Reconciliation week
Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians. It is the ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The theme for NRW 2012 is **Let’s talk recognition**. At our assembly this Friday, we will be speaking to our students about NRW and it’s importance. As a school we will be holding several cultural events on Friday 1st June.

Recognition. Think about how much you value it. When you are sincerely recognised for who you are and what you contribute, you feel proud, validated and connected. Being recognised is good for your self esteem. It energises you and encourages you to recognise the best in others.

Recognition comes in all sorts of ways and means different things to different people but everyone likes it when they get it. In what ways do you recognise people around you and in what ways do they recognise you?

For National Reconciliation Week 2011, Reconciliation Australia invites you to join a national conversation.
Wahlstedt Homes donates four shades to Moonta Area School

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gary Wahlstedt from Wahlstedt Quality Homes on behalf of Moonta Area School for his fantastic donation of 4 (3 x 6 metre) shades for our school.

As a Sun Smart school we are very aware of our need to provide shade for students especially in terms 1 and 4. These shades will be invaluable to support regular events like Sports Day and Cross Country but will also be able to be used by our sports teams and other outside activities.

We are very appreciative of this donation to the school. Thank you Gary for your continued support of Moonta Area School.

Reading Volunteers Wanted

Improvement in reading is a major focus of our school and we are working hard to achieve this within the resources we are provided. However we still need to do more to work with students who struggle to read.

Research shows that one of the best improvement strategies is to work 1 to 1, getting a student to read aloud 20 minutes a day, 4/5 times per week. We would love to be able to do this for every one of our students who are behind with their reading. Unfortunately our resources don’t allow us to do this.

Can you help or do you know of someone who can?

If you are able to, or know someone who is able to assist us by providing 20 minutes of your time (or more) to help a student to read, we would love to hear from you. You can not underestimate the importance of being able to read, a skill that often we take for granted but for those who struggle, it has a lifelong effect on them in many and varied ways.

You will make a substantial difference to a child for life.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

2012 Site Improvement Plan

This week we include the second of four parts of our 2012 Site Improvement Plan.

Focus on Learning:

By the end of 2012 MAS will have;

Early years:

- Raised year R/1/2 reading levels, to 80% of students reading at or above the following levels by the end of Term 3, as indicated by Running Record data. R level 5, year 1 level 15, year 2 level 22.

Primary:

- Increased 10% of identified students year 3-6 results in comprehension (from Term 1 data) with a focus on interpreting explicit information and interpreting inferences.

Decision Making Council (DMC)

The MAS Decision Making Council is an integral part of ensuring we have our community involved in school decisions and activities. These meetings are held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. on even weeks. All DMC proposals are listed in MAS Media before they go to the committee for discussion and approval. Any member of the community has a right to attend these meetings to put forward their views. Alternatively you can pass on your thoughts to a member of that committee.

Bully Audit

As a school we are determined to ensure that all students at Moonta Area School have a right to an education that is free of Harassment or Bullying. The Well Being team have reviewed all Bullying Policies over the last 2 years and are continuing to put proactive programs in place to reduce the amount of bullying and harassment at school.

Part of this is our Bully Audit which we complete twice a year for both students and parents. This term we are concentrating on parents of students in years R to 9, who were all sent a parent survey, with an option to respond. If you have any concerns, or your child has concerns re Bullying and Harassment please contact the school. If we know what is going on we will deal with the issue but we are unable to respond if we are not told and are not aware it is happening.

Regards,
Dean
Friday, Moonta: Princess Fiona opened her castle to select guests, with visitors sampling an assortment of foods. Invited guests included; Queen Tracy of Canteen, Queen Caroline and her court, Princess Margaret Pope, Ms Kristina Marie Strauss-Scott, The Honourable Mr Dean Angus, and Princess Fiona’s own court. Guests dined on scones, fairy cakes, biscuits, and experienced the ancient tradition of sipping ‘Jellybean Tea’. The castle broke with tradition to serve two types of cucumber sandwiches – traditional fingers, along with cream cheese triangles – a modern new twist.

Guests used the occasion to show off the latest fashions, with Princesses showing off the latest style in paper dresses, and knights displaying the latest trends in weaponry.

Princess Fiona, sporting a massive diamond ring, reportedly from Prince Charming, was heard to declare the event a success and looks forward to making this event an annual tradition.

Read! Read! Read!

This week Moonta Area School students joined children from all around Australia and took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. NSS is organised by the Australian Library and Information Service and has been running for 12 years. It is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year the book was “The Very Cranky Bear” by Nick Bland and the hope was to involve at least 200,000 children. Nick is a talented Australian who has produced several picture books tackling important childhood issues. Nick’s sense of fun also shines through in his stories. We have copies of his books in our library for you to borrow. Please talk to your primary aged children about this event and share the joy of reading with them.
An early 6:30 a.m. start for the day, as we all headed to Adelaide in quite foggy, cold conditions. We arrived at Lockley’s Bowling Club and registered with plenty of time to spare and we worked out the draw and the field numbers!!

The single players Samuel Wiltshire and Taylor Hann, were keen to display their talents. Samuel’s 3 games consisted of 1-12, 1-6 and 0-6 going down in each game but not without a fight. He came so close to winning an end with his bowl right next to the jack but alas his opponent quickly drove his ball away next delivery. He was up against some tough opposition but to his credit, played strongly for not having ever played before.

Taylor’s draw was a little reshuffled and finished her games quickly. Her results were 1-6, 3-7 and 2-9 (played a state player) and did a tremendous job, but also going down in each game, but not by much. Her steady bowling technique was awesome and I’m sure she’ll be a contender in years to come.

The triples team, which consisted of Kira Gibbons, Flynn Cockshell and Corey Masters (Skipper), had a slightly better result. Their games consisted of 1-1 draw, 7-3 win and 0-6 loss. Their team work was to be applauded, helping each other along the way. Corey received a small token of thanks from the events co-ordinator as he helped his opposition with their score card, which was greatly acknowledged. Good sportsmanship was showed by all. Corey was the ever reliable, Kira needed a couple of weeties for distance and surprisingly Flynn has a winning ball and took on Brian’s advice and concentrated!

The students were well behaved and represented their school well. As a treat, we managed to pass through KFC for a krusher (shake) and then had a quick play at the St Kilda playground to run off some excess energy! We arrived back in Moonta around 4.30ish and I’m quite sure they all would have slept well that night! I would recommend us to participate each year as it was an enjoyable day and a well run competition.

By Tash Cockshell

This was the first time Moonta Area School has competed in such an event. Big thanks must be given to Brian Gum and his wife for their dedication. They delivered 4-5 valuable training sessions to the students of which most had never played before. Also thank you to Moonta Bowling Club for the use of their greens and bowls during this time.

Lastly thanks to Tash Cockshell for taking on the role of manager for the group along with providing all of the transport for the day.

Sally Hackett (MAS SAPSASA Coordinator)

Well done to the following for completing their Premiers Reading Challenge during the last two weeks:
- Ayden Aurish (Ms Hier)
- Jarva McCracken, Eve Paterson (Mrs Hettner)
- Brock Elsworth, Dion Buza (Ms Spans)
- Cameron Carter, Alex Elsworth (Mrs Ellis)
- Samuel Wiltshire, Luke Chapman, Dylan Slack (Mrs Keleher)
- Brett Reilly (Ms Ryan)
- Cameron Ferguson (Ms Partington)

Congratulations to Ruby Hopkins, Misty Dyke, Rebecca Stock, Alex Elsworth and Alexa Northey for completing ‘Beyond the Challenge’. Check the wall in the Library to find your photo if you have completed the Challenge.

We are closing in on the 150 mark and once we achieve that everyone will receive a Super Duper ice block!

This week’s $10 voucher for Moonta Newsagency goes to Brock Elsworth.

Mother’s Day Raffle Winners
1st Prize – Jaki Jakomis
2nd Prize – Glenys DeVries
Thank you for your support.

The funds will be used for the Year 4/5 Camp this term.
Thank you to Moonta Home Furnishings for their generous donation which will enable us to purchase books for the Library. We appreciate this support to the Community Library.

E-Waste Collection Point at Moonta Area School Week 5 May 21st – 25th

Does your family or your business have stashed in the shed or a cupboard some electronic equipment that you have no further use for? Wondering what to do with it?

YOUR E-WASTE CAN BE RECYCLED INTO MANY COMPONENTS INSTEAD OF GOING TO LANDFILL.

Our Year 12 IPP (Information Processing and Publishing) students have organised a skip bin for the collection of e-waste at our school. This opportunity ‘for all’ coincides with the ‘Free e-waste drop off at the Kadina Depot’ offered by our local council for this month of May.

Please consider this chance to dispose of your electronic waste for recycling by bringing it to our school and PLACING it in the provided skip bin (near the Year 12/Hospitality Centre). The skip bin remains until this Friday afternoon, where it will then be taken to the Kadina Depot for further processing.


PLEASE – NO BROKEN GLASS | NO WHITEGOODS | NO OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Many thanks to our local Council for supporting this school based initiative.

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Consequences of Risk

Monday 21st May, Week 5

Exodus Multi-screen Production

control
Healthy Habits for Television Viewing.

How much time is too much time?
In the last ACTF newsletter article I talked about the importance of television in the lives of children and young people. However, most parents are rightly concerned about how much time their children spend in front of the television. If you're one of the people worried about how much time your children spend watching television, you're not alone. Notwithstanding, if you are confident that your children spend plenty of time engaged in other activities – physical and creative play, reading, sport and homework – and are going to bed at a reasonable hour, then your children probably watch television in healthy moderation. Below are some tips promoted by the ACTF to help develop healthy habits for television viewing.

Seven habits for effective moderation of television
- Don't have the TV on all the time in your house - pick out favourite shows and tune in to watch those shows, then turn the TV off afterwards.
- Don't put TVs and computers in children's bedrooms.
- Decide how much TV you are going to allow and let your children have input into when and what they choose to watch. It shouldn't just be about the time, it should also be about the shows.
- Avoid eating in front of the television - record programs to watch at a better time.
- Watch television with your children when you can and talk about what you are watching - when you can't watch with them, ask later about what they saw and why they did or didn't like it.
- If you are watching commercial television with your children, discuss the advertising and ask them what tricks they think the advertisers use to persuade us to buy their product. Have you ever been disappointed by something you purchased after you saw an advertisement? Tell your children your story!
- Make sure that your children have time in their day for all of their other important activities such as reading, sport, homework, playing and helping at home - and then make the most of TV time as family bonding time.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 28th May:

**Proposal One: SATAC Presentation**
Proposal: That Year 12 students who are intending to apply for a University position or TAFE course through SATAC, attend presentation by Flinders Uni, UniSA and TAFE at Kadina Memorial High School.
Date: Wednesday 13th June, Week 8.
Proposer: M Westbrook / B Schmidt

**Proposal Two: Fundraising by Caitlin Ramerman for Scouts Student Exchange**
Proposal: Caitlin is going on an 8-week exchange focused on 'School, Scouts and life' starting late November to January. Caitlin needs to raise $5000, there is no funding towards the trip and would like to hold one fundraiser, possibly a Casual Day.
Proposer: V Ivens for C Ramerman / D Angus

**Proposal Three: Year 9 Camp - Details**
Proposal: Stay at Warradale Urban Camp School.
Partake in activities such as: Go Karts, Marion Aquatics, Paintball, Movies and Beach House.
Cost: $225 per student.
Date: Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th December, Term 4, Week 9.
Proposer: R Stutley / D Richardson

**Proposal Four: Choir Performance**
Proposal: Small performance at the Moonta RSL for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.
Date: Friday 1st June, Week 6.
Proposer: N Hamdorf / B Schmidt

**Proposal Five: Visit from Port Adelaide Football Club**
Date: Tuesday 19th June, Week 9.
Proposer: R Stutley / B Schmidt

**Proposal Six: Year 8/9 Girls Netball**
Requirements from home: Netball/running shoes, drink, lunch.
Date: Tuesday 29th May, Week 6.
Proposer: D Hoskin / D Richardson

**Proposal Seven: Chef Skills**
Proposal: Workshop for interested students, approx. 16 students will be selected by their application to work with an Executive Chef in the Hospitality Centre for a whole day.
Date: September 2012, to be finalized.
Proposer: F Anderson / M Westbrook

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 14th May:
1. **Exodus Multi-screen production** – Monday 21st May, Week 5.
2. **Author Phillip Gwynne visit / workshop** – Wednesday 23rd May, Week 5.
3. **Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp** – Monday 28th May, Week 8.

Change of date and location – Monday 4th – Thursday 7th June, Week 7 at Mambray Creek.
4. **'Think Feet First’** – Theatre performance for Kindy to Year 5. Starring Sid who asked 'How can I... Step, cycle, scoot to school?' Tuesday 12th June, Week 8.
5. **Year 3-9 School Soccer Clinics** – 45 minute sessions run by Football Federation of SA. Requirements from home: Sports clothes for PE. Cost: $1.50 per student. Wednesday 13th June, Week 8.
7. **Year 12 Hospitality Trip to Adelaide** – Cake Decorating workshop, silver service meal, Tapas meal and Central Market research. Requirements from home: Money for meals other than Friday lunch. Cost: $15.20 plus money for meals. Thursday 14th – Friday 15th June, Week 8.

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**After School Care**
- 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. / Monday to Friday
- Afternoon Tea / Provided Vacancies
- $18 less any CCB & CCR Entitlements

Call Deahnn for more information on 0439 817 475
**Come and Join the Fun!!**

**OSHC**
- Operates during all school holidays
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday
- Excursions & Incursions
- Loads of fun activities each day
- Friendly Qualified staff
- Afternoon Tea Provided and some Lunches

**Cost:** $50 per day

**Child Care Benefit & Child Care Rebate Entitlements** – Register with the Family Assistance Office to receive these benefits by calling 13 61 50.
Email: deahnn.whitehead@moontaas.sa.edu.au
Ph: 0439 817 475

Come and join the fun 😊
On Tuesday week 3, eight primary students were involved in a reptile workshop entitled, “Scaly Survivors.” This was facilitated by a teacher and his secondary students from John Pirie Secondary School in Port Pirie.

Our students worked with a buddy to learn how to handle a variety of Australian reptiles. These included a Murray-Darling python, an Albino python, a Woma python, a Black headed python, a Blue-tongue lizard, Bearded dragons and monitors.

Following the workshop our students assisted with the presentation of the show to four primary classes. They carried the reptiles to the front of the stage and handled them, while walking through the audience. The audience enjoyed the magnificent creatures and learnt interesting facts about each reptile. Some students were fortunate enough to touch or hold the reptiles.

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**Calendar**

- **Week 5**
  - **Friday 25th May**
    - 9 a.m. R-12 Assembly
  
- **Week 6**
  - **Monday 28th May**
    - 4:30 p.m. DMC
  
  **Friday 1st June**
    - R-6 Footsteps Dance
    - ATSI Reconciliation week activities

- **Week 7**
  - **Monday 4th – Thursday 7th June**
    - Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalk
  
  **Wednesday 6th June**
    - Year 3/4 Beach Day (SP/KC)

  **Friday 8th June**
    - Pupil Free Day – Australia Curriculum

- **Week 8**
  - **Monday 11th June**
    - Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday / Volunteer Day
  
  **Tuesday 12th June**
    - L5/6 ATSI Meeting
    - 4:30 p.m. DMC

  **Wednesday 13th June**
    - ATSI Pathway Conference