Upcoming Events:

- **Monday 19th** – **Friday 23rd March**
  - R-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Monday 19th March**
  - 4:30 p.m. DMC
- **Tuesday 20th March**
  - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- **Wednesday 21st March**
  - Interschool Sports Day

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

**MAS Sports Day**
What a great day, well done Flinders......
Moonta Area School students are to be congratulated for their efforts and attitude to the Sports Day. It was great to see so many students trying their hardest in both the individual and team events, supporting and cheering on their team, encouraging individuals and filling in wherever they could. Their behaviour on the day was excellent. It shows what quality students we have.

A huge thank you to Kris Daddow, Raelene Stutley and the members of the Sport & Recreation Committee for all they did to bring about the Sports Day. It certainly ran very smoothly, and this is of course due to all the quality planning and preparation before the event.

Thank you to the Early Years Team for all they did in ensuring all our Reception, Year 1 and 2 students had a great Moonta Area School Sports Day.

Thank you to all the staff of Moonta Area School for all the hard work they put in prior to and on the day. They started the day at 7 a.m. and were still packing up at 8 p.m. that night. Every single staff member has specific roles on the day and I publicly thank them for their efforts in supporting Sports Day.

To our parents and wider school community.
community, a huge thank you for your support and encouragement. We had a lot of parents volunteer to help at all the different athletic events as well as in the canteen.

The fact that we had a huge majority of our school population turn up on the day, well prepared for the day and willing to stay right to the end says a lot about the support we have at the school.

Thank you also to the other community groups who supported us with tents, shades and other requirements.

Congratulations to all. Bring on Interschool, which this year will be held at Maitland Area School on Wednesday 21st March.

**Student Voice Induction**

On Friday 2nd March we had a very successful Student Voice Induction ceremony. It was pleasing to see an increased number of students nominate for leadership positions within the school, and we sincerely value the contribution that they will make to school life during this year. Congratulations to Blake Pedler and Aisha Cooper who were elected Senior School Captains, School Vice Captains Alice Raunic and Will Northeast and to Ruby Markham and Bob White who are the Junior School Captains.

I also wish to publicly acknowledge all the members of the Student Voice Executive and all members of the R – 6 Action Group. It is great to see you taking on a leadership role in the school; both you and the school will benefit from this.

Congratulations to all our House Captains and Vice Captains, for Eyre, Flinders and Monterra.

Thanks also to all the parents and family members who came to see the induction. It was great to see you there and I’m sure the students really appreciated your attendance. I must also thank the students and staff at Moonta Area School. The students displayed excellent listening skills throughout the ceremony, showing their understanding of the importance of the occasion. Staff coordination, flexibility and support leading up to and including the day were exemplary.

Finally, thanks go to our special guest, Mrs Michelle Daniel, for her words to the student body, and student leaders. Thanks also to Ms Jane McCauley for all her work in Student Voice selections and in organising the assembly.

**Governing Council AGM**

The Moonta Area School AGM of the Governing Council was held last Wednesday 7th March. We would like to welcome and thank the following for their commitment to Moonta Area School in being on our Governing Council for 2012.

Travis Skipworth | Chairperson/DMC/Site Improvement
Lyndon Elsworth | Deputy Chairperson
Kerry Hopkins | Treasurer/Kindy Rep
Sue Moss | Secretary
Greg Smith | SASSO
Anne Jolly | Canteen/OSHC
May Buttle | Library/Aboriginal Parent
Tracy Cutting | Community Voice
Sue Ferguson | DMC/Well Being
Michael Buck | Finance
Wendy Hutchinson | Well Being
Julie Wardle |
Craig Cross |
Sue Barry |
Len Buttle |
Adrian Hatcher | Local Gov Nominee
Michele Appleton | Aboriginal Parent
Dean Angus | Community Voice
Di Daubly |
Judy Van Galen | Staff Rep
Aisha Cooper | Staff Rep
Blake Pedler | Student Voice

We would like to acknowledge the support of retiring members Libby Williams 2002 – 2011, Tony Dunn 2001 - 2011, and Meredy Shipard 2008 - 2011 and thank them for their service towards Moonta Area School.

**R-6 Parent/Caregiver Interviews**

Information will come home shortly in regards to parent/caregiver interviews. I encourage all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to speak to your child’s teacher and discuss their progress so far this year. If you are unable to come in and see the teacher at the times scheduled, please contact that teacher and make alternate arrangements.

Education is a three way process and we need to ensure we work together in improving the educational outcomes of all Moonta students.

**Getting the Most out Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent-teacher conferences are an important part of Moonta Area School’s reporting system. It is one of the few opportunities parents and teachers have to discuss student progress in a structured setting. Experienced teachers and parents know how to make the most of the short time allowed for a conference. Here are some tips:

- Try to be relaxed. Teachers don’t want to put you on the spot or make you feel you are being judged. They want a useful discussion that will
help them teach better and your child learn better.

- All children learn in slightly different ways but the elements of good education remain pretty much the same. Of course your child is special and unique to you and all good teachers want to see each student as an individual. But most children will do well at school if they master the basics, pay attention and try to co-operate.

- When you and the teacher are united, that’s a powerful message from the most important adult team in your child's education. Children will happily play one adult off against another if they can get away with it. When they know you and their teacher respect each other and communicate regularly, children soon accept they just have to settle down to their schoolwork.

- Try to be on time and keep to the allotted time. If you cannot make the appointment, arrange one at a time that suits you better. If you know you need longer than the allotted time, arrange to meet the teacher outside the conference timetable.

- Ask your child if there are any matters that you should raise at the conference.

- If your child is not making progress, ask teachers for specific suggestions about how you can help your child do better.

- Stay in regular touch with the teacher to discuss the progress your child is making. Meeting with your child’s teachers helps build the strong parent-teacher partnerships that are needed if you and your child’s teachers are to reach your common goal of helping your child get the best education possible.

**Some good questions to ask:**

- Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- How well, does my child get along with others?
- What are my child’s best and worst subjects?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- Has my child missed any classes other than ones I contacted the school about?
- Have you noticed any sudden changes in the way my child acts? For example, have you noticed any signs of physical or other problems?
- What kinds of tests are being done? What do the tests tell about my child’s progress?
- How does my child handle taking tests?

Try asking your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all.

### Narungga Language Retraining 2012

DECD Teaching and Learning Services is pleased to invite Expressions of Interest from Narungga people, senior secondary students, and R–12 teachers, ACEOs and other DECD employees to participate in the Narungga Language Retraining Project during 2012.

This project will provide participants with an opportunity to:

- begin a cycle of professional learning in Narungga language and culture as it is currently being revived through the efforts of NAPA and other community activities
- examine language teaching methodology, and engage with the Narungga language R–12 teaching curriculum currently being drafted for schools
- gain an appreciation and understanding of Australian Indigenous languages.

Successful applicants will be provided with:

- mentoring support
- published materials and on-going support relevant to Narungga language work.

When: 20 full-day training sessions throughout 2012, starting 20–23 March

Where: Timetabled classes held at Kadina Office, 45 Taylor Street, Kadina

Cost: None. Lunch and refreshments provided on class days

For further information please contact Sonya Rankine, Aboriginal Community Education Officer 8828 0506 or email on Sonya.Rankine@sa.gov.au

### BULLYING NO WAY

**Face Book/Phone Text**

As a school we are more and more having to deal with issues that occur through Facebook or through phone texts. These are not just student issues as we also have a small number of parents who think it is ok to defame people in public.

I remind all our school community that under DECD we are now obliged to follow up any harassment that occurs, even when it happens out of school hours. If any form of Internet, including Facebook or Mobile phone harassment occurs at any time and comes to our attention, we will contact both of the students’ parents and let them know of the information. We will make both parties aware of the ability to report this issue to the police.

Once it becomes a school harassment issue it will be dealt with through the Harassment Procedures as outlined in our harassment policy.

If you or your child have any concerns please don’t
hesitate to call the Principal or school counsellors. We remind all parents that students legally have to be **13 years** of age to have their own Facebook page.

**2011 Annual Report**
The 2011 Annual report was presented in full to the Governing Council at the AGM on Wednesday 7th March. Over term 1, I will be sharing relevant data from the report via MAS Media. In this edition of MAS Media I am focussing on our Year 11/12 SACE Achievement data.

Both Stage 1 & Stage 2 results showed were we are above both like school and state average. This is a very pleasing result. We have made significant progress this year as many of our mean Year 12 scores have moved from C average to B average.

Our 2011 ATAR mean is above like schools and only slightly below state average.

**Reading Reading Reading**

It’s our big focus at school but did you know

- **learning to read takes more practice than children get during the school day.**

Here are some tips you can do at home to help

If your child is just **beginning to learn to read**

- Read books with rhymes (we have plenty in the library)
- Teach your child rhymes, short poems and songs
- Play simple word games like – how many words can we make up that sound like the word ‘cat’

If your child is just **beginning to read**

- Point out the sounds your child is learning on boxes, signs, magazines and newspapers
- Make labels for things around the house
- Read poetry to your child (we have lots of fun poetry books in the library)

Above all have fun with **READING!**
**Student Voice Executive**
The first few weeks of school have been extremely busy with panels making decisions about who will be members of the 2012 Student Voice Executive, Senior School Captains and Vice Captains and Junior School Captains.
The Student Voice Executive had to write an application stating their reasons for wanting to be on this committee. These applications were carefully read by our selection panel consisting of Sean McMahon (2011 Senior School Captain), Cassie Norman and Jordan Barratt (Junior School Captains 2011), Natalie Chapman (Parent Representative) and Jane McCauley (Student Voice Co-ordinator). After much round table discussion the final people were chosen.

**School Captains 2012**
The selection process for Senior School Captain, Senior Vice Captain and Junior School Captain was an interview by the student to a panel. The panel consisted of Mr Travis Skipworth (Chairperson of the School’s Governing Council), Mrs Jane McCauley (Student Voice Coordinator), Mrs Kris Straus-Scott (School Counsellor) for Junior Captains interviews, Mr Vince Ivens (School Counsellor) for Senior School Captains, Mrs Natalie Chapman (Parent Representative), and student representatives: Natasha Hubbard, Sam Crocker and Angus Ellard. These students had already won a position on the Student Voice Executive council. The panel listened to the presentations each candidate presented and asked questions to help decide how well the applicants matched the judging criteria. It was the answers to these questions that influenced the final choice.

Our congratulations to Blake Pedler and Aisha Cooper as Senior School Captains, Will Northeast and Alice Raunic as Senior Vice Captains and Bob White and Ruby Markham as Junior School Captains.

We would like to thank all students who nominated and encourage those who were not successful to try again next year. It was great to see such interest by the students who wanted to be involved in the important role of student decision making. The School Captains, Vice Captains and Student Voice Executive were presented to the School Community at the Induction Assembly on Friday 2nd March.

Our special guest, Mrs Michelle Daniel spoke to all students about stepping out of their comfort zone, taking on challenges no matter what age and seeing setbacks, not as failure but as a stepping stone for personal improvement. Michelle highlighted that challenging yourself is a part of life’s experiences and that the pathway to achieving individual goals is not always easy or without personal hardship.

On the conclusion of her very inspirational speech, Michelle presented the students with their badges.

**R-6 Action Group**
For Semester 1, two students from each Reception to Year 6 class, represent their class at fortnightly meetings. They bring information and issues from their class meetings to the R-6 Action Group, fortnightly meetings and likewise report to their class after each meeting. The R-6 Action Group is part of the school’s process to encourage students to take on responsible decision making. The process of selecting these students varied from class to class. The representatives from the classes were presented to the School Community at the Induction Assembly on the 2nd March.
FLINDERS once again showed its superiority with a convincing win at our annual Interhouse Sports Day. The weather was excellent, the oval looked magnificent and the enthusiasm and participation of students was once again highly evident. The competition and commitment between houses was fierce. Congratulations go to all who were involved and all aspects of the day were outstanding. The house areas and surrounds looked fantastic and the colour and pride displayed by students was of the highest level. All teams showed great sportsmanship and were committed to giving the day their best effort.

The final scores were:

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CONGRATULATIONS Flinders and well done to Eyre and Monterra.

We would like to thank

- The parents and staff who lent shades.
- The School Canteen for providing ample food supplies to feed us all.
- All the teachers for helping with training and marshalling events.
- All parents and students who helped at events and at the food venues.
- NYP Little Athletics and Lyndon Elsworthy for the use of the electronic timing equipment at the finish line.

Without these people the day would not have been possible. The biggest thanks would have to go to the students for their participation in making the day a very successful event.

Congratulations go to the following students who broke existing records:

- **U9G** Vortex Throw: Shayla McKay 21.72m
- **U10B** 600m: Aiden Turner 2m16.04s, Alex Elsworthy 2m17.53s
- **U10B** Vortex Throw: Tom Talbot 31.00m
- **U11G** Javawocky: Kira Gibbons 19.60m
- **U13G** Shot Put: Samara Elsworthy 10.07m
- **U15G** Javelin: Chelsea Fisher 25.82m
Our individual winners are listed and we congratulate all the winners, runners up and participants.

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<td>Olivia Elsworth</td>
<td>Graycie Dall</td>
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<td>U8 Boys</td>
<td>Harrison Hatcher</td>
<td>Danny Hobbs</td>
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<td>U9 Girls</td>
<td>Shayla McKay</td>
<td>Cheyanne Ostendorf</td>
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<td>Sam Watson</td>
<td>Will Northeast</td>
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The "Travis Skipworth House Cup", is a trophy intended to acknowledge the positive actions and relationships between the teams. Points were allocated throughout the day, using the following criteria: team spirit, colour of both house area and students, the sporting attitude of team members and the cleanliness of their area. Once again, the commitment and encouragement of all house captains and their team members in setting up the house and oval areas and involvement throughout the day were superb.

Congratulations go to FLINDERS on their double win for the day. The final scores were:

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Teams have now been selected for the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival, to be held at Maitland on Wednesday 21st March. Congratulations go to all of those students selected, with best wishes for their continued success.
# Moonta Vacation Care Program

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<td><strong>BAY DAY!!</strong></td>
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<td>THE MUPPETS</td>
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<td>SWIM DOWN @ MOONTA BAY...</td>
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<td>Cost - $11.00 for ticket popcorn &amp; drink. Time - 10.00 am - 1.00 pm</td>
<td>Bring a backpack with Hat Water Bottle &amp; Lunch, wear comfy walking shoes</td>
<td>CLIMB ON THE ROCKS... WALK ON THE JETTY...BEACH CRICKET...</td>
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<td>Baking Banana Bread</td>
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<td><strong>SAND CASTLE COMP</strong></td>
<td>Leaving OSHC @ 8.30 am &amp; Returning to OSHC @ 5.30 pm. Please be at OSHC by 8.15 am</td>
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Call Deahnn on 0439 817 475

**April School Holidays**
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 19th March:

**Proposal One: SVE Leadership Training Day**  
Proposal: Change of date from Thursday 22nd March, Week 8.  
*Date:* Tuesday 22nd May, Term 2, Week 5.  
*Proposer:* J McCauley

**Proposal Two: Year 12 Camp – Flinders Ranges**  
Proposal: Staying at Gunyah Homestead. Provides an opportunity for Year 12s to form relationships to assist them to get through the rest of the year.  
*Requirements from home:* Clothing, some food (cakes/fruit), spending money.  
*Cost:* $180.  
*Date:* Monday 25th – Thursday 28th June, Term 2, Week 10.  
*Proposer:* F Anderson / M Westbrook / B Schmidt

**Proposal Three: Year 10, 11, 12 to travel to Adelaide to attend the Aboriginal Student Pathways conference**  
Proposal: Students will engage in a range of activities designed to explore their study, training and employment pathways, within a university setting.  
*Requirements from home:* Packed recess / water bottle. Money for lunch.  
*Date:* Wednesday 13th June, Term 2, Week 8.  
*Proposer:* J McCauley / D Angus

**Proposal Four: Year 8/9, 9-a-side Football, held in Maitland**  
*Cost:* $10 per student.  
*Date:* Tuesday 22nd March, Term 2, Week 5.  
*Proposer:* R Stutley / D Richardson

**Proposal Five: Choir Festival of Music Assessment**  
Proposal: Choir travel to Kadina Primary School for Festival of Music assessment and woodwind group go to Kadina Memorial High School on the same day.  
*Requirements from home:* Bring lunch as normal, Choir will be back before lunch, woodwind all day.  
*Date:* Thursday 29th March, Week 9.  
*Proposer:* N Hamdorf / B Schmidt

**Proposal Six: R-6 Delta Dog Safe visits**  
Proposal: Delta Dog Safe visit to run classes on dog bite prevention.  
*Date:* R-2: Friday 23rd March, Week 8. Years 3-6: Monday 26th March, Week 9.  
*Proposer:* S Hier / M Ellis

**Proposal Seven: Mother’s Day Raffle to subsidize Year 4/5 Camp**  
*Cost:* $1 ticket.  
*Date:* Raffle available Monday 26th March, Week 9.  
*Proposer:* M Ellis / B Schmidt

**Proposal Eight: Year 4/5 RH / ME Camp at El Shaddai**  
Requirements from home: Clothes, sleeping equipment, toiletries.  
*Cost:* $195.  
*Date:* Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd June, Term 2, Week 9.  
*Proposer:* R Hall / M Ellis

**Proposal Nine: Year 3/4 Camp – Narnu Farm**  
Proposal: End of Year celebration along with curriculum supported activities.  
*Requirements from home:* Sleeping bags, clothes, spending money, hat.  
*Cost:* $140-150 to be confirmed.  
*Date:* Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th November, Term 4, Week 5.  
*Proposer:* S Perkins / K Crosby / M Ellis

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 5th March:

1. **Student Voice Executive (SVE) members participate in Leadership training** – Thursday 22nd March, Week 8.  
2. **SVE participate in training day** – Thursday 15th March, Week 7.  
4. **Year 2 VG/BL Local walk to view several historic Moonta buildings** – Wednesday 28th March, Week 9.  
5. **Exodus Multi-screen production** – Monday 21st May, Term 2, Week 5.  
6. **LH class to walk along Robert St** – Wednesday 14th March, Week 7.  
8. **Literacy and Numeracy Week** – Monday 27th – Friday 31st August, Term 3, Week 7.  
9. **Year 3-9 School Soccer Clinics** – 30 minute clinics run by Adelaide United.  
11. **SAPSASA Days** –  
    - District Athletics – Wednesday 29th March, Week 9.  
    - District Football/Netball Carnival – Monday 2nd April, Week 10.  
    - Athletics Country/AWD Ch – Friday 11th May, Term 2, Week 3.  
    - Netball/Football State Carnival – Monday 21st – Friday 25th May, Term 2, Week 5.  
    - Football (Soccer)/Hockey State Carnival – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd June, Term 2, Week 9.  
    - Cricket/Tennis State Carnival – Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November, Term 4, Week 4  
12. **Year 8 Port Vincent Aquatic Camp – Dates only** – Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th December, Term 4, Week 9.  
13. **Year 9 Adelaide Camp – Dates only** – Monday
Each year Moonta students are invited to compete in a variety of National School Competitions. Most of these competitions are held in the middle of the year, but nominations are due soon. These competitions are administered Australia wide and give children the opportunity to challenge themselves and their knowledge and understanding in various areas. Students achieve recognition through the awarding of distinction, credit and participation certificates. To enter any of these competitions, please complete the relevant portion of the attached entry form and return it to school with the entry fee by Friday 30th March (Week 9).

Competitions run by the University of NSW are:

- **SCHOOLS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION**
  To be held on Tuesday 22nd May
  Students Years 3-10
  Entry Fee: $7.70 (GST inc)

- **SCHOOLS SCIENCE COMPETITION**
  To be held on Wednesday 6th June
  Students Years 3-12
  Entry Fee: $7.70 (GST inc)

- **SCHOOLS WRITING COMPETITION**
  To be held on Monday 18th June
  Students Years 3-12
  Entry Fee: $16.50 (GST inc)

- **SCHOOLS SPELLING COMPETITION**
  To be held on Tuesday 19th June
  Students Years 3-7
  Entry Fee: $11.00 (GST inc)

- **SCHOOLS ENGLISH COMPETITION**
  To be held on Tuesday 31st July
  Students Years 3-12
  Entry Fee: $7.70 (GST inc)

- **SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**
  To be held on Tuesday 14th August
  Students Years 3-12
  Entry Fee: $7.70 (GST inc)

Competitions run by the Australian Mathematics Trust are:

- **AUSTRALIAN INFORMATICS COMPETITION**
  To be held on Thursday 10th May
  Students Years 7-12
  Entry Fee: $5.50 (GST inc)

- **AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**
  To be held on Thursday 2nd August
  Students Years 3-12
  Entry Fee: $5.50 (GST inc)

If you wish to enter your child in any of the above competitions please circle in the list above and return the completed form, with money, to the school’s front office by the due date, Friday 30th March. (Week 9)

NAME:_________________________________________

YEAR LEVEL:__________ HOME GROUP TEACHER:________________________
Parent Tips

Reading
Making your child familiar with the story or text and some of the words can prepare him/her for reading and consolidate recognition of words and comprehension of text.
Have the child hold the book as this promotes child ownership and participation in the process. Discuss the title, then flip through the pages and discuss some of the pictures and prominent words or headings.
For example:

- Tell me what you think is happening in this picture?
- The sentence here says ............... What do you think might be the reason?
- This is a word you might not have come across. What do you think it means?
- Tell me what you know about ..............
- An important word in this story is ............... What letter do you think it begins with? Can you see it on this page?
- A word that comes up a lot in this text is ............. Can you see another word within that word?
- The heading here is ..................... What do you think this paragraph is going to say?
Prediction can be a powerful strategy to set students up for greater understanding of the text.

Incredible Years Program

PARENTS:
- Do you want strategies to promote your child’s social, emotional and academic competence?
- Are you looking for guidelines to help prevent behaviour problems from occurring?

In a collaborative team, CAMHS (Child Adolescent Mental Health Service), Healthy Families Team, YP Division of GP’s and the Salvation Army will be offering “The Incredible Years” program for interested parents. The program will run from 24th April 2012 for 12 weeks, Tuesday 10-12.30pm at the Salvation Army Church, Port Rd, Kadina.

To register for this highly sought after program, please contact Pam 88533571, Julie 88230 270 or Kim 88533505 during office hours.

Registrations close 30th March 2012.
**Year 5/6 Sleep Over**

**Sally and Adele’s Classes take over Moonta Area School for the night.**

On Friday week 5 our classes had a sleep over and spent the night sleeping in the Middle School on swags and blue mats.

We arrived at 5 p.m. and set up our beds. After that we played some games which included some in the gym and a treasure hunt around the school. At 6:30 p.m. our pizzas arrived and we had those, garlic bread and paddle pops for tea. Once our tea had settled we had a few more games in the gym until it got dark.

Once the sun had gone down we went back to the Middle School and watched a couple of movies on the big screen. By 12:30 am most of us were fast asleep.

Next morning we rose about 7:30 a.m. and had pancakes for breakfast. We packed up and were on our way by 9:30 a.m.

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### Calendar

**Week 8**

**Monday 19th**
- R-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- SAPSASA Softball State Carnival

**Monday 19th March**
- 4:30 p.m. DMC

**Tuesday 20th March**
- School Photos
- Aboriginal Student meeting

**Wednesday 21st March**
- Interschool Sports Day – Maitland

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**Week 9**

**Tuesday 27th March**
- 2 p.m. Aboriginal Parent Meeting

**Wednesday 28th March**
- Year 2 VG/BL local walk

**Thursday 29th March**
- District Athletics
- 3:20 p.m. Canteen Committee meeting

**Friday 30th March**
- Mile End Athletics
- 9 a.m. R-12 Assembly
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Police Band Performance