Upcoming Events:

**Frid**

ay 8th June
Pupil Free Day –
Australian Curriculum

Monday 11th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th June
4:30 p.m. DMC

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

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**Governing Council Presentations**

At our last school assembly, our Governing Council Chairperson, Mr Travis Skipworth presented two of our long term Governing Council members with Certificates of Appreciation from the Chief Executive of DECD. **Mrs Libby Williams** and **Mr Tony Dunn** have both given Moonta Area School over 10 years of quality service on Governing Council as well as serving on numerous school committees.

On behalf of the whole school community, we thank them for their efforts and have appreciated all they have done for the students and parents of Moonta Area School.

In other Governing Council news, we welcome **Graham Bagshaw** as our newest member to council. We still have 2 vacancies for parents on Governing Council. If you are interested in coming onto council please contact me at the school or speak to our Chairperson Mr Travis Skipworth.

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**Keys to success**

In my opinion there are some key factors that underpin a student’s success at school regardless of a student’s ability. Here are my top 4.

- **Attendance** – There is a direct relationship between attendance and school grades. Students are required to attend school every day except if they are sick. When a student is absent, a note from a parent explaining their absence is an expectation.

- **Complete Set Tasks** – Students who are successful, complete all set tasks to the best of their ability. Invariably students who do not pass a
subject have not attempted or completed the required task. At MAS, if major tasks are not submitted, parents will be informed.

♦ **Parents as Partners** – Parents are essential in the learning process particularly as they cheer leaders from the side lines. While they may not always show it, students love positive feedback from the significant people in their lives. Encourage their efforts, check their diaries and certainly talk to them about any letters regarding the Reflection Room or non-submissions.

Also, remember we always like to tell people a story that can downplay our part in a negative situation or there are always two sides to a story. If you are worried about your child’s learning, please make a time to come along and share your concerns or ring at any time and ask to talk to the teacher or leader concerned. If you are worried, we probably are too.

♦ **Come Ready to Learn** – As a teacher we all recognise students who are ready to learn. They bring a bag to school, have the equipment at the ready like pens and pencils, and also wear the school uniform. Where a student is wearing casual clothes, they usually are not in the learning mode. We wear a uniform to go to work and we wear a uniform to come to learn at MAS. With the cooler weather approaching please ensure your student has a jumper and suitable shoes for school.

**Staffing Changes**
Principal announced for terms 3 & 4 is **Mr David Hodge**.
Included in this week’s edition of MAS Media is a letter of Introduction from Mr David Hodge. David is an experienced principal, having been principal of Snowtown Area School, Eudunda Area, Kapunda High and most recently at Balaklava Primary School.

The selection process for the new Principal for 2013 has commenced and we should have an outcome late this term or very early next term.

This week we welcome **Mr David Fitzgerald** to our school for the next 8 weeks. David is replacing Raelene Stutley who is on leave till week 4 next term. Adele Keleher will be taking maternity leave from week 9 this term and parenting leave until the end of the year. Replacing Adele will be **Miss Jade Lauer** who is currently teaching at Quorn Area School.

Fiona Anderson will be taking 5 weeks leave from the start of term 3, her replacement is a very experienced Food and Hospitality teacher, **Ms Diane Finn**.

These teachers will all be visiting over the next few weeks to ensure we have a smooth transition next term.

**Attendance**
We remind parents that our SMS number to leave messages in regards to attendance is **0428 937 348**. Please record this number on your mobile phone.

**Reconciliation Week Activities**
I would like to thank all staff involved in facilitating this program, with special mention to our AET Jane McCauley, our ACEO Michele Appleton. Thank you to all our other staff who helped organise and run learning activities and to our special guests who came into the school to support our reconciliation week.

**Pupil Free Day – Friday 8th June**
I would like to thank the parents of Moonta Area for allowing us to participate in key training and development in the new Australian Curriculum this Friday. I understand these days can be difficult for parents and carers to organise supervision around students not attending as well as their own work commitments.

**Port Hughes Road – Student Danger**
Can I ask all parents of students who either walk or ride on Port Hughes Road to speak to their children about safe road behaviour. We are continuing to get stories of ‘near misses’. I have asked all staff to speak to students re this as well.

**Regards,**
Dean

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7th June 2012

Dear Members of the Moonta Area School Community,

I am delighted to have been asked to lead Moonta Area School for the rest of this year.

I have been a Principal at Snowtown Area School, Kapunda High School, Eudunda Area School and Balaklava Primary School. Prior to those placements I taught at Port Augusta and at the Open Access College. As a born and bred “country lad” my deliberate preference has been to teach and lead in country schools for most of my career.

On the personal front I am married to Kristin and have two grown up sons, Stuart and Angus, who both completed their primary and secondary schooling in country schools.

As I have been in the region for a while I am fully aware of the fine reputation Moonta Area School has regionally as well as state wide. It is important we maintain the great learning momentum that has been generated in this school and that children are continually our focus. I wish Mr Dean Angus all the best as he works toward setting up Kadina Memorial School to begin in 2013.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as we work in partnership to improve learning for all students.

Yours sincerely,

David Hodge
Principal (Terms 3 &4)

On Friday 25th May, Moonta Area School began Reconciliation activities with an R-12 whole school assembly. Students Jemika Wangganee and Angie Boxer started the assembly with the Narungga Welcome. Michele Appleton then introduced guest speaker Kaye Lawrence, The Indigenous Economic Development Officer for Regional Development Australia. Kaye spoke about the importance of Reconciliation, what Reconciliation means to her and highlighted the theme for 2012 “Let’s Talk Recognition”.

The Choir and School Band performed numerous items with a heavy focus on Reconciliation. R-6 class winners of the Reconciliation Flag designing activity were presented with certificates and the overall winners presented with prizes. Kayla McCulloch sang a beautiful rendition of Christine Anu’s hit My Island Home and the Choir finished the assembly singing Black Fella, White Fella.

The following Friday 1st June, Moonta Area School concluded Reconciliation week with a range of cultural activities. Students had the opportunity to participate
in a variety of activities such as learning about Bush Tucker which involved tasting delicious lemon myrtle biscuits, quondong muffins and wattle seed damper all made locally by May Buttle. May taught students about ways to cook with bush tucker and the many other uses bush tucker can have. Staff were also treated to some of May’s delicious cooking at recess time enjoying quandong and lemon myrtle cheesecake slice with a cuppa.

Students had fun learning about making and tasting traditional damper wrapped around long sticks and held over the coals of a camp fire to cook. Kevin Dyson described a variety of dampers which could be made and other bush tuckers which were eaten.

Other activities students participated in included Dreaming stories, Aboriginal jigsaw puzzles, Aboriginal art and making Friendship bracelets.

After lunch all R-6 classes came together on the school slope and held up the new flags they had designed as part of our Reconciliation activities. The students created a new flag using the colours from the Aboriginal flag and the Australian flag and united the two flags together to become one. All designs were outstanding.

A highlight of the day was special guest Kevin O’Loughlin AOM (Uncle Dookie) who is a Narungga Elder. Uncle Dookie kept students highly engaged through sharing traditional artefacts, traditional Aboriginal games, Dreaming Stories and local history.

The day was a huge success due to the support and commitment of staff, Aboriginal mentors, Special guests Uncle Dookie and Kaye Lawrence, Parent helpers and students.

Jane McCauley and Michele Appleton
**Choir Sings at Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea Function at Moonta RSL**

On Friday 1st June, the Moonta AS Choir performed a selection of songs from their upcoming Festival of Music program to a packed hall for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. The Choir did a fantastic job and represented their school on so many positive levels as well as singing and performing their best! They were treated to a selection of high tea snacks as a thank you and we thank Rosemary Appleton for inviting us to sing at this important Cancer Council fundraising event.

Nathan Hamdorf

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**Student Voice Training Day**

On Tuesday 22nd May, our Student Voice Executive Committee members and Jane McCauley travelled by bus with Kadina Memorial High School students to Glenhaven for our training day.

On arriving we met our instructors Toby and Kevin and they split us into two groups. We went with Toby and he took us to our first activity which was the Mohawk. For this activity we had to work as a team and get across a single piece of wire by balancing and using a rope tied to the other pole. To use the rope we first had to work out how to get it and luckily Aisha was good at balancing. As a group we had to spot each member and if we didn’t we had to go back to the start. This activity took an hour and luckily there were Tim Tams and mint slices at the end to keep us going.

Next activity was the High Ropes Challenge. This was hard and scary. It was important each member had a safety helmet and a harness to complete the activity. Angus was brave enough to go first. After the High Ropes we moved onto the Leap of Faith. Only a few got to do this due to time. Will was even able to hang up side down once he grabbed the bar and then do a flip to let go. FREAKY!

It was then lunch time and we enjoyed a barbecue and fruit platter. After lunch we went to the balancing log which was like a giant see-saw. Our task was to be able to balance on the log level with everyone on it. This was much harder than it looked and took us about 45 minutes to achieve. But we did it.

Lastly we had the Giant swing. This was so scary. Some of us felt physically sick waiting at the highest point to pull the rip cord that releases you. Then there were the crazy few that hung upside down and swung.

Overall the day was fantastic and everyone worked well together to achieve team goals. There was lots of positive encouragement and positive attitudes.

Happily we all hopped on the bus looking forward to snacks at Pt. Wakefield and home.

Tash Hubbard, Georgia and Kate Prout.
National Simultaneous Storytime was held throughout Australia on Wednesday 23rd May. Students from Reception to Year 8 had special guest readers visit their rooms to read *The Very Cranky Bear*. Some classes went on to undertake Literacy activities relating to the story.

Well done to the following for completing their Premiers Reading Challenge:

- Luke Chamberlain, Imogen Elsworth, Jordan Prout (Miss Hier)
- Hannah Halls, Angus Dunkley (Mrs Hettner)
- Jorja Rogers, Nickola Mesecke, Tyrese Jolly, Nathan Visconti, Ayden Crossman (Miss Spaans)
- Lucas Mann (Mrs Hutchins)
- Ashton Warmington, Daniel Hobbs, Matthew Scarce, Ryan Turner, Shayla McKay (Mrs Perkins)
- Savannah Prout, Oliver Mullins (Mrs Crosby)
- Shannon Daly (Mrs Ellis)
- Kadra Raunic (Mr Hall)
- Jasmine Crocker (Mrs Keleher)
- Natasha Hubbard (Mrs Hancock)
- Gabrielle Morby (Mr Hoskin)

Congratulations to Amali Scobie, Rebecca Stock, Kodi Parkinson, Decklan Waters, Oscar Hayhurst and Jemma Hettner for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s Newsagent voucher goes to Tyrese Jolly.

We have had 138 students from throughout the school who have completed the Challenge at this stage. We need a further 12 to reach our goal of 150, which will allow us to have an iceblock – Will we be there by next week?
**Barb & John’s R-1 Class**

**Barb and John’s Rec/Year 1 class** followed a step-by-step procedure to produce these lovely paintings.

**Step 1.** Use skin tones to paint a face and a neck.

**Step 2.** Glue on paper cut-outs for the eyes, nose and mouth.

**Step 3.** Paint the hair.

**Step 4.** Use a black texta to outline the face and add eye-lashes.

**Step 5.** Use chalk to shade in the background.

Don’t forget to drop off your Earn and Learn sticker sheet/stickers at the Front Office or in the box at Woolworths – Kadina.

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**Exodus Multiscreen Production**

On Monday 21st May, our year 6-12 students attended a presentation in the gymnasium involving three huge screens and amazing sound production. The presentation was called iRISKs and it was aimed at encouraging teenagers to evaluate positive and negative risks before acting in any given situation.

The following are comments from students reflecting on the presentation.

“Don’t do anything you may regret” *AJ Murrell (year 8)*

“Don’t drink to excess”  *Chloe Haynes (year 9)*

“Think before you act”  *Kayla McCulloch (year 9)*

“Don’t text and drive”  *Renee Smith (year 9)*

“Take some risks but don’t take it too far”  *Angie Boxer (year 8)*

“Don’t put anything online you wouldn’t show your grandma”  *Felicity Partington*

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“Calculated risks need calculation”  *Riley Hatcher (year 8)*

“Don’t do something stupid, you never know what the outcome might be”  *Georgia Skinner (year 7)*

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**Road Crossing Monitors – Term 2**

**Week 8**
Zachary Venning, Tyler Groom, Lenny Buttle

**Week 9**
Gracie Steele, Jordy Taylour, Olivia McKenzie, Zachary Venning

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**Blue Light Dance Party – Fluorescent Theme**

Kadina Town Hall.
Friday 15th June, 5:30 – 8 p.m. Reception to Year 7. DJ – Prizes – Dancing – Food – Fun. $5 entry, $5 dinner pack (order at the door).
Police supervision. No Pass Outs.
Getting a SmartStart in the working world

Do you spend more than you earn? Well the Year 10’s now know several ways to budget to still buy all the things they enjoy while starting to save some through savings, taxation and superannuation.

Ben from the SmartStart program, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, also explained about the rates of wages and conditions for different jobs both full time and part time. Students can now make more informed choices about how they work and save money for the short term and make decisions for long term savings.

The workers: Jaymee the chef, Rhyan the cheer leader and Ricky the entertainer.

Stage 1 Welding and Fabricating

This semester has seen a lot of activity by the yr. 11s as they go about constructing various metal projects they have had to research and design. The tasks have stretched from bars, cages, entertainment units and even a goat trap for a farm!

The students are developing skills in many areas such as welding, plasma cutting, using various power and hand tools as well as drawing, planning and designing skills.

The Performance Based Assessment for these tasks will assess not only their practical skills, but also their ability to plan, work in teams, organise their time, problem solve, work to Occupational Health & Safety standards and maintain the equipment they use.

Neil Hackett
D & T Teacher
SA Ambulance presentation

Last Monday 28th May, Lloyd Tonkin from SA Ambulance, accompanied by Greg Joseph made a presentation to the Year 10, 11 and 12’s about the perils of drug taking. Lloyd is currently a paramedic in the Barossa Valley, but has also been a nurse and in the airforce for many years, so a wide variety of experiences, including some time in East Timor, sits behind his knowledge. He spoke of the different types of drugs and their effects on teenagers. He also made students aware of the ways in which they can be tricked into taking a drug without even realising they had taken one until the effects kick in. We were surprised to hear that drugs are injected into Chuppa Chupps and lolly snakes for example. Even children's stick-on tattoos can let drugs seep into the skin.

The presentation was very informative and most interesting. We thank Lloyd for giving up his time in an extremely hectic schedule to educate us and make students aware that “It’s okay to say no,” and that they have the power to make choices. It only takes one bad choice to change their lives forever.

We also thank Greg Joseph of the Moonta branch of SA for organising the visit and for inviting staff to attend the presentation by Lloyd at the ambulance station that night. We appreciate members of the community providing opportunities for students and staff to learn.

Volunteering Overseas

Last Tuesday 31st May, Tessa Caldicott from Latitude made three separate presentations to the Year 10, 11 and 12’s regarding volunteering overseas in a gap year upon the completion of their secondary schooling. Tessa spoke of her own experiences in a small village in Argentina in 2010 and of the benefits to both herself and the community in which she volunteered as an English teacher. She also outlined the application process, the countries which accept volunteers, the length of stay, the costs and the roles available to volunteers. We hope her presentations inspire some of our students to follow in the footsteps of 2011 students Adele Smith and Elle Colliver who have been volunteering in Vietnam and Jonathan Slade who is currently in India. We look forward to hearing from those students who, no doubt, now have a very different perspective on life and the world after immersing themselves in another culture and way of life.

Further information about global volunteering can be found at www.latitude.org.au. Applications for next year close on Friday 22nd June 2012.

ANSWER for: Getting a SmartStart in the working world

“I was selling pens,” Johnny Depp once recalled of his first job. “I was calling people who don't want you to call them. You put on your best fake voice and try and sell them a gross or two of ballpoint pens with their name printed on them. I only had success one time.”
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 11th June:

Proposal One: Change of date for Term 3 Assembly to include welcome for Japanese Homestay students
Proposal: Change of date from Friday Week 4 to Tuesday Week 3.
Date: Tuesday 31st July, Term 3, Week 3.
Proposer: T Stringer / R Dalziel

Proposal Two: Anything Goes Day – Canteen
Date: Friday 15th June, Week 8.
Proposer: T Cutting / B Schmidt

Proposal Three: That a representative group including students, staff be formed to look at our use of Energy across the school
Proposal: Electricity costs are continuing to rise. We need to see how we can best deal with this ever increasing cost. Money spent now and planned may save us huge $$ in the future.
Proposer: D Angus

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:

1. **Year 7 Knockout Netball** in Port Wakefield, against Angle Vale – Thursday 7th June, Week 7.
   Requirements from home: Netball uniform – Moonta Club or borrow from school.

2. **SATAC Presentation** – 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. Wednesday 13th June, Week 8.

3. **Year 9 Camp** – Stay at Warradale Urban Camp School. Partake in activities such as: Go Karts, Marion Aquatics, Paintball, Movies and Beach House. **Cost:** $225 per student. Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th December, Term 4, Week 9.

4. **Choir Performance** – Friday 1st June, Week 6.


7. **Chef Skills** – 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. September 2012, to be finalized.

The following proposal was not approved at the meeting held Monday 28th May:

7. **Fundraising by Caitlin Ramerman for Scouts Student Exchange**

CPSW means Christian Pastoral Support Worker! Rob Martin is our CPSW and can assist families, students and staff in many ways:
If you need Help with:
- Home work
- Bullying
- Someone to talk with
- A friendly ear
- Support for your family
- Referrals to agencies
- Much Much more

Rob is a down to earth guy who loves life and is easy to talk with. Rob enjoys fishing for snapper in his boat and loves the outdoors! Rob is married to Angela and has a little girl called Grace who is 2 years old. Rob has been at Moonta Area School for 4 years and loves spending time with students in the yard and teaching Drums.

Rob is here to serve you in his role as CPSW on Mondays & Wednesdays
Contact Rob on (ph) 0411 120 892 or call at the school office.
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| **Scrap Booking**
Bring photos from home to create your own special page | **Science Experiment Day**
Fake Snot
Bubbles
Floating Eggs
Lava Lamps
Slime
Salt Crystals | **GYMNASTICS IN THE GYM**
**Wii & DS Challenges**
Bring your DS & Wii Games to challenge your friends.
Don’t forget to put your name on them
**Bring your Ipod**
**Kidz in the Kitchen**
Savoury & Sweet Pinwheels for Afternoon Tea | **MOVIES @ Moonta**
**Kidz in the Kitchen**
Chocolate dipped fruit kebabs for Afternoon Tea | **Face Painting & Balloon Twisting**
With Jules & The Happy Hippy clown
Please bring a gold coin donation |
| **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Creamy Pasta Bake with Bacon & Mushroom for Afternoon Tea | **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Savory & Sweet Pinwheels for Afternoon Tea | **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Making Pancakes for Afternoon Tea | **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Scones with Jam & Cream for Afternoon Tea | **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Pumpkin Soup with Crusty Bread for Afternoon Tea |
| **Moonta's Got Talent**
Today were holding a talent competition. Come along and show us your talent, sing, dance, jokes, magic tricks……
**PRIZES FOR ALL** | **Movies @ Moonta**
**Brave** | **Crazy Craft Day**
**Let the Battle Begin!!!**
**Kidz in the Kitchen**
Making Spaghetti Bolognaise & Garlic Bread for Afternoon Tea | **Laser Skirmish**
**Fluro Fun**
Indoor/Outdoor
Let the Battle Begin!!!
**Kidz in the Kitchen**
Making Sausage Rolls for Afternoon Tea | **Pj's PARTY**
**LOT'S OF PARTY GAMES**
Make your own Piñata
Donut on a string
Bobbing Apples
Pass the Parcel
Pin the Tail on the Donkey
And lots more……
Bring a plate of food to share with your friends
NO NUTS PLEASE |
| **Kidz in the Kitchen**
Potato Bake for Afternoon Tea | **Kidz in the Kitchen**
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Making Sausage Rolls for Afternoon Tea | |
Week 7

**Friday 8th June**

Pupil Free Day – Australian Curriculum

**Week 8**

**Monday 11th June**

Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday / Volunteers Day

**Tuesday 12th June**

L5/6 ATSI Meeting
Think Feet First R-5
4:30 p.m. DMC

**Wednesday 13th June**

ATSI Pathway Conference
Year 3-9 Soccer Clinic

**Thursday 14th – Friday 15th June**

Year 12 Hospitality Trip to Adelaide

**Thursday 14th June**

Soup & Story Telling – SP class

**Week 9**

**Friday 15th June**

R-6 Footsteps Dance

**Monday 18th – Friday 22nd June**

SAPSASA Hockey

**Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd June**

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp

**Tuesday 19th June**

ATSI Parent Meeting
Early Years Excursion

**Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd June**

Year 4/5 ME/RH Camp – El Shaddai

**Thursday 21st June**

9 a.m. R-12 Assembly