Welcome back to term 3. I hope all students, and staff had a little break and recharge for the term ahead. Term 3 is normally a very busy one.

**Welcome to our new students and their families**

We welcome the following new reception students to our school: Nicholas Derrington, Kloe Appleton, Alexa Northey, and Mikaela Wilksch. We are very pleased to have them here at MAS and we look forward to supporting them with their learning.

We have also had several transfers in from other schools. We welcome Ashleigh Karpany, Mathew and Anthoney DeLuca, Taylor Thompson-Harris, Callum and Michaela Spaeth, Ashley Bird, Blake and Heidi Walden and their families to the Moonta School community.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday 1st August**
4:30 p.m. DMC

**Wednesday 3rd August**
Year 10/11 Fire Brigade talk
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

Term 3 Home Planner sent home with this edition.

**Staffing**

This term we welcome the following staff to MAS and wish them all the best whilst at Moonta Area School:

- **Sally Grist** Year 5/6 for Terms 3 & 4
- **Trista Garrard** Primary Music for Terms 3 & 4
- **Anna Harder** Primary Drama for Terms 3 & 4
- **Kelly Macdonald** Year 4/5 Term 3
- **Helen Hamilton** Year 7 2 days per week Term 3
- **Michelle Northey** SSO Classroom support
- **Nat Chapman** SSO Classroom support
We welcome them to our school and look forward to working with them. I encourage all members of our school community to make them feel welcome.

Other minor changes will see Mrs Sally Hackett resuming 0.8 for terms 3 & 4, Daniel Hoskin teaching Outdoor Ed and PE, Rachael Osborn providing individual student support and Deahnn Whitehead, our OSHC Coordinator also providing additional classroom support.

Japanese visitors
Yesterday we welcomed 8 Japanese students from Medai High School in Japan. They will stay with us until 8th August, and will undertake an English language program, as well as learn about Australian culture. They will be staying with host families and will be visiting classrooms across the school. Certainly, we hope the visit will add value to our Japanese language program, and will broaden our students’ global understanding of the world.

A huge thank you to the families who are willing to share their homes and families with our special visitors. I am sure it will be a fantastic experience for all members of your family.

Year 12’s
For our year 12 students who were on camp in week 10 of last term, it is time to really put the head down and work to the best of their ability. For many, there are only 13 weeks of school to their final exams. Experience has shown me that even if their results last term were not as high as they would have liked, a real determined effort from now till the end of the exams can make a real difference to their final results and possible tertiary and employment options.

Work Experience
Congratulations to the Year 10 & 11 students on the successful completion of your work experience in Week 10 of last term. We have received an overwhelming number of positive reports about your performance in the workplace. Thank you, to local businesses and industry for your support of our students.

New canteen verandah
I would like to acknowledge the work of Paul Clarke, Tracy Cutting and Pam Clarke for their combined efforts in erecting a new shade on the side of the school canteen. This along with the new shade and seating to go up next to the canteen will provide even more shelter and seating for our students.

Snow Ski Trip
It has been a pleasure to be able to accompany the Year 11/12’s on the Moonta Snow Ski trip during the last week of the holidays. Getting to know the students in this environment has shown me the high quality of the students we have here at Moonta Area School. I was very proud of their attitudes, willingness to support and help where needed and the positive nature of their interactions with members of the general public.

The snow ski trip was shared with other families and members of the public. I had many comments from them and lodge managers about how good our students were. I thank them for all the support they gave me on the snow ski trip. It certainly was a very enjoyable trip and I hope that many more future Year 11/12 students take the opportunity to take part in the Moonta Snow trip.

Parent opinion survey
Seeking parents’ opinions and views on a range of issues is extremely important, and here at MAS we do this in a variety of ways throughout the year. This week we are sending out to 100 of our families (randomly selected) a parent opinion survey. This survey can be completed online, although there is a paper based survey for parents without internet access or you are welcome to come into the school and complete it here.

I urge all parents who receive the survey to spend a little time providing us with very valuable feedback and thank you for your time in doing so.

Art Show Success – ‘Moonta Has Talent’
Our ‘Moonta has Talent” Art show which is in on display at the Moonta Town Hall Art Gallery has generated a lot of positive comments from members of the public both local and from Adelaide. Visitors to the town have gone out of their way to contact the local council to praise the quality of our student’s work. I join them in congratulating the students and Ms Vicki Earles on a fantastic exhibition, and encourage all members of the community to take the opportunity to go and see this display.
Student success

It is always pleasing to see Moonta students achieving at the highest level and we congratulate the following students on their sporting success:

Edwin Dyson  SAPSASA Hockey State team, Nationals in Melbourne in August
Will Northeast  State u/16 Football team that went undefeated in recent national carnival in Sydney
Alec Hutchins  u/15 State Hockey team, Nationals in Melbourne in October
Sasha Glasgow  selected in the SAPSASA development squad for netball
Isabelle Glasgow  State regional (Country) team, Nationals in NSW in October
Ellie Turner  State u/12 netball SAPSASA team, Nationals in Canberra and also played state country basketball

I am sure these students would all acknowledge the huge level of support they have received from their parents to be able to participate at this level.

School Based Apprentices (SBA’s)

Moonta Area School continues to ‘bat above its weight’ in terms of the number of students who are completing school based apprenticeships. We currently have 8 students doing SBA’s:

Joseph Chapman  Ag  Home farm
Jack McCauley  Engineering & Fabrication  Armac Welding
Thomas Polgreen  Automotive  Rosewarne
Michael Williams  Civil Construction  Port Hughes Bobcat
Yasmin Burbridge  Business Administration  Country Living Homes
William Ritchie  Motorcycle mechanics  Neville Cowies
Dylan Barrett  Wet Trade/Plasterer  Wayne Madden
Tyler Andrew  Plumbing  Peninsula Plumbing

We also have Luke Sparrow, who is completing a Certificate 3 in Hospitality at Café Capella.

It is fantastic that our students are well supported by local businesses willing to provide these opportunities for our students. Parents or employers who wish to know more about SBA’S can contact Mr Vince Ivens at the school or Jackie Fairlie our Local Apprenticeship Broker on 0458 564 517.

DECS School Centres for Excellence program

Moonta is one of the schools involved in the DECS School Centres for Excellence program. Based at Kadina Memorial High, it’s one of 5 centres around the state. Trainee teachers are offered an extra 20 days practical experience before they graduate at the end of the year. Melanie Sims, who is studying at Uni SA, recently began her 20 days in Shelley Hier’s year 1/2 classroom. “I am incredibly grateful to have this opportunity to not only increase my skills and knowledge before graduating and beginning work next year but also to experience working in a country town compared to the city. I look forward to being able to observe, co teach and extend my view of being a teacher.”

From a teacher’s point of view, it keeps you up to date with what is being offered at University, and is a great way to see fresh ideas from new, enthusiastic practitioners. I also enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience, as it was once shared to me. If we can entice some city graduates out to the country, then that is also a bonus!

Melanie will return to continue her experience later this term.

Australian Mathematics Competition

This competition will be held on Monday 1st August in the Middle School, commencing at 11 a.m. The competition is of 75 minutes duration.

Students participating in this competition are:
Connor Mulholland, Josh Ritter, Jake Cunningham.
MOONTA AREA SCHOOL
ANNUAL MUSIC CONCERT
Thursday 11th August 2011
Term 3 Week 3
In the School Gym

Come along and support all of our students learning keyboard, woodwind, guitar and drums, and the Choir.

Gold coin donation at the door to support the Music fund

Look at all the fun we had at Vacation Care over the July Holidays

Welcome Kelly Macdonald

Last Schools: This is my first school! Completed my final teaching prac at Wallaroo Mines Primary School in Term 2, 2011.

Years Teaching: 0 years!!!

Areas of Study/Majors etc: Junior Primary / Primary.

Special Interests: Dance / Callisthenics.

Role this year: Term 3 Contract – Year 4/5 class for Kris Strauss-Scott

What are you looking forward to this year in regard to teaching: Developing my skills as a teacher.
This week, eight students arrived at our school from Medai High School near Tokyo. The girls are 15/16 year olds who have been studying English for several years and have given up part of their summer holiday to come to Australia to improve their English and learn about Australian life. The following Moonta students and their families have invited the girls to be part of their family for the next two weeks; Chloe Barrett, Chloe Haynes, Sarah Hutchinson, Kayla McCulloch, Kellie Scott, Renee Smith, Kate Stewart and Taylah Wardle. Miss Hier is hosting the tour guide who will accompany the students. Each day there are English lessons and other school and cultural activities planned. Please help the host families to make our visitors feel welcome and enjoy their Aussie experience.

Tricia Stringer.

Welcome back. During the last week of Term 2 students were given Super Dooper ice blocks as a result of 150 students completing the challenge. So far we just over 170 who have completed their sheets. That means we only need around 100 more for our major prize of a day at the movies – so keep those sheets coming in.

It was also very pleasing that Mr. Angus took a PE lesson for Mrs Jarman’s class as a result of the class finishing their sheets. They had a ball. As you can see in the photo Mr. Angus was very stiff and sore afterwards which was an extra bonus.

Well done to the following students for completing their challenge
Ryley Paulson (Mrs Jarman)
Asha Johns, Isabel Hobbs (Mrs Hettner)
Charli Hancocks, Jorja Connor, Rhys Stodulka, Ethan Skinner (Mrs Perkins)
William Jolly, Georgia Skinner (Mr Hall)
Lacey Clarke, Nicole Collaton, Ryan Coleman (Mrs Hancock)

Congratulations to Mikaela Dunn, Ruby Hopkins, Mataya Pollard for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s voucher for Moonta Newsagency goes to Lacey Clarke.
Dear Parents,

We are the Safety Ambassadors at our school and we are trying to make our area safer for everyone. Sam and I have being conducting lessons with younger children focused on Safety Assist Houses.

The first lesson with Mrs Hettner we mainly focused on Road Safety, with a little input about Safety Assist Houses. The other classes we have worked with include Barb and Miss Hier’s. With Barb and Miss Hier’s classes we mainly focused on Safety Assist Houses which taught them where to go when lost or hurt.

If you are interested in turning your house or business into a Safety Assist House please feel free to contact Safer Communities Australia on 83730818. We have enjoyed our lessons so far.

Sam and Harry (Safety Ambassadors)
In Semester 1 we played team games that were run by different people in the group. Everyone had a turn at doing this. We did this before the meeting started.

In Term 1 we had a casual day and we raised $246.20. The money went to Student Voice funds. This term we had a Wheels Day on Friday 24th June. The money went the Moonta Health and Age Care and this was $259.20.

During Term 2 we had a Moonta Has Talent Competition and the judges during the lunch time sessions were members of the Student Voice. At the assembly our Junior School Captains and Mr Ivens were the judges. The winners for the younger group were, Cheyanne, Savannah, Chelsea and Michaela with their group performance. For the older group the winners were Brichelle, Karli, Ella and Mataya with their group act.

This term we had a Social, the first group was R-2, next was 3-6 and 7-12. The R-2 had fairy tales as their costumes, the 3-6 had casual and 7-12 had casual too. Student Voice members helped at the door and canteen. The DJs for R-2 were Adam Scott and Braden Aldridge and for the 3-6 the DJs were Branden Shield and Joseph Sakoulidis who are members of the Social Committee. For 7-12 the DJ was David Sherriff.

An idea that popped up in the R-6 was “Litter Busters”. The idea is that litter busters have to help clean up the yard. This idea was from Jordan Barratt and the R-6 is still working on it. If you like the idea see Jordan Barratt in Ms Grist’s class.

By Mark Francis Year 5, R-6 Semester 1 Publicity

Moontas Has Talent! Winners

R-2 winners from left to right, Chelsea Barratt, Michaela Woodward, Cheyanne Ostendorf and Savannah Prout pictured with Mr Ivens one of the three judges on the day.

3-6 winners from left to right, Mataya Pollard, Ella Mullins, Karli Nicholas and Brichelle Cross

Congratulations!

R-6 Semester 2 Representative received their badges from Mr Travis Skipworth Chairperson of the School Board at the assembly last term.
Year 12 Camp
The Year 12’s together with Mrs Anderson and Mrs Westbrook travelled to the Flinders Ranges in Week 10 of Term 2 and stayed at the old Gunyah Homestead, situated between Quorn and Wilmington. Places visited included Beetaloo Reservoir, Melrose, Arkaba Station, Merna Mora Station, Yourambulla Caves, Warren Gorge, Pichi Richi Camel Rides and Alligator Gorge.

Alternative delivery of lessons for Year 12’s
Due to the small number of students undertaking Year 12 this year we have not had enough students wanting to do some subjects, to warrant running classes. In an endeavour to allow students to study the subjects they want, we have had to access some alternative methods of delivering lessons.

Nick Stock is studying Maths Studies with Tyler Hogan, Assistant Principal of Jamestown Community School. He hears what the teacher is saying over the phone and sees on a computer screen what she is writing, through a program called Centra.

Three students are studying via the Open Access College in Adelaide which involves participating in lessons over the phone. Study materials are either posted, emailed or accessed via Moodle on the internet, and tests are supervised by Moonta Area School staff. Mikki Jose is studying Psychology, Emma Gloyn Photography and Jonathan Slade Studies of Society and Culture.

At the end of last term Jonathan delivered an oral presentation, using a slide show, to the Year 10’s about Australian’s being entitled to a workplace that is free from racial vilification. Jonathan is also travelling to Kadina to attend Modern History lessons at KMHS.

Conversely, a student from KMHS is attending some Tourism lessons here with Mrs Anderson, as are students from Ardrossan and Yorketown. Mrs Anderson is also delivering some lessons via video-conferencing to reduce the amount of travelling required.

Several Year 11 students are about to commence Image Capture Photography via Open Access. Alternative methods of delivering lessons will continue into the future as country schools especially, experience small Year 12 numbers. It is compulsory for students to stay at school until they are 17 unless they leave for alternative study or employment. We have had much success in students obtaining apprenticeships which is one of the reasons some students have left prior to commencing Year 12.

If you have any queries regarding alternative delivery of lessons please contact Mrs Westbrook.
Some of our secondary aboriginal students have been participating in the SAASTA program at Maitland every Tuesday. This program operates at different locations across the state. As part of the program, students participated in a football carnival in Adelaide from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th July with the grand final being played at AAMI Stadium prior to the Power vs North Melbourne match. Prior to this all students were given the opportunity to design a guernsey to be worn by their team in the Para Cup. Joel Lawrie’s design not only won the Yorke Peninsula / Para West competition but was also judged as the best in the state! Joel’s design incorporated a sea eagle which is the totem for the Nurrunga people, gathering bowls on one side (to represent the women) leading to the middle and boomerangs on the other side (to represent the men), also moving towards the middle - which symbolised their coming together in a big camp. In this case the camp was Alberton Oval. The aboriginal flag was featured at the bottom.

Congratulations Joel - a great achievement!

DMC Proposals

The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held Monday 1st August:

Proposal One: Early Years Zoo Excursion
Proposal: Travel to the Zoo by bus, view Pandas and other exhibits.
Requirements from home: packed recess, lunch, snack and drink.
Cost: $10
Date: Thursday 8th September, Week 7.
Proposer: C Hutchins / S Hier / B Dreschler / L Hettner / J van Galen / L Camporeale

Proposal Two: Vibe Alive Festival
Proposal: To take Year 7 and 8 Aboriginal students and a buddy each to the 2 day festival. Students participate in dancing, singing, painting, sport and also experience a health expo with a focus on careers in health. Meet celebrity role models.
Requirements from home: Sleeping gear, clothes, toiletries, towel.
Cost: $40.
Date: Tuesday 23rd – Thursday 25th August, Week 5.
Proposer: J McCauley / B Schmidt

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 4th July:

2. Welcome Assembly for Japanese Students – Thursday 28th July at 9 a.m.
4. MAS Reconciliation Week – Friday 1st July.

The following proposal has been approved by the Principal
6. Take Class 4/5 FC/JM to Plant Trees in Moonta – Thursday 28th July.

Challenge 6 – THE LETTER “M”

Write down as many mathematical words as possible that begin with the letter "M".

Family Maths Challenge

Challenge 5 - Answer

4081 = Four thousand and eighty one
18064 = Eighteen thousand and sixty four
4066761 = Four million, sixty six thousand, seven hundred and sixty one
Horse’s Birthday Party – Saturday 30th July. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Train Park, Victoria Square across from Rotary Markets, Kadina. Pony rides, games and competitions, lunch, drinks and stall items available for purchase. Birthday cake at 1 p.m. Come in cowboy and cowgirl dress ups. An RDAYP event. For more information contact Maralyn Elliss 88 232 794.

Moonta Basketball Club – Annual General Meeting at the Moonta Football Clubrooms. Monday 15th August at 7 p.m. All players, coaches and interested persons are urged to attend to discuss the 2011 – 2012 season and the future of the club. Secretary Katrina Cross 0408 515 300.

The School Dental Service is available to children aged from birth up until 18 at public dental clinics throughout South Australia. Dental care is provided by teams of dentists, dental therapists and dental assistants.

For all toddlers and preschoolers dental care is free.

The School Dental Service recommends children have their first dental visit at around 12-24 months. Fees apply for primary school or high school aged children unless your child is the dependant of, or holder of, a current Centrelink Concession Card, Department of Veterans Affairs Pensioner Concession Card, School Card or Medicare Teen Dental Voucher. It is very important children develop good dental habits early in life. Dental staff will talk to you about your child’s individual dental health needs. Contact your local School Dental Clinic to make an appointment for your preschooler.

The contact details are:
CLINIC: Kadina School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8821 1300
Email: SADS.kadina@health.sa.gov.au
Address: 27a Hallett Street
KADINA SA 5523

Capitation (local private provider service) applies in some areas - please contact your local private dental provider if you require further information.

Do you need help getting your learners permit? Are you ready to start driving lessons, participate in accredited training or looking for options to start your career in the workforce? Please contact Accustom Consulting, where we offer many services such as driving lessons and VORT testing, accredited training, assistance with Resume’s and Job Applications and career development services. Please phone Angie or Felicity on (08) 8821 3340 or 0438 253 575. For more information, please check out our new website...www.accustomconsulting.com.au
Let the consequences do the teaching

Behavioural consequences are a parent’s best friends. When consistently applied consequences will improve kids’ behaviour and increase personal responsibility.

Too often parents will overtalk or repeat themselves to get cooperation from their kids. Too much talk and most modern kids tune out.

Alternatively, parents who protect their kids from the consequences of poor or selfish behaviour aren’t doing them any favours as they are robbing them of terrific learning opportunities.

I love the notion of behavioural consequences as they teach kids to take responsibility for their lives and to make smarter choices.

Parents can use two types of consequences – logical and natural consequences

A logical consequence is used more frequently in family situations. They require adult intervention and are used when their behaviour disturbs other people. A child who makes a noise in the family room is asked to leave; children who refuse to clean their toys lose them for a period of time; and teenagers who come home late from a party lose the right to go out next time.

The 3 R’s of consequences

Consequences often involve the withdrawal of a privilege or a right. For example, a teenager who spends more time than agreed on Facebook, may lose access to technology for a day or two.

Restitution, or making up to someone for unfair treatment or for loss of a possession is another form of consequence. A child who willfully breaks his sister’s toy may make full or part payment for a replacement. In both these examples the consequences are related to children’s misdemeanours, and are reasonable and respectful of their dignity.

A natural consequence involves NO adult interference. For instance, a child who leaves an excursion note at home will miss the excursion; a child who spends all his pocket money on the first day will have nothing for the weekend and a child who oversleeps and misses the bus walks to school. In these examples, children learn from the direct consequences of their own decisions and thus they are not protected from negative outcomes from their parents.

“IT’s your fault, mum!”

Some kids are experts at manipulating their parents to rescue them from experiencing the consequences of their poor choice. They’ll blame their parents for not getting them out of bed on time, or for not reminding them about their responsibilities. It’s best to stand back and let the consequences work their magic!

Note you shouldn’t use natural consequences when safety is an issue. Act decisively to ensure your child is safe.

Here are four simple tips to help make sure your consequences are effective:

Tip 1: Set consequences like a neutral cop.
Issue a consequence using sarcasm or anger and your kids will be angry at you. Issue it like a neutral cop free from emotion or without being heavy-handed and your kids are more likely to be mad at themselves.

Tip 2: When possible, negotiate consequences prior to engaging in new activities.
If your young person is going out for the first time with friends at night, talk about their behaviour and home time. Also discuss the likely consequences if kids don’t stick to the agreement. As a rule, kids are more likely to abide by consequences when they’ve had a say in deciding them.

Tip 3: Avoid life sentences.
Ban a child from going out for a few days rather than leaving the duration open-ended. Set a time-frame for the consequences and remember the second of the 3R’s – reasonable – means that parents shouldn’t go overboard with consequences.

Tip 4: Don’t acquiesce to terrorism…. or guilt.
If your child issues a threat saying something like, “There’s no way you can make me come home at six o’clock,” don’t rise to the bait. Deflect it by saying, “Well, we’ll talk about this tomorrow.” Don’t give into the threats of running away or non-cooperation. “I hope you don’t run away. It’s great having you at home. I want what is best for you.” Avoid stating what you would love to say, which maybe something like, “Yeah, try running away. You wouldn’t last inside two days before you are back here begging for a good feed and comfortable bed!”

Bite your tongue instead, and let the consequences do the teaching!

For more practical ideas to help you raise happy confident kids subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s free email newsletter at Parentingideas.com.au.

You’ll get a free Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you do.
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4:30 p.m. DMC

Tuesday 2nd August
English Competition

Wednesday 3rd August
Year 10/11 Fire Brigade talk
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

Thursday 4th August
Maths Competition

Tuesday 9th August
7:30 p.m. Parent Club meeting

Thursday 11th August
7 p.m. Music Concert

Calendar

Monday 15th – Friday 19th August
Science Week

Monday 15th August
4:30 p.m. DMC

Tuesday 16th August
Maths Competition

Friday 19th August
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August
Book Week

Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th August
Year 12 PE Bushwalking Camp