I would like to extend a ‘very warm’ welcome to everyone associated with our school. Welcome to a new school year! I hope that you have all had a restive time over the holiday break and are ready to tackle 2011 with energy and optimism.

I would particularly like to welcome students, and their families, who are new to Moonta Area School. This is a school characterized by positive relationships between families and staff, and I hope that we can work together to provide opportunities for your child(ren) to enjoy success in their studies.

We are starting the year with 465 students. Students and families new to Moonta Area School this year include: Thomas Allen, James Anderson, Charlotte Barry, Jaimee Bugmy, Anzac & Dion Buza, Dwyte, Graycie & Kendra Dall, Lucy Daly, Tre Forbes, Hannah & Lockie Halls, Brae Hughes, Kasey Hutchinson, Liam Mack, Katlyn Moore, Marcus Moore, Amandine & Emilie Morgan, Cassie, Henry & Mitchell Norman, Amy & Saranna Rhodes, Georgia Roach, Jayden Robins, Marshall Todd & Nathan Visconti.

We welcome all these students and their families to Moonta Area School.
All new parents (and old) are invited to a 'Meet the Principal' morning tea to be held on Friday the 11th Feb at 9.30 am till 10.30 am. At this meeting I will work through our major directions and improvement strategies; we will have a tour of the school and provide opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have. To assist with catering, if you plan to attend this meeting can you please let the front office know?

**Staffing**

We have had several staffing changes over the break. We welcome new teachers Mr Ashley Dearlove (maths/science/geography) and Mr Mark Saywer (year ¾ 2 days per week with Diana Jarman) to the school. A former student Kim Green has joined us as our IT trainee for 2011. We wish all our new staff the very best for the 2011 teaching year and ask all our school community to make them feel welcome.

We welcome Shelley Heir (Rec/1) back to Moonta Area after a year as Principal at Auburn Primary; Tracey Peters (IT, Library support) after 2 years of parenting leave; FranK Camporeale (4/5); Laura Camporeale (intervention and support Coordinator) and Barb Drechsler (Rec/1) from leave.

We will be holding our annual Welcome Night on Thursday 17th Feb. Each class will send out further details in regards to this next week. This is a very casual night, where all parents can come and meet their child’s teachers in a relaxing atmosphere. I encourage all parents to take this opportunity to meet their children’s teacher.

**2011 School Improvement** - The year ahead promises to be busy, our learning improvement focus continues to be improvement in Literacy and Literacy intervention and improvement in the use and analysis of data. All teachers R-7 will continue training in the new Maths and Science Strategy, as we also consolidate daily structural and timetable changes to support improvement in secondary results. Innovative Community Action Networks (ICAN), Flexible Learning Options (FLO) will also provide us with many and varied options to ensure we engage all students to become successful members of our community.

Our new buildings are now totally finished and we have had 2 old classrooms removed over the Christmas break. We look forward to our Home Economics building being transformed into a commercial kitchen, as well as our automotive shed being upgraded in 2011. Our new buildings will be officially opened on the 18th March.

**Getting students established**

The first few days and weeks of any school year are extremely important as we re-establish and introduce new routines and expectations with the intention of starting the school year in a positive manner. This week, all students will be spoken to about the importance we place on them striving to do their best. We expect them to engage in activities, to make the most of their opportunity at this school so that their chance for the future are maximised. Other things we will talk about include:

- **Appropriate behaviour**
  Harassment, physical violence, disrupting others learning, any form of substance abuse cannot be tolerated in a school setting. Teachers and students have a right to concentrate on learning in a Learning, Caring, Sharing environment.

- **Appearances** including the ways the grounds, buildings and classrooms are cared for. There seems to be an absence of graffiti and rubbish in our surrounds; certainly the school looks great today. It is something I have acknowledged and expect to continue.

- **Punctuality/Attendance**
  All students need to be at school and to their lessons on time. Continual lateness and/or non attendance has a dramatic affect on a students’ learning. Support from parents here is critical especially in the years where students are reliant on parents to make this happen.

- **Bullying/Harassment**
  My belief here is that all children and staff have the right to come to school, to learn or teach in a harassment free environment. No one has the right to negatively affect another person’s learning. We will strongly support this policy across the school. If your child is being harassed, bullied in any way, then we wish to know about it asap.

  I am aware that sometimes people are inclined to air grievance/concerns through gossip in the local community. This is damaging to the school and the morale of those who work and support it. If you have an issue you’d like addressed, speak with your child’s teacher or the person concerned. I know staff at this school will listen and attempt to help where possible. If all else fails and you are dissatisfied speak to Assistant Principals Di Daulby, Bruce Schmidt, or myself. We cannot always respond as you would like but we will listen and help where possible.

  (A reminder that any member of the school community can put forth proposals to our Decision Making Council which meets every fortnight.)

- **Positive community gossip** is great and I
encourage this as much as possible. It will help build our image, strengthen the school, help build school pride within our students, and improve the quality of their future outcomes. In basic terms, if you are not happy, tell us, if you are telling everyone else.

**Early heat wave**
This week has given us a reminder of how hot our summer season can get with days reaching very high temperatures for several days in a row. In weather like this it is important that we remember our sun smart behaviour, drink plenty of fluids and remain in the shade during break times.

**Catastrophic (code red) days- we will let you know, please do not ring the school.**
The first day of school 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 notify parents asap that there is a possibility that the school may have to close by parent circular - hopefully two days before
- We will text all parents after receiving official notification that the day has been declared Catastrophic - after 4.00 pm the evening before.
- We will update the school website to indicate school closure
- Signs will be placed outside of the school early that morning.

DECS also is reviewing its processes and we will notify 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.

**School end of day time is 3.05pm from 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.

**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. Looking forward to a productive year.

Kind regards
Dean

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**New Teaching Staff**

**Mark Sawyer** - Last School – Taught an interesting bunch of Yr 6/7 students at Wallaroo PS last year. Previously worked at Direk PS, Mallala PS & other Barossa schools. Years Teaching – Third year of teaching. Areas of Study/Majors etc – Bachelor of Education for Primary & Middle Years. My Major was in Health & Physical Education with my minor in SOSE. Special Interests – Keen follower of the Crows in AFL & Central District in the SANFL. Role this year – Working 2 days a week with a group of Yr 3/4 students alongside Mrs Jarman, also back at Wallaroo PS as a NIT teacher one day a week doing PE & DT. What are you looking forward to this year in regard to teaching – Getting to know a new bunch of students from the beginning of the year & having multiple roles at different schools.

**Ashley Dearlove** Last School – Banksia Park International High School, Concordia College. Years Teaching – 0.5 Years Areas of Study/Majors etc – Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement), Master of Teaching (PE, Science) Special Interests – Sports, Outdoor activities Role this year – Teaching Maths, Science & Geography to Years 10 & 11. What are you looking forward to this year in regard to teaching – Having a positive impact on the school, students and greater community.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held DATE:

**Proposal One: Fundraising Melbourne Camp**
Proposal: Yr 7 students sell lucky squares  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Proposer: Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

**Proposal Two: Fundraising Melbourne Camp**
Proposal: Run a BBQ at the Interschool Sports Day  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Date: 29th March 2011  
Proposer: Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

**Proposal Three: Yr 7 Melbourne Camp**
Proposal: 2 day Camp in Melbourne  
Cost: $300 approx  
Date: 5th – 7th December 2011  
Proposer: Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

**Proposal Four: Fundraising Melbourne Camp**
Proposal: Gather orders to sell Oysters  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Date: T1 Friday week 11 & T3 Friday week 6  
Proposer: Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

**Proposal Five: Fundraising Melbourne Camp**
Proposal: Walkathon  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Date: T4, Week 2, Friday  
Proposer: Sally Hackett & Margie Hancock

**Proposal Six: Crossing Training**
Proposal: Yrs 4-6 under take Crossing Training  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Date: 27th October 2011  
Proposer: Di Daulby

**Proposal Seven: NAPLAN**
Proposal: Dates to be 10th, 11th, 12th, May 13th 2011  
Requirements from home: None  
Cost: None  
Proposer: Di Daulby

**Proposal Eight: School Photos**
Proposal: Photo day to be on 22nd March 2011 by Academy Photography, same as previous 2 years  
Proposer: Di Daulby

**Proposal Nine: Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalk Camp**
Proposal: Take part in camp as part of Course requirement.  
Requirements from home: Camping Gear  
Cost: Part of Course  
Date: 17th – 20th May 2011  
Proposer: Kris Daddow

**Proposal Eleven: Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camps**
Proposal: Port of Course requirements  
Requirements from home: Swimming Gear  
Cost: Part of Course  
Date: 5th – 8th April 2011  
Proposer: Kris Daddow

**Proposal Twelve: Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Waterskiing Camp**
Proposal: Port of course requirements  
Requirements from home: Swimming Gear  
Cost: Part of Course  
Date: 15th – 18th February 2011  
Proposer: Kris Daddow

**Proposal Thirteen: Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Self Reliant Bushwalk**
Proposal: Port of course requirement  
Requirements from home: Camping Gear  
Cost: Part of Course  
Date: 21st – 24th June 2011  
Proposer: Kris Daddow

**Proposal Fourteen: Various Sporting Dates**
MAS Sports Day Thursday 10th March, T1 Wk 6  
Pre-Sports Day events  
Javelin Thursday 3rd March, T1 Wk 5  
800m, 600m Monday 7th March, T1 Wk 6  
1500m, JP long run Tuesday 8th March, T1 Wk 6  
Interschool Sports Day at Moonta Tuesday 29th March, T1 Wk 9  
Mile End Athletics (D2 Grade) Monday 11th April, T1 Wk 11  
MAS Cross Country Friday 13th May, T2 Wk 2  
YP Cross Country Unknown at this stage (T2)  
Proposer: Raelene Stutley

**Proposal Fifteen: Yr 9 Camp**
Proposal: Camp to Adelaide  
Cost: TBN  
Date: Term 4, Week 8  
Proposer: Hayley Spaans

**Proposal Sixteen: Yr 8 Camp**
Proposal: Port Vincent Aquatic Camp  
Cost: TBN  
Date: Term 4, Week 8  
Proposer: Raelene Stutley

**Proposal Seventeen: Austdrive Programme**
Proposal: Austdrive run a course for L, P & full licence drivers  
Requirements from home: Vehicle  
Cost: $120 paid by DCCC  
Date: Wednesday 16th March 2011  
Proposer: Bruce Schmidt
COME AND JOIN US WITH FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL.

3.00-6.00pm Monday-Friday
$18.00 per Session – Less any CCB
(Child Care Benefit)

CALCULATING FEE REDUCTION:
(To determine discount)

$\text{Rebate} \times \text{No. of Hours} \times \text{CCB}\% \times 85\% = \text{Discount}

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Pick up your enrolment forms from the front office
Or
Call Deahnn on **0439 817 475** for more information

Congratulations to Michael Carson who was awarded Young Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day Awards Ceremony, Queen Square, by Mayor of the District Council of the Copper Coast, Mr Paul Thomas. As you know Michael was our male School Captain last year and in that role worked tirelessly for the student body and the school. As a member of the SA Ambulance, Moonta branch committee, Michael was instrumental in organising a mock accident to educate students about the dangers of drink-driving and speeding. He is also a member of the Lighthouse Ministries Worship team. He is an excellent role model and a young man of exceptional personal qualities. We congratulate him on his award and wish him all the best with his university studies.

Well done Michael
**Teachers:**
- Fiona Anderson: Home Ec / Secondary
- Dean Angus: Principal
- Maureen Ashby: Primary LOTE / Music
- Wendy Brusnahan: Secondary
- Frank Camporeale: Year 4/5 class
- Laura Camporeale: Intervention Coordinator
- Kerry Crosby: Primary NIT
- Di Daddow: Secondary
- Kris Daddow: PE / Outdoor / Secondary
- Di Daulby: Assistant Principal
- Ashley Dearlove: Secondary Geography / Maths / Science
- Barb Drechsler: Reception / 1 class
- Vicki Earles: Secondary Art
- Peta Eylward: BD Yr R/1 class
- Bruce Gordon: Science / Secondary
- Neil Hackett: Tech Studies / Secondary
- Sally Hackett: Year 7 class
- Richard Hall: Year 5/6 class
- Margie Hancock: Year 7 class
- Linda Hettner: Reception / Year 1 class
- Shelley Hier: Reception / Year 1 class
- Chelsea Honner: Year 5/6 class
- Caroline Hutchins: Year 1/2 class
- Vince Ivens: Secondary PLP / Guitar / Counsellor
- Dianna Jarman: Year 3/4 class / Literacy Coordinator
- Adele Keleher: Primary NIT
- Jane McCauley: Years 4/5 FC / AET
- Felicity Partington: Middle School Year 9
- Sonia Perkins: Year 3 class
- Tracey Peters: Secondary
- Margaret Pope: Student Counsellor
- Daniel Richardson: Middle School Coordinator
- Fiona Ryan: Years 3-7 Special class
- Mark Sawyer: Year 3/4 DJ class
- Bruce Schmidt: Assistant Principal
- Hayley Spaans: Middle School Year 9
- David Steele: Teacher / Librarian
- Kris Strauss-Scott: Year 4/5 class
- Patricia Stringer: ICT Coordinator / Teacher / Librarian
- Raelene Stutley: Middle School Year 8
- Judy van Galen: Year 1/2 class / Literacy Coordinator
- Meredith Westbrook: Senior School Coordinator

**SSOs:**
- Janine Bennett: Library
- Annette Butler: Classroom/Office
- Jenny Clow: Science Lab / Junior Primary
- Lisa Daddow: Classroom
- Rachael Drogemuller: Receptionist/Newsletter
- Kevin Dyson: Classroom
- Jenni Harvie: Classroom
- Kim Green: Trainee IT / Admin
- Janet Johnstone: Library
- Wendy Muir: Classroom
- Aaron Nash: IT
- Jan Ritchie: Finance / Office Manager
- Heather Skipworth: Student Services
- Tamra Stringer: Classroom
- Jane Sutton: Classroom / Library
- Jane Walkley: Classroom
- Dee Wigzell: Classroom

**Other:**
- Pam Clarke: Canteen Assistant
- Tracy Cutting: Canteen
- Al Gordon: Groundsman
- Rob Martin: Christian Pastoral Care Support Worker (CPCSW)
- Paula Northeast: OSHC Admin
- Deahnn Whitehead: OSHC Director

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**Welcome back Kim**

Kim Green has returned to Moonta Area School as a Trainee, specializing in IT & Admin. Kim completed her entire schooling here and we are very happy to have her back with us.

**Our new look**

This year Moonta Area School have purchased new vests for teachers to wear at school during recess and lunch time duties. Our bright new vests were designed so that teachers were easily noticeable in the yard. Mrs Brusnahan modelling the new vests.
Meet the Principal –
Friday 11th February, Week 2

All new parents (and old) are invited to a ‘Meet the Principal’ morning tea to be held on Friday 11th February at 9 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. At this meeting I will work through our major directions and improvement strategies. We will have a tour of the school and provide opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have. To assist with catering, if you plan to attend this meeting, can you please let the front office know.

Welcome Night

R-9: Thursday 17th February, Week 3, from 5:30pm
10-12: Thursday 17th February, Week 3, from 7:30pm

Notes will be sent home with further information

Road Crossing Monitors

Term 1, Week 2
Angie Boxer, Alisha Wardle & Cody Gaston

Term 1, Week 3
Gabby Morby, Maddison Kerr & Tayzsha Penhall

2011 School Term Dates

Term 1: 31st January to 15th April
Term 2: 2nd May to 8th July
Term 3: 25th July to 30th September
Term 4: 17th October to 16th December

After School Activities

Our after school program will commence in week 3.

Tuesday 15th February: TBN – R-7  Wednesday 16th February: Hockey – R-7

The sessions begin at 3:00pm, children are to meet at the area next to Mrs Hutchins classroom for a healthy snack. They will then participate in their chosen activity from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. Children need to be collected promptly. There are only 25 vacancies in each session. Forms will be sent home soon and I encourage you to return your forms asap. Those children who miss out will be given a note to let parents know and will be encouraged to try again next term. Anybody interested in becoming a coach for Active After School Communities please contact the school on: 88 252088 by Monday 7th February.

Lisa Daddow
Public Notices

Ist Wallaroo Scout Group
If you like making friends & doing fun activities, you are invited to 3 free Come & Try nights during school terms. (As some activities are held away from the hall, please call Sarina to ensure someone will be there to meet you on the night).

Joey Scouts
Ages 6 to 8 years old, Monday’s 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Enquiries Sarina Tremayne 88211450 or 0400 212673.

Quiz Night
To aid Nakeisha Smiths’ trip to USA with a softball development squad in June/July 2011. Kadina Golf Club. Great items are to auctioned. $5 entry per person, tables of 8 or 10 BYO drinks & supper Book at Lyn’s Country Cooking, 9 Graves St Kadina or phone: 8821998 or via Terri Smith 0439822850. Special Guest compere is Dame Edna Everage, all the way from Moonee Ponds.

Karen Lee Dance Academy
Dance Education on the Yorke Peninsula
Classes are held in: Maitland, Wallaroo, Kadina & Moonta Dance Genres offered: Tap from 6yrs, Classical Ballet from 6yrs, & Creative from 4yrs We welcome new students Please Phone: 8825 3734 Or email: klda@dodo.com.au

MILO in 2 CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys & girls in Rec/ Yr 1/Yr 2. It provides children with an enjoyable & safe environment where they can learn skills & play games.
Your nearest Centre will run at Moonta Area School, this program will run for another 3 weeks for the children who participated during Term 4, 2010. The program will start on Wednesday 23rd February from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Any questions phone Alice Johnswood on: 83003896.

Senior School News

The 2011 school year has begun smoothly with Yr 10, 11 and 12 students settling nicely into their new subjects and courses. Lessons via Open Access and video-conferencing, as well as VET courses are complementing students’ normal face-to-face lessons. Students have a myriad of study options available to them these days and we will endeavour to help students to pursue their chosen pathways as best we can. As parents, if you have any requests or queries please don’t hesitate to contact us.
The Yr 10’s have begun their first new SACE subject, the Personal Learning Plan, the Yr 11’s are commencing their first lot of new SACE subjects after completing the PLP last year and the Yr 12’s are fronting up to the first Stage 2 subjects for the new SACE. There are quite a few changes to subject content, structure and assessment and also to workload. In order to bring parents up to date with what is expected and happening in each year level, as well as what you can do to support your children, we will be holding parent and student information sessions on Thursday Feb 17th, (Week 3) at 7:30. A letter will be posted home to all families this week.
We are keen for as many parents as possible to attend as research shows that if parents, teachers and students have good relationships, students have a greater chance of achieving success.

Our goal is simple – to help your child achieve theirs.

Calendar

Thursday 17th February
3:15pm Canteen Committee
R-9 Welcome Night

Monday 19th October
5 p.m. DMC

Tuesday 1st March
7:30pm Parent Club Meeting

Friday 4th March
9:00am R-12 Assembly

Monday 7th March
5:00pm DMC

Wednesday 9th March
7:30pm Governing Council AGM

Thursday 10th March

Week 3

Week 5

Week 2

Week 6