Melbourne camps, aquatic camps, beach week, business week, formals, graduations, sing along, presentation assembly all mean that we are near the end of the year. Some one said to me the other day, “I suppose you are winding down for the year” I had to tell them that, no, in fact the end of the year is one of the busiest times of the year.

There have been many great school events over the last two weeks, culminating in yesterday’s Presentation assembly. I would like to acknowledge the work of Moonta Staff in facilitating the many camps, excursions and activities that make up the end of the school year. Also the many parents, students and local businesses that have put in time and effort to support these events.

Moonta Area is so fortunate to have such a caring local community who support us in many and varied ways. The school and most importantly the students benefit significantly from this relationship and we appreciate it very much.

Thank you

Staffing news
End of year can be a time when we lose some very valuable staff who for different reasons are moving on:

Ms Terry Sizer, Regional Director with Mr Frank Camporeale
Moonta Area School after 38 years has to say goodbye to Mr Frank Camporeale.
Frank has taught over 1,000 students at Moonta, he has taught many 2nd generation students, and I think I’m right in saying has just missed out on teaching his first 3rd generation student.
Frank has taken the school choir for 11/12 years, has taken a class camp in most years, been involved in Drama productions, Pedal Prix, Continentals, Sports Days, Kernewek activities, plus we are all aware of his community involvement in scouts and numerous other activities. There would not be a significant event held at school that Frank would not have contributed to in some major way.

Some amazing figures
Frank has completed
- 6080 yard duties
- Had 7600m recesses
- Completed over 3000 individual student reports, and
- been to over 1500 staff meetings
But to me the best thing, the thing that has had the most impact, is that Frank made the decision to stay in the class. This community is extremely fortunate for that to have occurred, especially a male in Primary. To see Frank in action with his students, his morning welcome, his 100 questions, his constant challenging of students to do better, to think for themselves, to improve, to develop their understanding of learning and how they learn best. His class structures, his ever changing seating patterns are all very specific and intentional actions to improve the learning outcomes for his students.
His skills have been learnt and honed over a fantastic teaching career of 42 years. I can’t replace that.
Saying Thank You doesn’t seem enough to acknowledge what Frank has given over the last 38 years.
But Frank on behalf of the current Moonta students, staff and parents, Thank you

Margaret Pope will also be retiring this year.
Margaret has been our Student Counsellor for the last 3 years and along with Vince Ivens has led the school Well Being Team. Margaret has been the Coordinator of Student Voice, organised all the school socials and was responsible for the implementation of the school Breakfast Club. Thank you Margaret for all the time, effort, and care you have shown to all students at Moonta Area. We wish you all the best for the future and enjoy the next stage of your life. You have thoroughly deserved that.

Ashley Dearlove will be leaving us after 1 year to take up a permanent appointment at Salisbury East High School as a Physical Education Teacher. Ashley has made a big impact in the year he has been here, involving himself in many aspects of the school as well as the community. We wish Ashley all the best in his new role and thank him for his contribution to the students at Moonta Area and the local community.

Sally Grist will be moving to Geranium Primary School and we thank her for all her work with our 5/6 students whilst here at Moonta Area School.
Peta Eylward has again provided MAS with a local 0.2 option, and we thank her for her willingness to be flexible and her support of all our students.

Teachers, Mark Sawyer, Trista Garrard and Anna Harder who have been here on part year contracts this year will be moving on. We wish them well with their future teaching careers and thank them for their time at Moonta Area School.

Dianna Jarman will taking three terms leave for the birth of her first child. All the best Dianna as you enter a most wonderful but challenging time of your life.

Our IT Trainee, Kim Green, has also finished her traineeship this year and we are as yet, not sure of her movements in 2012. Kim has been a fantastic asset in supporting our IT department and we are sure her skills and abilities will see her quickly gain further employment in this field.

SSO’s play a pivotal role at Moonta Area in many and varied ways. Unfortunately employment often depends on grants which are allocated by DECD, based on the needs of particular students and staffing levels which are often changing. At this stage four of our SSO’s will not be starting the 2012 school year but we may well see them back throughout the school year. We thank Penny Chamberlain, Meredy Shipard, Michelle Northey and Megan Prout for their time, care and commitment to the students at Moonta Area School

2012 school year
A reminder that the 2012 school year starts on Monday 30th January. Letters will be sent home Friday with all the information regarding start of year, payment of fees, office hours etc.

Friday dismissal – Students will be dismissed at 2:05 p.m. this Friday.
Year 12 Formal
In days gone by, young people participated in Deb Balls and Coming Out ceremonies designed to be a ‘rite of passage’ from children to young adults. The school formal is now what has taken their place with our Year 11 & 12 Formal being held on Thursday night. The night was a spectacular affair with beautiful gowns and formal attire together with a transformation of the Seagate restaurant.

Sincere thanks to the Formal Committee, and Wendy Brusnahan for the organisation of the event and to our young adults who looked absolutely fabulous.

School Magazine 2011
I must congratulate Nina Penna on the quality of this year’s school magazine. It is a great record of all the events, activities and learning that happens in an Area School.

Christmas message
On a personal note can I publicly thank all members of the Moonta School Community for their support this year.
I wish to thank all the staff for their tremendous work, the governing council, parent club and volunteers for their support and their efforts in making Moonta Area School the best it can be.
I would especially like to thank all Moonta Area School students for their commitment to their studies, their willingness to learn and for taking their opportunities to grow and make themselves and the school a place of Learning, Caring and Sharing.

Have a great Christmas break and holidays and I look forward with enthusiasm to the 2012 school year.

Kind regards
Dean

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Thank you to our Fantastic Instructors.
On Saturday evening, December 3rd, I was both proud and humbled by the willingness of such a large group of people who came to share a milestone with me, namely my pending retirement at the end of this year. Also knowing the number of teaching friends and people I have worked with, or shared experiences and good times with, who couldn’t be there on the night, added to my feeling of being somewhat awestruck.

I did, firstly, thank my family, who have put up with me, with my beliefs regarding teaching, and the time consuming commitments I made to teaching, to Moonta Area School and to the students with whom I had the privilege to work.

Secondly, I thank everyone who has had any connection with our school – principals, teachers, SSO’s, parents who took on roles and made commitments to P&F or School Council, being volunteers in whatever situations - supporting us, and hence me, in whatever way. You all have been my mentors and my supporters, my friends. For that I have been and am truly grateful.

Finally, to everyone who helped coordinate the evening and who helped make it such a wonderful night, a job well done. It was a night I will not forget.

Frank Camporeale
Kris Strauss-Scott’s Class and Frank Camporeale’s Class had the opportunity to participate in an adventure camp in the Adelaide Hills, at Mylor Baptist Adventure Camp, in Week 6 of this term. Our Coach Driver, Bob, along with Matt Hopkins, transported us there and back in good time, allowing a stop to break the journey. To Matt Hopkins, Michele Appleton and Kerry Crosby, who came as helpers, many thanks.

The caterers and the instructors were given a huge thank you and congratulations as our students had a ball in everything they did. A few comments / appraisals from the children follow.

**The Best Activities**
(a) The giant swing - 14
(b) The flying fox – 13
(c) Challenge Course
(d) Canoeing – 2
(e) Native Animal Talk.

**The funniest thing that happened (in their eyes)**
(1) People on the giant swing, screaming.
(2) Watching Mr. C. doing the challenge course.
(3) Seeing people let go of the flying fox rope.
(4) Watching the ‘Morning Show’ (the teachers’ skit / play). – 2. Watching Moonta’s Talent Show. - 4
(6) Raft Making

**What could we change?**
(a) Go for an extra day – 7
(b) Stay for a week – 5. Go for lots longer.
(c) Not have to do cleanup after morning tea or lunch. (Oh dear – chores can be a chore.)
(d) Go on the high ropes. – 4
(e) Make the flying fox bigger – 2
(f) Have more animals to look after during the Animal Care session.

We were busy from the time we got there until we headed for home.

These were from one class only, but by sharing these, readers might appreciate what the children thought.

Frank Camporeale
An afternoon where we enjoyed pedalling around Moonta streets, through Victoria Park playing “Follow the Leader” and then “The Ups and Downs.

Risk Takers were a plenty!

Mr C

Pictured are some of the groups,
Top Left: Dee’s Delights,
Top Right: Matt’s Marauders,
Left: Andrew’s Achievers
Right: Frank’s Fanatics.

Winning Group of the Trade Display and Overall.
Summer Holiday Program – 19th December – 27th January if sufficient bookings are received. Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 12 noon. $25/Child per day, children must be aged between 5 to 13 years. Contact 8821 3106, coppercoast@belgravialeisure.com.au, 1 Doswell Tce, Kadina. Printed programs are available at the school’s front office.

Moonta Football Club – Applications are required for the following Junior Coaching positions. Senior Colts, Junior Colts, Big Mini’s, Little Mini’s & Auskick. Applications to The President: Moonta Cricket Club, Junior Committee, c/- PO Box 480, Moonta 5558. Applications close 6th January 2012. Christmas at the Clubrooms – Friday 23rd December. Happy Hour, Meals Available & Father Christmas attending at 7:30 p.m.

The following proposal was approved by the Principal:

We have an anything goes Canteen Day in Week 8

Proposal: We are entitled to 2 a term, we didn’t have any in Term 2 or 3. We have had 1 in Term 4.

Proposer: B Schmidt
Holidays can be a great time for children - and teachers - to rest and for families to encourage different learning strategies within their homes. Summer holidays are a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy activities together. Children return to school from the long holiday more mature and keen for the new year after weeks of close contact with the family and friends.

Without, some attention to learning, however, the summer weeks of down-time can bring problems later, when teachers have to spend time re-teaching concepts students have forgotten. The summer break can be especially difficult for younger children who have only recently got used to the daily school routine. They are new learners, and the new skills and routines take a lot of reinforcement, so it's harder for them to come back after the break and start up again where they left off.

Parents may like to spend a short time each day going over some of the things their children have learned at school. Make it fun, but also help to reinforce what children have been learning. Enjoyable activities with letters and numbers and reading a lot can help keep learning alive.

There are many educational activities that families can do to help make the transition back to school easier. Cooking, shopping and reading, planning activities, working out costs, making phone calls, writing thank-you letters are all very important to keep children engaged so that their minds stay fresh for when they return to school.

Try using the newspaper as a learning tool, even with younger students. They can find the items you need in supermarket advertisements. Get them to circle words they recognise in stories or photo captions. Take children for small day trips that are fun, educational and energetic. Buy postcards so they can write to friends and grandparents about what they have seen and done. Playing cards and board games can keep children engaged in reading, co-operating and learning skills. Most of all have fun doing it.

All school resources borrowed by students during the year should now be back in the library. If your child has items still checked out to them an invoice will be included in their report. We ask that you return the items listed or pay for them before the new school year begins so that students can start 2011 with a clear record.

Many students returned all items on time and their names were put in a lucky draw. The winners were Mikaela Wilksch, Jayga Warmington, Kate Prout and Ashton Angie. Students can now borrow for holiday reading.

Remember – the library operates until 24th December and from 3rd January 2012.

Opening times are - Sunday 1.30 – 4.00; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am – 4pm; Thursday 9am – 6pm. There are lots of new book titles, along with magazines, DVDs and public computers so make the most of your Community Library facilities during the summer.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the library team – Tricia Stringer, Dave Steele, Janet Johnstone, Janine Bennett, and Jane Sutton.
Moonta OSHC Vacation Care Program

December 2011 – January 2012

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<td>ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS WEEK</td>
<td>Hand Print Christmas Tree Snowflakes Christmas Cards</td>
<td>Glitter Pine Cone Christmas Trees Bon Bons Christmas Cards</td>
<td>Glitter Snow Domes (bring in a small glass jar) Christmas Cards</td>
<td>CHRISTMAS LUNCH Roast Chicken, Potato, Peas &amp; Corn with Gravy DVD &amp; Popcorn afternoon</td>
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<td>Face Painting &amp; Balloon Twisting With Jules &amp; Daisy the Clown Cost: $5.00</td>
<td>Pt Hughes Playground Fish &amp; Chips For Lunch COST: $5.00 Leaving @ 10.45 back @ OSHC by 2.30 Bring a water bottle &amp; hat</td>
<td>Hama Bead Creations Gymnastics in the Gym</td>
<td>Laser Skirmish LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!!!! COST: $11.00 Please wear closed in shoes, bring a hat &amp; water bottle</td>
<td>WHEELS DAY Bring your – BIKE, SCOOTER, ROLLER BLADES/SKATES Don’t forget your helmet, knee &amp; elbow pads</td>
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<td>STRAW PEG &amp; POP STICK CREATIONS Baking Choc Chip Muffins</td>
<td>Kadina Train Park PICNIC LUNCH</td>
<td>Slime, Shakes, Soccer, Sock Puppets Dress up in something starting with the letter</td>
<td>State Wide Cinema Puss in Boots 3D COST: $11.00 includes Ticket &amp; Popcorn</td>
<td>Wild Life Rescue Come &amp; learn about the great work Sammy &amp; Lorraine do. Cuddle the animals &amp; have your photo taken holding the animals</td>
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<td>Zumba With Greta Recycle Creations (Let’s see what we can make)</td>
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<td>AUSTRALIA DAY Game of Cricket Thong Throwing Competition Aboriginal Dot Art Aussie Colouring Pictures Fireworks Painting BBQ Lunch (sausage sizzle) &amp; ice-cream cone</td>
<td>Public Holiday – Sorry OSHC Closed</td>
<td>Last day of Vacation Care Masquerade Ball Make a Mask Dress-up in a fancy outfit Bring a plate of food to share with your friends NO NUTS PLEASE</td>
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Phone: 0439 817 475
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The service is available from 8.00am – 6.00pm. Monday – Friday.
Bookings: A limited number of places are available each day, so please enrol and book in early. The centre does not assume that you will need the bookings. The onus is on the parent/guardian to complete an enrolment form that can be collected from the OSHC room or the school front office and will need to be returned.
Fees: The total cost is $50 per child for a full day. (Less any CCB & CCR Entitlements) A late collection fee of $20 will be imposed when children are collected later that closing time. Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate entitlements are available. Please contact the Family Assistant Office on 13 61 50 to register or provide a copy of the letter stating your Customer Reference Number to the service.

Meals: Parents are to provide recess and lunch each day unless stated otherwise in the program. Please do not include food containing NUTS. The service will provide afternoon tea each day.
Clothing: Please bring a hat (NO HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY) and water bottle. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear according to weather and daily activities on the program.
Excursions: Children enrolled on an excursion day MUST attend the excursion, as this is a condition of enrolling on that day; this is to help with staff ratios. Children must be at the service 30 minutes prior to departing. Any children who arrive after that will need to find alternative care as there will be no staff members staying at the service. Parents will need to pay for excursions. The cost will be on the program which will be displayed on the Parent Information board in the OSHC room.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!!!
Year 12

Back: Mrs Anderson, Elle Colliver, Rebehak Hicks, Adele Smith, Amelia Shields, Breanna Smith, Rebecca Butler, Tegan Goerecke, Mr Schmidt, Mr Gordon
Front: Mrs Westbrook, Mrs Brusnahan, Luke Moss, Mitchell Morby, Sean McMahon, Joanathan Slade, Nathan Francis

Year 11

Back: Jacinta McPeake, Alice Raunic, Aisha Cooper, Isabelle Brown, Alice Ackland, Stacy Cooper
Front: Tom Polgreen, Michael Scarce, Michael Williams