 School Improvement plan has been prepared in draft form and is currently being looked at by the School Improvement Committee. This plan identifies our planned areas of improvement for 2011 and sets relevant targets to be achieved. The SIC plan will be presented to the Governing Council for ratification early in 2011.

We have placed a copy of the draft plan for consultation on the school website. Should you have any comments or suggestions for the School Improvement Committee please contact me at the school.

Vocations Education and Training (VET) interest grows
From our cohort of 85 students in year 10-12, 63 placements were completed in 2010 in VET courses leading to nationally accredited certification. Courses students have been involved in include; Hair & Beauty, Automotive, Building & Construction, Stable hand, Hospitality, Business, Retail, IT, Animal Studies, Metal Engineering and Police Studies.

We congratulate our students on taking up these opportunities to gain national qualifications whilst still at school and improving their chance of gaining future employment in their particular industry of choice.

Latest SBA’s
Congratulations to Thomas Polgreen who was recently signed up for a school based apprenticeship with Rosewarne in Kadina and to Jack McMauley who was signed for a school based apprenticeship with ARMAC welding in Maitland this term.

We sincerely thank all employers who have been involved in supporting our students whether it is for work experience, work placement or SBA’s.

I would also take this opportunity to acknowledge Vince Ivens our secondary School Counsellor and Vet Coordinator for all his efforts in supporting our students in this area.

Scholarships available UniSA 2011
I have at school some further information in regard to scholarships, valued at $6,000, which are available to assist students from rural and isolated areas to fund their relocation costs associated with moving to the city in order to pursue higher education at UniSA. Please contact me for further info or go to their website www.unisa.edu.au/scholarship for further information and application forms.

Uniform Policy
It has been a year now since changes to our school uniform policy have been endorsed by Governing Council. Thus all aspects of the policy need be followed by all members of the school community. A reminder to all parents that the wearing of sports tops, other club tops, SAPSASA etc will no longer be able to be worn whilst at school.

School end of day time change 2011
To ensure we comply with the new industrial agreement set out by the Arbitration Commission our school day will now finish at 3.05pm in 2011. This ensures that students receive 1600 minutes a week of tuition. There will be no change to the start of the day, recess or lunch times.

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.

Bushfire season
This week we sent to all parents a brochure "Your Children and the Bushfire season to all families. Please ensure you read this document to understand how schools will operate on Catastrophic days.

If a Catastrophic (Code Red) day, is deemed possible, we will;

- Notify parents asap that there is a possibility that the school may have to close by parent circular. Hopefully 2 days before.
- Text all parents after receiving official notification that the day has been declared Catastrophic. After 4.00 pm the evening before.
- Update the school website to indicate school closure
- Place signs outside of the school early that morning.

Reading tips for the holidays
As you would be aware we have and will continue to have a major focus on literacy at Moonta Area School. Reading is, and will continue to be a skill that all children need to master to ensure they are able to access future opportunities to assist them in their future careers. Christmas holidays are 7 weeks and is very important that children continue to practise their reading during this time. I include...
some ideas that you may wish to use to facilitate this:

- 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 public library every week during the holidays and keep a stock of books to read alone or read aloud. Help children sign up for their own library cards.
- 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.

Good luck with this and enjoy reading with your children.

The ability to read is one of the strongest predictors of future success.

Mortimer Adler

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Remembrance Day

Junior School Captains Harry Love and Georgia Ivens are with Mr Bruce Schmidt and the Mayor Mr Paul Thomas after laying the wreath on behalf of the school at the Remembrance Day Service.

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.

Mortimer Adler
At our last assembly we were visited by members of the local RSL branch to present awards to middle school students who were judged to have completed the best projects on ‘Australians at War’ as part of their SOSE topic. Stephanie Drogemuller was awarded a prize for her in depth study on The Holocaust. Sara Stock received her award for her work on Australian involvement in the Papuan New Guinea campaign during World War II.

Particular thanks go to the Secretary of the RSL Sub Branch Chris Hunter and RSL historian Don Docking. A special mention goes to Bill Thiele who was a veteran of the Kokada track and helped present the awards to Stephanie and Sara. It was wonderful to see the quality of work done by middle school students about this very important aspect of Australian history. The RSL Award will now become an annual award for middle school students.

On the recent student free day, teachers who work with R to Yr 6 students and several SSO’s and teachers from other year levels took part in an Easiteach training day. A presenter came from Adelaide to step staff through the program which is used to create activities for Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs).

It was a busy day with staff also testing out the new wireless connections using laptops and netbooks in the library. Now that all R to Yr 6 classes have IWBs there will be lots of putting into practise and students will be making more and more use of this exciting classroom technology.

Mentoring Program for Yr7-10 Aboriginal Boys – Fri 19 & Fri 26 November 2010

The Mentoring Committee made available funding to organise a Cultural Experience with Quenten Agius of Adjadhura Aboriginal Cultural Tours. The boys visited significant Aboriginal sites at Ardrossan, Black Point, Pine Point and Point Pearce over two days. They learnt the stories of Winda the Owl at Ardrossan and Brudderer’s Rock near Point Pearce. They visited the burial site protected at Black Point and a site nearby where there are archaeological remains of camping and stone tools from thousands of years ago. The aim of the program was to:

- Provide positive mentoring role model within local Aboriginal community;
- Cultural learning experience;
- Increase own cultural identity and self esteem.

Thanks to Quenten for being available to offer a fantastic program of cultural learning and experiences. Also thanks to Kevin Dyson for driving the bus and supporting the boys on the day.

Willis Daveson, Trevor Karpany, Axel Newton with Quenten Agius proudly hold the 2010 SA Tourism Award, for Indigenous Tourism Award, which was awarded the night before they visited Point Pearce.

Willis Daveson, Malcolm Karpany, Bradley Walkley, Zac Butler, Axel Newton, Richard Webb and Noel Quinn at Ardrossan.

Quenten Agius teaching the boys the story of Winda the Owl on site at Ardrossan.

Willis Daveson, Trevor Karpany and Axel Nexton at Point Pearce School.

Thursday December 9th
2:00pm in the Gym
All Welcome
Last Sunday saw a large crowd of past students and staff flocked to the school as part of the Copper Coast’s 150 year celebrations. A barbeque, tours of the school and a large memorabilia display thoroughly impressed the visitors. It was great to see former students attending from interstate and overseas – this says something about the school as many travelled vast distances to attend.

Coinciding with this were past staff and students who acted as ‘Living Books’. A ‘Living Book’ is just like a real book except that it is a person and you can ‘borrow’ them.

A special thank you to Travis Skipworth, Trevor Ellis, Mary Martin, Lilian James and Doug Warmington for being this year’s book. Staff are to be congratulated on all their hard work and time in organising such a successful event.
Moonta Area School
After School Care
OSHC
Enrolment forms are now available at Front Office for OSHC (After School Care).
Permanent and Casual bookings can be made prior to commencement.

OSHC is offered to school aged children aged 5-12yrs of age from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday in School Terms.

OSHC FEES
CHILD CARE BENEFIT
FAMILY ASSISTANCE OFFICE
Fees $18.00 per child (less any CCB(Child Care Benefit) per session 3pm-6pm
Families should visit The FAO website at familyassist.gov.au or call 13 61 50 to see if they are eligible for Child Care Benefit or the Childcare Rebate and what their entitlements are.
Please call Deahn Whitehead (Director) for further information on.
0439 817 475

Active After School Communities
Funded by the Australian Sports Commission this program is aimed at fitness in primary aged children exposing them to different sports and healthy eating. It has been successfully run at Moonta Area School for the past 3 years. We are always seeking people interested in becoming community coaches to assist us in maintaining this program at our school. The program runs for 7 consecutive weeks each term and coaching is a paid position. An opportunity exists for interested people to participate in a training day on 8th February 2011 at Kadina to become a community coach. If you have skills you are keen to share or a local club looking for future members and have some time available please contact the school to register your interest in the course. For further information and enrolment forms contact Lisa Daddow or Di Daulby.

Knockout Softball
On Monday 22nd November twelve of the middle school girls travelled to Adelaide to participate in the knockout softball finals at Softball Headquarters, West Beach. With Hendo as our super coach and Julie Wardle as our supporting team scorer, we managed to make it to the finals, where we were in pool B of the Round Robin. We were unable to win our first game playing against Henley. The team started off slow, warming up to the game. We ended with a strong second half, but unfortunately we still went down losing 14-6. In our second game, we confidently beat Mercedes, doubling their score 16-8. With Hannah Wardle starring in the outfield, she managed to come out with two magnificent catches. After playing Mercedes we proceeded to the cross over finals where we played Unley, losing 20-1. After losing, we played Henley again to decide third and fourth place. We picked up our game, giving Henley a run for their money, narrowly losing by 4 runs, which was a big improvement. Out of 6 teams on the day and 16 teams in the competition, we came fourth over all! It was a great day and we all enjoyed it. A huge thankyou to Hendo and Julie Wardle for taking us to softball and making the day happen. We would also like to recognise the kindness of the Moonta Softball Club for lending us their gear. Steph Drogemuller, Sarah Moss, Ebony Love and Tayla Scarce.

Some action shots
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held DATE: 29th November 2010

**Proposal One: Class Party**
Proposal: To celebrate success / to participate in turn-taking games
Requirements from home: plate of food to share
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Sonia Perkins

**Proposal Two: Yr 2 Class Party**
Proposal: End of Year celebrations
Requirements from home: None
Cost: $5.00
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Caroline Hutchins

**Proposal Three: Yrs 5/6 Class Pary**
Proposal: To celebrate the year
Requirements from home: None
Cost: $4.00
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Richard Hall & Chelsea Honner

**Proposal Four: R-6 Action Group Lunch**
Proposal: Moonta Bay for lunch & activities
Requirements from home: None
Cost: None
Date: Monday 6th December 2010
Proposer: Isaac Glasgow

**Proposal Five: Class Party**
Proposal: Class party lunch
Requirements from home: Small plate of food to share
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Judy van Galen & Shirley Clark

**Proposal Six: Class Party**
Proposal: Class party lunch
Requirements from home: Plate of food to share
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Amanda Shepherd

**Proposal Seven: Class Party**
Proposal: Class party lunch
Requirements from home: Plate of food to share
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Linda Hettner

**Proposal Eight: Class Party**
Proposal: Class party lunch
Requirements from home: Plate of food to share
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Tania Bell

**Proposal Eight: Casual Day**
Proposal: Casual Day – Coin donation
Requirements from home: Casual Clothes
Cost: Coin donation
Date: Friday 10th December 2010
Proposer: Isaac Glasgow

**Proposal Eight: Year 3 Beach day & Class Party**
Proposal: Beach day & party
Requirements from home: Shorts & thongs for beach & plate of food for a shared lunch
Cost: None
Date: Thursday 9th December 2010
Proposer: Dianna Jarman

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held DATE: 15th November 2010

1. **Student Voice Executive lunch**
Proposal: SVE lunch at La Cantina
Date: Tuesday 7th December 2010
Proposer: Margaret Pope

2. **Change of date**
Proposal: Aboriginal Mentoring
Date: from 19/11/10 to 26/11/10
Proposer: Sonya Rankine

3. **KO Softball**
Proposal: Travel to Adelaide to play in final
Date: 22/11/10
Proposer: Raelene Stutley

4. **Yr 2 End of Year Celebration Tea**
Proposal: Celebration Tea
Date: 25/11/10
Proposer: C Hutchins, S Clark & J van Galen

5. **End of Year Party Catering**
Proposal: Catering provided by Canteen
Date: 9/12/10
Proposer: K Strauss-Scott

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**Returning of School Resources**

All secondary students have received a list of any 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 Week 8 at the latest.

Once students have a clear record their names will be entered in a lucky draw – prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls in Week 9.

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.
2010 School Magazine

2010 – the year as it happened. Do you want all the inside information? This year’s magazine will be the usual blockbuster filled with photographs, descriptions, news of events, sporting and academic achievements, artwork and much more.

The 2010 Moonta Area School magazine will be spiral bound and features a colour front cover, which is protected by a plastic sheet. 6 colour pages. A wonderful piece of memorabilia, jam-packed with all the events of the year.

To secure your copy, please fill out the tear off section and forward to the Front Office with $15 (inc GST) per copy. There will be limited spares. If you don’t order and pay, you may miss out on this terrific offer.

Orders are due back to school by Friday 26th November, Week 7.

Kadina Karate Vacation Care
Kadina Karate is offering a Christmas holiday vacation care program for school aged children. This will be run every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am – 2pm throughout the school holidays except Christmas week 27/12/10 – 31/12/10. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be supplied. Come have some karate fun, games, activities, movies with popcorn and self defence/karate lessons run by Sempai Ryan. Cost is $40/day. Hurry because there are limited positions. Call Sue on 0407619021 to book a session.

YMCA Camp
The next YMCA Seasonal Camp will be held at YMCA Glenhaven Park. Summer Camp will run from Mon 17th – Fri 21st January in the school holidays. The camp is open to children aged 7 - 14 and the cost is $320 per child. For information and bookings, please call 8528 2250, email lauren.cecchi@ymca.org.au or visit www.sa.ymca.org.au

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 4, Week 8
Tyler Groom, Brayden Elvin, Tyson Cutting

Term 4, Week 9
Gemma Tripodi, Ellie Turner, Mikaela Dunn

Calendar

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Muso Magic
Opera in the Mines – School Choir

Monday 29th November
Yr 8 & Yr 10 camps Mon-Thurs
Yr 7 camp Mon-Wed
DMC 5pm

Tuesday 30th November
Yr 9 camp Tues-Thurs
Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 1st December
Governing Council 7:30pm
R-2 Swimming 1st – 7th

Thursday 2nd December
Yr 12 Formal
Finance Meeting 3:15pm

Friday 3rd December
R-6 RE

Monday 6th December
Canteen Meeting 3:15pm

Tuesday 7th December
Yr 6 Graduation Dinner

Wednesday 8th December
End of Year Assembly 8:45am
Student Voice Executive Lunch

Thursday 9th December
Reports given out
R-6 Christmas Sing-along
R-6 Class Parties

Friday 10th December
2pm Dismissal

2010 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 2010 School Magazine. Enclosed is $__________________________
Signed: ____________________________