Upcoming Events:

Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th December
Year 3-6 Swimming
Year 7 Melbourne Camp

Monday 5th – Thursday 8th December
Year 8 Port Vincent Camp
Year 10 Stenhouse Bay Camp

Tuesday 5th – Thursday 8th December
Year 9 Adelaide Camp

Thursday 8th – Friday 9th December
R-2 Swimming

Thursday 8th December
Senior School Graduation

Week 9:
Monday 12th – Tuesday 14th December
R-2 Swimming

Wednesday 14th December
9 a.m. Presentation
Assembly
2 p.m. R-6 Sing along

Friday 16th December
2 p.m. Dismissal

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

At the end of this school year Moonta Area School will have many staff changes, with some very long time staff either retiring or changing roles. We also have several new staff starting in 2012. There are still some placements to be finalised but at this stage we wish to inform the school community of the following:

Most of our school community know that after 38 years Mr Frank Camporeale will be retiring from teaching. His formal farewell will be held this Saturday night at a Special Retirement Dinner in his honour. It is hard to fathom that Frank has probably been responsible for teaching over a 1,000 students in the Moonta area, just under third of the town’s population. You just can’t replace that experience and the school will miss Frank in many and varied ways. Having said that it, is now Frank’s time to enjoy his retirement, his family and have the time to do what he chooses. He has certainly earnt that.
Di Daulby and Laura Camporeale will both be stepping down from leadership roles and reducing time for 2012.

Laura will be working 2 days a week in Shelley Hier’s Reception class for 2012. To be able to use someone of Laura’s experience in the classroom is a bonus for the school and more importantly the students.

Di will be working in a variety of roles in 2012, including library support, intervention programs and 1 day a week in a year 3/4 class. Again it is fantastic that we have not lost Di’s vast knowledge and experience.

Margaret Pope will also be retiring at the end of this year after being at MAS for three years. Margaret has had a tremendous impact on the school in the areas of school counselling, Student Voice, and other well being programs, her latest being the set up of the Breakfast Club.

We wish Margaret all the best in her retirement.

Ashley Dearlove will be leaving us as he has won a permanent position in Adelaide. Although only here for one year, Ashley has made a significant contribution to MAS and we thank him for his care, effort and time he has put into the students of MAS.

Anna Harder and Trista Garrard have been with us since the start of Term 3 teaching Drama and Music respectively. Anna will be working at Harvest Christian School next year whilst Trista will be taking time to have her second child. We wish them well for the future and thank them for their time at MAS.

Also taking leave in 2012 is Dianna Jarman, (three terms). We wish Dianna all the best with the birth of her first child and look forward to her return with the new Reception class starting Term 4.

Di Daddow will also be taking leave for all of next year and we wish her all the best and we are sure she will enjoy her time away.

Known permanent appointments at Moonta Area School for 2012 include:
- Deputy Principal Robyn Dalziel. This was announced earlier this year. Robyn is currently Principal at Craigmore South Junior Primary School
- Japanese/Asian Studies: Stacey Golding
- Primary: Richard Hall
- Secondary Maths/Science: Fiona Galpin
- Primary Coordinator: Melinda Ellis

Congratulations to Shelley Hier who has won the Early Years Coordinator position for 2012.

There are still a number of positions that will be finalised over the coming weeks.

**Award Presentation Assembly**
**Wednesday 14th December, school gym**

The Award Presentation Assembly will be held in the school gym on Wednesday 14th December at 9 a.m. This assembly acknowledges and highlights the achievements of our students in a public way and we invite all members of the Moonta School Community to attend this very important school event.

**Year R-6 sing along**

This 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 Wednesday 14th December at 2 p.m. and will finish by about 3 p.m., so put on your Christmas outfit, come along and have a great time singing with the children.

**School Improvement Plan**

We are currently reviewing our progress towards our 2011 targets as specified in our School Improvement Plan (SIP). School teams will then use this analysis along with other review data to start to develop planned focus areas and targets for 2012. The School Improvement Committee meets next Thursday and will look at 2011 information presented. Discussion will be held around possible key focus areas and aligned targets for the 2012 school year. Early next year school teams will finalise targets with the SIP before going to Governing Council for approval.
Shelley Hier MAS first AST2
The school community would like to congratulate Shelley on achieving her Advance Skills Teacher Level 2 classification.
The Advanced Skills Teacher Level 2 classification is the use of exemplary teacher leaders to influence and improve the teaching and learning of their peers and subsequently, learning outcomes for students. An AST2 has direct impact on the teaching and learning practice of a group of teachers.
Shelley is to be commended on her AST2 success and as mentioned previously will take up the role of Early Years Coordinator for 2012.

Student Success at National Aerobics
Congratulations to three of our students who, as part of the South Australian Sports Aerobics State Team, represented their school and their State at the Gymnastics Australia and Aeroschool Sports Aerobics Competition held in Melbourne.
Samara Elsworth and Kiara Van Rooy competing as a pair, came 5th out of 15 pairs in Aeroschools and 7th in nationals.
Nicole Collaton came 4th in singles competing in nationals.
Well done to these girls and also their parents who have had to provide a lot of support for these girls to be able to compete.

Literacy Coach for Moonta 2012
We have just be informed that we will be allocated a Literacy Coach 1 day a week for 2012. The Literacy Coach is a key role, providing professional learning and coaching support to clusters of schools as part of the literacy improvement initiative for the Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership reward funding. This position will be based at the District Office at Kadina.

Volunteers Morning Tea
Where would Moonta Area School be without all our wonderful volunteers? On Tuesday 29th MAS put on a morning tea to say a small thank you to all our volunteers. Our school is very fortunate to have so many people willing to do that bit extra for the students of MAS. Whether it be reading to students, Governing Council, Parent Club, classroom support, canteen helpers, breakfast club support, resource making, community mentors, work experience placements, helping in the library, attending school camps, helping on Sports Days, or coaching students, it all adds up.
We are a community school. We will only be stronger and be able to provide better for the youth of Moonta if we are all involved.
Remember “it take a village to raise a child”

Read & Rhyme Time
It was fantastic to hear that we had 21 families with 26 children at our Tuesday morning session of Read & Rhyme Time this week. Congratulations to Tricia Stringer and Janine Bennett for implementing this excellent program. I encourage all parents with young children to come along and enjoy this experience with your child or children.

Thank you Volunteers of Moonta Area School
We made faces out of fruit and vegetables during **Well-being Week**... and then ate them!! 😊

**Science Day** was awesome – we LOVED the slime!!

We created **dioramas** with Mrs Jarman’s class, in Term 3 for our **space** topic.

**Maths Mentals** really stretched our brains – we worked on our mathematical ability and group work skills.
Next Tuesday 6th December is our last Read & Rhyme Time for this year. We’re having a Christmas story so please come dressed for the theme. We invite parents from the baby group to stay on and parents from the toddler group to come early, 10:45 a.m., for a short morning tea.

Read & Rhyme Time will continue in 2012. The starting date will be Tuesday 7th February. All parents and caregivers are welcome to bring babies and toddlers to the sessions. For more information please call 88 251 511 or visit the library.

Students have access to a large range of resources from readers and library books to text books and calculators. 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!

All Year 7 to 12 students have already received a list of any school resources checked out to them.

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.
A couple of our primary classes decided to enter the MS Read-a-thon again this year and we were very excited to discover that their reading and fundraising was so impressive, they won iPads for our school. The iPads have recently arrived and students from Mr Hall's class were on hand to take them out of their boxes. Congratulations to all the primary students who participated.

MOBILE PHONES

You don’t have to donate your money to help young Australians survive cancer.
All you have to do is give us your old mobile phone.

The library is now a drop off point for people wishing to dispose of their old mobile phones. Just bring them into the library on your next visit and ask at the circulation desk.

Proceeds to Youth Cancer

R-9 Tri-Skills

Meg's Bookshop

Will have books for sale in our library.
Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th December.
Come in and do your Christmas shopping.
Part proceeds to our library.
Australian Business Week (ABW) is a one week extra curricula activity that the school offers to Year 10 students each year, one which will result in students being credited 10 points towards their SACE certificates after participating in a business simulation program. ABW at Moonta Area School is being held in Week 7 of Term 4 2011 – Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December.

The ABW program is designed to encourage independent and cooperative learning skills and to develop an enterprise mindset prior to entering the workforce or proceeding to further study. It exposes participants to the issues of coping with stress and effective time management, both major issues that impact on students in their senior years of school. During the week long program students learn about business by running their own company in teams of approximately ten. All teams compete against each other in a computer business simulation of the Australian economy. In order to succeed, students learn all the basics of business operation from profit and loss through to planning and marketing a new product. On the last day there is a trade display of all the companies’ new products. Parents, carers and other members of the school and business community are invited to attend this event. The students work is judged by various business and school representatives.

Moonta Area School would like to extend a big thank you to the Moonta Lions club who generously donated a cheque of $1000 prior to the beginning of the week to help with the cost of the program. This support has allowed us to run the program at minimal cost to the students and therefore run an inclusive program. Thanks must also be extended to Bank SA, especially Neil Dyer, Moonta Branch manager, who has generously donated time throughout the week to mentor the finance committee of each team.
Year 10 Waterskiing - Morgan

Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th November, Week 5.
DMC Proposals

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:

Proposal One: Term 4 Casual Day
Proposal: To celebrate the end of a year. Coin donation to be used for Student Voice funds.
Date: Friday 16th December, Week 9.
Proposer: B White / C Norman / M Pope

Proposal Two: Competitions 2012
Competitions / Dates:
- University of NSW
  - Computer Skills: Tuesday 22nd May, Term 2, Week 5
  - Science: Wednesday 6th June, Term 2, Week 7
  - Writing: Monday 18th June, Term 2, Week 9
  - Spelling: Tuesday 31st July, Term 3, Week 3
  - Mathematics: Tuesday 14th August, Term 3, Week 5
- Australian Mathematics Trust
  - Informatics: Thursday 10th May, Term 2, Week 3
  - Mathematics: Thursday 2nd August, Term 3, Week 3
Proposer: R Stutley / B Schmidt

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 21st November:

1. Nursing Home Visit – Requirements from home: Sun smart hat, water bottle if hot. Friday 9th December, Week 8.
2. Year 1/2 class after school activity – Children remain after school and participate in organised games and craft activities. Prepare own tea. Watch a ‘G’ rated video. Go home at 7:30 – 8 p.m. Cost: $2.50 Thursday 1st December, Week 7.
5. Catering – Tourism Branding – To use students to help cater for the Tourism launch to be held in Maitland. Monday 5th December, Week 8.

Road Crossing Monitors – Term 4
Week 8
Gabby Morby, Maddison Kerr, Georgia Skinner
Week 9
Edwin Dyson, Riley Hatcher, Scott Francis

Royal Life Saving Society SA Branch
will be conduction a Water Safety Program in the first week of the Christmas School Holiday’s 19th – 23rd December 2011, held at Moonta Bay.

The program is targeted at 6 months to 18 years:
- Infant – $22 for 5 x ½ hr lessons,
- Swim & Survive - $27 for 5 x 1 hr lessons and
- Bronze Star and higher - $32 for 5 x 1.5 hr lessons.

Enrolment Forms are available from the Community Library or on the website.

Enrolment day is 3rd December at 10 a.m. – 12 noon in the Moonta Area School Gym.

Please visit www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au

Overdue Book Amnesty

If you have an overdue library book or DVD lurking around the house, now’s your chance to return it.

Throughout December libraries around the state will be holding an amnesty on overdue books

Many people simply forget to return their items for a number of reasons. Children for instance seem to have the knack of hiding books under beds and down behind the sofa and parents sometimes find these many weeks after the return date.

We know some people can be worried, or maybe embarrassed at having kept a library book out for so long that they don’t feel they can come back to use the service.

This is a real shame as we have a wonderful library service in Moonta and we want everyone to enjoy it.

The National Year of Reading has been launched to help build a greater passion for the enjoyment of books and reading and we want people to come into our library to get a taste of what is on offer.

Return items now with no questions asked.
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.
- 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.
# Moonta OSHC Vacation Care Program
## December 2011 – January 2012

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<td>Glitter Pine Cone&lt;br&gt;Christmas Trees&lt;br&gt;Bon Bons&lt;br&gt;Christmas Cards</td>
<td>Glitter Snow Domes&lt;br&gt;(bring in a small glass jar)&lt;br&gt;Christmas Cards</td>
<td><strong>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Roast Chicken, Potato, Peas &amp; Corn with Gravy&lt;br&gt;DVD &amp; Popcorn afternoon</td>
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| Monday 26th – Friday 30th December – OSHC Closed this week.<br>Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year! |  |

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<td>Pt Pine&lt;br&gt;BOWLING&lt;br&gt;COST: $7.50&lt;br&gt;Leaving @ 10.00am back @ OSHC by 4.00pm&lt;br&gt;Bring a packed lunch, water bottle &amp; hat&lt;br&gt;Mc Donald's for lunch</td>
<td>Create &amp; Cook your own Pizza&lt;br&gt;Water Balloon Games</td>
<td>State Wide Cinema&lt;br&gt;Happy Feet Two&lt;br&gt;COST: $11.00 includes Ticket &amp; Popcorn</td>
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<td>Pt Hughes&lt;br&gt;Playground&lt;br&gt;Fish &amp; Chips For Lunch&lt;br&gt;COST: $5.00&lt;br&gt;Leaving @ 10.45 back @ OSHC by 2.30&lt;br&gt;Bring a water bottle &amp; hat</td>
<td>Hama Bead Creations&lt;br&gt;Gymnastics in the Gym</td>
<td>Laser Skirmish&lt;br&gt;LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!!!!!&lt;br&gt;COST: $11.00&lt;br&gt;Please wear closed in shoes, bring a hat &amp; water bottle</td>
<td><strong>WHEELS DAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bring your – BIKE, SCOOTER, ROLLER BLADES/SKATES&lt;br&gt;Don't forget your helmet, knee &amp; elbow pads</td>
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<td>Kadina Train Park&lt;br&gt;PICNIC LUNCH</td>
<td>Slime, Shakes, Soccer, Sock Puppets&lt;br&gt;Dress up in something starting with the letter S&lt;br&gt;Day</td>
<td>State Wide Cinema&lt;br&gt;Puss in Boots 3D&lt;br&gt;COST: $11.00 includes Ticket &amp; Popcorn</td>
<td><strong>Wild Life Rescue</strong>&lt;br&gt;Come &amp; learn about the great work Sammy &amp; Lorrain do.&lt;br&gt;Cuddle the animals &amp; have your photo taken holding the animals</td>
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<td><strong>AUSTRALIA DAY</strong>&lt;br&gt;Game of Cricket&lt;br&gt;Thong Throwing Competition&lt;br&gt;Aboriginal Dot Art&lt;br&gt;Aussie Colouring Pictures&lt;br&gt;Fireworks Painting&lt;br&gt;BBQ Lunch (sausage sizzle) &amp; ice-cream cone</td>
<td><strong>Public Holiday – Sorry OSHC Closed</strong></td>
<td>Last day of Vacation Care&lt;br&gt;<strong>Masquerade Ball</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make a Mask&lt;br&gt;Dress-up in a fancy outfit&lt;br&gt;Bring a plate of food to share with your friends&lt;br&gt;<strong>NO NUTS PLEASE</strong></td>
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R-6 Action Group
Moonta Bay beach on Tuesday 22nd November. Some people dug holes, others made sandcastles, some played games and in between the light showers of rain we went under the shelter. The wind was really strong and our hats and balls blew away. We went on the playground until it was time for our pizza lunch. After playing some more we had to return to school.

Student Voice Executive
Pictured are Jazz and Taylor at the Laser Skirmish where everyone dressed up with glow in the dark clothes and painted themselves. We played Indoor Laser tag several times. Sometimes we had a red and green team against each other and other times we played as individuals against each other. Only one game was played outdoors as we voted for doing more games inside. People enjoyed playing the arcade games too. After the activities we went by school bus to Kadina and guess where we had lunch? McDonalds! We all enjoyed ourselves and can’t believe it is the end of the year.

Week 8
Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th December
Year 3-6 Swimming
Year 7 Melbourne Camp

Monday 5th – Thursday 8th December
Year 8 Port Vincent Camp
Year 10 Stenhouse Bay Camp

Tuesday 6th – Wednesday 8th December
Year 9 Adelaide Camp

Tuesday 6th December
FC class – Bike Riding

Thursday 8th – Friday 9th December
R-2 Swimming

Thursday 8th December
Senior School Graduation – Seagate

Week 9
Monday 12th – Tuesday 13th December
R-2 Swimming

Wednesday 14th December
9 a.m. End of Year Presentation Assembly
2 p.m. R-6 Christmas Sing along

Thursday 15th December
R-2 Swimming
R-11 End of Year Reports sent home

Friday 16th December
2 p.m. Dismissal