Upcoming Events:

Monday 20th – Friday 24th August
Book Week

Monday 20th August
Choir – Festival of Music – Magic Millions

Monday 27th – Friday 31st August
Literacy and Numeracy Week

Dates for your diary:
School Closure Day
Monday 10th September

Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 11th September

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

Congratulations to –
Alec Hutchins who has been selected to play in the SA Secondary Schools Hockey team playing in Hobart soon.

Mrs Sonia Perkins who has been appointed permanently to our school, we look forward to her being part of our team for the longer term.

State leaders conference
Last week Deputy Principal Ms Robyn Dalziel and I attended a state leaders conference along with about 700 of our colleagues from schools and pre schools.

Addresses were given by the Premier and former Minister of Education and Children's Services the Hon. Mr Jay Weatherill, the current minister the Hon. Ms Grace Portolesi, and the Chief Executive of the Department for Education and Child Development, Dr Keith Bartley.

Their messages had a similar theme in that as a society and institution we need to ensure the best for all children. The Premier in particular stressed the importance of the early years, and acknowledged that in some instances damage to a child's development, and therefore a hindrance to their learning, occurs before they even start school. He talked about schools being 'community hubs' working in close relationship with families. In my experience I would argue that country schools in particular, do both of these things well in many cases.

George Megalogenis economist and journalist talked about the changing nature of Australia, the economy and implications for education. In particular he talked about immigration trends across Australia and the rise of economies in many of the countries that the latest immigrants come from; he predicted that as their own economies grew, Australia would become less attractive to some.

We also heard from the Dean of Education at Flinders University,
Mr David Giles, who stressed the importance of teacher-student relationships; Dame Susan Johns from Lampton School in the UK who talked about transforming a school in inner London, and Mr Michael Fullan, a Canadian and International expert on educational change, who talked about capacity building in schools.

It was interesting to hear 'big picture' ideas and the direction we are heading in, both as an educational system, and society, as a whole.

**Middle School Reports**

Students in the Middle School (Years 7-9) will be coming home with a half term reports next week. Please make sure you ask for your child's report if it is not 'volunteered'.

**Busy place**

As you read this newsletter you will appreciate the many opportunities students at Moonta Area School can take advantage of. Many of these are due to the dedication of staff and the support of parents either of which would jeopardize some of these opportunities if they were withdrawn. As we are half way through the term there are many more opportunities on the horizon. Watch this space.

**Duty of care**

Please be advised that we do not have staff on duty for children that arrive to school before 8:30 am. Can you please ensure children are not arriving too early? Thank you.

**Book Week**

Next week is officially book week but we hope every week is book week for our students. Are you reading for your children? For yourself? Our wonderful library can assist if you are looking for some great reading.

Regards

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**From the Principal’s Desk**

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**Importance of Regular Attendance**

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programs.

It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age, even from the time they are enrolled in a preschool setting.

Children and students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

These learners may:
- be socially isolated
- place themselves at risk of harm during times of absence
- be more likely to be involved in socially unacceptable and/or illegal activities
- have gaps in their knowledge and understanding of basic concepts
- feel insecure in the preschool or school environment
- be more likely to leave school early
- be over-represented in the juvenile justice system
- be the victims of bullying and harassment.

Once learners have begun to absent themselves from preschool or school, and the initial cause of this remains undetected or unexplored, it is likely that the pattern of absence will continue and escalate through the student's subsequent school career.

Late arrival at school through the primary years is often related to non-attendance during secondary school.

Thank you everyone for supporting the school with the 2012 Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion.
This week we farewelled our Japanese students. The two weeks of their visit was a whirlwind of activities both at school and for the families who home hosted. Many wonderful memories were made and it was sad to say goodbye. Thanks to all at Moonta Area School who included the students in their lessons and to the MAS student buddies and host families who looked after the visitors.
After a group discussion over the last week, the OSHC students have decided they would like to make an igloo for their group project. For this to be achievable we need to collect lots of 2 & 3 litre milk bottles. It would be much appreciated if families, extended family and friends could please donate them to the OSHC Service.

Mem Fox has ten read-aloud commandments, the first of which is – “Spend at least ten wildy happy minutes every single day reading aloud.” If you’re not sure how to go about it why not bring your baby or toddler to Read & Rhyme Time at Moonta Community Library? We get together Tuesdays during the school term and have fun with rhymes and stories and songs. Come along and join in. If your baby is under 12 months, come to the baby session at 10:30 a.m. or if you have toddlers try the 11:15 a.m. session. Mums, dads, grandparents – any caregivers are welcome to bring your children along and it’s free! Call the library for more information on 88 251 511.

At our first session this term, one person from each group won a lucky door prize of a book and a footy rug kindly crocheted and donated by library patron, Gwen Marshall. Dianna Jarman with Hudson, and Grace Ritchie with Mikayla, were the lucky winners.

As part of our Book Week celebrations, the library will be hosting its annual Book Fair event from Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th August.

All community members are invited to come and have a browse at the wide assortment of books, posters, and other materials which will be available for purchase after school in the library from Tuesday 21st August.

The book fair encourages reading in families and gives children a choice in what inspires them to read.

Classes will be given the opportunity on Monday and Tuesday to have a look at the titles and be given a wish list sheet to write down items they are interested in. They can then discuss it with parents who can come in each day after school for purchase. Cash, EFTPOS and credit card facilities are available.

Last year the Book Fair raised over $2000 in commissions which was used to purchase resources for the library.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact the library.
Congratulations to the following students for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge during the last two weeks.
Dekota Howard, Bailey Darling-Delaney (Ms Wright)
Brodie Bagshaw (Mrs Hettner)
Thomas Allen, Jayga Warmentong, Taylor Thompson Harris (Ms Reid)
Kelsie Woods (Mrs Hackett)
Elizabeth Flink, Christina Cocks (Mrs Crosby)
Leah Drew (Mrs Perkins)

Well done to Rebecca Stock (Mrs Hancock), Imogen Elsworthy (Ms Wright), Latrelle Jolly (Mrs Hettner), Liana Warren (Ms Spaans), Mackenzie Jones (Ms Reid), Chloe Smith (Mr Hall) and Niki Campbell (Barb) for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s $10 Moonta newsagency voucher goes to Thomas Allen - Congratulations.

There are only a few weeks remaining to complete the Challenge. All students who complete the Challenge will be given the opportunity to watch a movie during Term 4 – Keep reading!

Name: Asha Johns
Occupation: Student (Year 1 MAS).
What are you currently reading? Water Rats by Felice Arena.
In a nutshell, this book is about kids playing in the water.
What do you love about it? It has water in it and I like water.
My favourite story is Cinderella.
I developed a love for reading because my mum read to me lots when I was little.
Reading is fun.

Name: Janet Johnstone
Occupation: Community Library Assistant (MCL).
What are you currently reading? The Land of Decoration by Grace Mccleen.
In a nutshell, this book is about: I bought this book while in Canada recently and I have only just started it, but it is about a young ten year old girl who is bullied at school because she is a “little different” because of her religious beliefs.
What do you love about it? I like that the story shows that there are always choices people can make to overcome very difficult circumstances.
What was the first book that made an impression on you? It was Silence of the Lambs and it really scared me so much I could only read it during the daytime.
What is your favourite book? I have so many favourite books but I would never give up my full set of Anne of Green Gables by Elizabeth Montgomery.
I developed a love for reading when I was very young. I came from a large family and I always read to my brothers and sisters.
Reading is the most important thing that I have ever learnt to do. During my normal everyday routine I need to be able to read all sorts of information, understand it, decipher it and also pass it on to others.

FACT #1
An active start to the day makes us feel good as it helps to wake up our bodies and our brains.

Scholastic Book Club: Issue 6
Due back to school by Wednesday 5th September
**MISS RYAN’S CLASS**

**Solar Cooking**

Miss Ryan’s class are learning about solar energy for Science Week. On Monday we made solar ovens. Read on if you would like to find out how to make a solar oven.

**What you need:**
- A clean pizza box
- Alfoil
- A plastic sleeve
- Tape
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Marker
- A piece of black card
- A skewer

**What you do:**
1. Measure 2.5cm around the sides of your box and draw three lines. Have an adult cut along the lines on three sides to make a flap that is still attached to the box.
2. Cover the inside of the pizza box with alfoil, using your glue stick. Make sure the shiny side is facing up, and try to smooth out the wrinkles.
3. Stick the black card to the inside of the box (base). This will absorb the heat.
4. Cut off the sealed edges of the plastic sleeve, so that you are left with a single sheet of plastic.
5. Tape the plastic to the box to cover the window (don’t leave any gaps). This will ensure that the hot air does not escape from the oven.
6. Use a skewer to prop open the flap, so that the sunlight is reflected into the cooker.

Now that our ovens are made we just need to wait for a sunny day so that we can try them out!

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**MAS Annual Music Concert**

The Moonta Area School Annual Music Concert was held on Thursday 2nd August at 7 p.m. in the school Gym.

Performances from students of; Nathan Hamdorf – Woodwind; Rob Martin – Drums, Vince Ivens – Guitar; and Michele Giesecke – keyboard.

The audience was welcomed by the School Choir. Vince Ivens, Nathan Hamdorf and Michele Giesecke performed a “Teachers’ Jam” during the programme.

Mr David Hodge thanked the students for their performances, and family and friends who supported our Concert.

The concert finished at 8:30 p.m.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 20th August:

Proposal One: KC class sleep over
Proposal: Students go home after school, have an early tea and come back for night activities, ie DVD, games, stories. Breakfast will occur at school: toast, cereal, fruit drink.
Requirements from home: Sleeping gear – sleeping bag, pillow, pyjamas.
Date: Friday 31st August, Week 7. 7 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Proposer: K Crosby / M Ellis

Proposal Two: R-6 Camp Quality Puppets
Proposal: Addresses real issues and helps school create a positive, accepting, optimistic and supportive school community of people dealing with cancer.
Date: Monday 3rd September, Week 8.
Proposer: R Dalziel / B Schmidt

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 6th August:

1. Vietnam Vets Walk for Charity people talk with Middle School students – Wednesday 15th August at 11 a.m., Week 5.
4. Senior School Captains to Government House – Monday 17th or Wednesday 19th September, Week 10.
5. Wellbeing Week – Monday 17th – Friday 21st September, Week 10.
6. All R-3 students participate in In2Cricket clinics run by SACA – Tuesday 9th October, Term 4, Week 1. Classes – R + R/1: 1:15 – 2 p.m. Year 1/2 + 2: 2 – 2:30 p.m. Year 3: 2:30 – 3 p.m.
On Friday 3rd August, Moonta AS students wore their favourite jeans in aid of Jeans for Genes Day to help raise money for the Children’s Medical Research Foundation. Students were able to buy a variety of goodies from a trading table run by the Fundraising Committee at recess time which included cupcakes, happy face biscuits, honey crackles and chocolate crackles. These goodies were proudly made by the students at Moonta AS.

Year 7 and 8 Home Ec students decorated the happy face biscuits, Year 8 and 9 students cooked cupcakes, Year 11 students decorated the cupcakes and the Aboriginal Mentoring cooking group made honey crackles and chocolate crackles. The trading table looked amazing and was enjoyed by many students.

The Fundraising Committee put in a huge amount of time in organising Jeans for Genes Day and should be commended for their positive efforts. A special thankyou to Katie Shipard, Rachel Clarke and Sam Crocker for their extra help and support.

The Jeans for Genes Day was a huge success and approximately $650 was raised for The Children’s Medical Research. A special thank you to Di Finn and her Home Ec students for their support and cooking expertise.

Jane McCauley
Year 12 P.E Camp
Deep Creek
2012

Mr. Daddow, Kim Green, Jacinta McPeake, Jakob Russell, Blake Pedler, Lucy Ackland and Alice Raunic
Moonta Basketball Club – Player Registration and Coaches Nominations for 2012/2013 Season. Moonta Football Clubrooms, Monday 27th August at 5 – 7 p.m. All players wishing to play this season must register and pay $30 deposit on the night to ensure commitment or alternatively contact Katrina on 0447 000 619 or Adrian on 0419 823 669. See you there.

Moonta Tennis Club is looking for Senior and Junior players for the new season. Junior players please contact Wendy Hutchinson on 88 253 814 for more information or call into the library to see Janet Johnstone for a consent form. We are in desperate need of Senior players to play on Saturday afternoons. If you are interested, please call Janet on 88 253 007 or 0417 885 231. New players are always encouraged and welcome.
Moonta Area School OSHC

3:05 – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday
Vacancies
Afternoon tea provided
4 Kindy students per day
$18.00 per session – Less any CCB & CCR Entitlements

Come join in the fun

CALCULATING FEE REDUCTION: (to determine discount)

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Come and see Deahnn in the OSHC Room to pick up your enrolment forms or call 0439 817 475

I enjoyed gymnastics in the gym – Sarah
I enjoyed going to Laser Skirmish – Jacob
Playing with my friends and watching the movie Brave – Eve & Shae
Getting my face painted as a butterfly and playing balloon games – Keely
I had heaps of fun at Laser Skirmish – Thomas

I enjoyed Crazy Craft Day, we got to do lots of fun craft activities – Mataya
Going to Laser Skirmish and having team battles – Brock
Congratulations to the Aussie of the Month nominees for June/July:

**Early Years**
T Wright / L Camporeale: Imogen Elsworth
B Drechsler / J Savage: Izzy Payne
L Hettnner: Emily Rogers
C Hutchins: Lucas Mann
J van Galen: Emily Jolly
S Reid: Jett Smith
H Spaans: Asha Johns

**Primary Years:**
S Perkins (Year 3/4) Natasha Haynes
K Crosby / A Schmid (Year 3/4) Kym Donley
M Ellis / D Daulby (Year 4/5) Jack Gamble
R Hall (Year 4/5) Brayden Spencer-Teague
J Lauer (Year 5/6) Luke Chapman
S Hackett / A Schmid (Year 6) Adam Scott
F Ryan (Years 3-7) Georgia O’Brien

Early Years Winner: Izzy tries her hardest at her work and shares. She is polite and talks nicely to other people. She doesn’t play rough and is quiet when other people are talking.

Primary Years winner: Adam is kind, follows the guiding principles, is helpful and friendly. He attempts all work.

Congratulations to our winners, Izzy Payne and Adam Scott.

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Fashion Design is a new elective being run this semester for Year 10 students. Students are learning how to create templates for fashion drawings and will experiment with different medias and styles of fashion illustration. One of their first tasks required them to draw some fashion ideas for a wooden manikin and then produce their creation using found materials. Nikki Warthold used tissue paper, newspaper and string to bring her ideas to life and Casey Wardle experimented with newspaper to produce her design.

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**Calendar**

**Week 5**
**Friday 17th August**
R-6 Science Assembly

**Week 6**
**Monday 20th – Friday 24th August**
Book Week

**Monday 20th August**
Choir – Festival of Music – Magic Millions

**Friday 24th August**
R-6 Pass the Poetry

**Week 7**
**Monday 27th – Friday 31st August**
Literacy and Numeracy Week

**Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st August**
Year 11 Self-Reliant Expedition – Moolooloo

**Wednesday 29th August**
Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Netball