Pupil Free Days

Dates have now been confirmed. The last two for the year will be held on 15th and 16th November. We are most excited because we have managed to get Dr Julia Atkin to work with us. Given her busy schedule we consider ourselves very lucky indeed.

Dr Julia Atkin is an independent education and learning consultant who has worked with educators in Australia and internationally. For over twenty years she has focused their reflection and dialogue around two key questions: What is powerful learning? and, What is powerful to learn? Julia is passionate about developing educational services that:

- nurture the human spirit of individuals and the organisation
- are personalised and customised
- help the learner learn to think and learn to learn
- integrate the best of learning technology with information and communication technologies
- are collaborative
- result in learning that has deep personal meaning and is transferable from one context to another.

Julia’s work is characterised by an innovative approach that bridges the gap between theory and practice. She has received a number of prestigious awards in recognition of her work. In 2000-2004 she was named a Distinguished Educator by Apple Computers Australia. In October 2003, The Bulletin named Julia as one of Australia’s Smart 100 - a list of one
hundred people, ten in ten fields, making a difference to Australian society through innovation. In 2000 Julia was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and awarded the Sir Harold Wyndham Medal 2000 in recognition of her contribution to the learning of teachers and the children of Australia. She has also been a major driver behind the SA Department of Education and Child Development’s Teaching for Effective Learning Framework being used in all SA schools.

Social Networking and pitfalls.
Last week we dealt with an issue where a student’s safety was threatened online. In this day of social networking online and despite many reminders, people are still under the impression that they can do these sorts of things with anonymity. The reality is that once material is online it is there forever and for all to see. The source is also easily traceable by IT forensic experts. Police can and do get involved. In fact, in schools we are advised to contact the police in certain instances even if the alleged offence has happened outside of school hours, where it is between members of the school community.

Do you know what your child is doing online and who with?
The following are some tips for safety from the excellent Australian Government website which are easily applicable to adults as well as children. As parents and caregivers I strongly suggest you spend some time having a look at it.

1. Look after each other online – talk with your family and friends about how to be cybersafe.

2. Download the Government’s Cybersafety Help Button. The Help Button provides internet users, particularly children, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia.

3. Think before you post! Posting personal information – including photos – may seem harmless but could put people at risk. Once it’s online, it’s really hard to take down.

4. Keep your passwords secret. To make your password really hard to hack make sure it includes numbers and symbols, and change it often. Visit Stay Smart Online for more information.

5. Smartphones can pinpoint your exact location and publish this online. Think carefully before you check in and tell the world where you are. Learn more at Cybersmart’s Geolocaters page.

6. Check if the site has an age limit or rating. Some have age limits to protect you from inappropriate content.

7. Use the Cybersafety Help Button to report cyberbullying and inappropriate content directly to social media sites, the ACMA or the Australian Federal Police.

8. Use the privacy settings to control who can see your personal information. You can also use a site’s settings to block users who make you feel uncomfortable.

9. There is no such thing as safe sexting. You could be breaking the law if you send, receive or forward these types of pictures. Learn more at Cybersmart’s Sexting page.

10. Tribute pages dedicated to the memory of a friend or loved one need to be carefully monitored – it can be very upsetting if people make disrespectful or offensive comments on these pages. Carefully manage your page permissions to control who can access and post to the page.

World Teachers’ Day
If you can read this, thank a teacher.
In October each year we celebrate World Teacher’s Day. It is a day when we acknowledge and celebrate the work teachers do with children, quite often going beyond normal expectations. At Moonta Area School we have a group of highly dedicated professionals who, in my observations, are second to none. The work of teachers is becoming more complex as time goes on. We are expected to do more than just teach. How often do you hear on the radio that ‘schools should do (this or that)’. The demand placed on the profession both in schools and politically, has never been more extreme. Spare a thought for your child’s teacher(s) and support them where you can. They, after all, have your child’s best interest at heart. Maybe this month might be the time to simply say thank you.
The night was very successful, with guests thoroughly enjoying the food presented and the atmosphere in the Hospitality centre.

On Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} October, 2012 the Year 12 Hospitality students presented their final task to family, staff and friends in the form of an International Food Hall.

Students catered for 50 people, serving foods from five different countries in a simulated food hall. Each student was required to serve two traditional dishes from the country of their choice and decorate their serving area to represent the country.

Early in the year, Aisha Cooper was nominated by the Sport and Rec committee to participate in the Pierre De Coubertin Award. This prestigious award is made to any student who

- is enrolled in Year 11 or 12
- has participated actively in the school physical education program with a consistently positive attitude
- demonstrated the attributes consistent with the fundamental aims of the Olympic movement
- has represented the school during Years 7-12 in at least one current Olympic sport
- has participated in at least two other sports (either individual or team)

Aisha submitted a 250 word literary work which demonstrated and depicted an appreciation of Olympism. Her work was accepted by the committee and on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October, Aisha was presented with her award at a ceremony held at the Institute of Sport in Adelaide. Congratulations go to Aisha on achieving this award, as acknowledgement of her commitment to and participation in a sporting lifestyle.

‘Breakfast Club’ is very grateful to Gerry Bakker who provided us with a generous donation. Gerry raised money through busking at the recent Craft fair. We are also very thankful for the on-going donations of goods made by the many Churches in Moonta and also the Royal Hotel social club for their donation earlier in the year.

With support such as this, we are able to offer the students a healthy breakfast of Milo or juice, toast or cereal.

Breakfast Club is open daily from 8 a.m. and if able, we ask students to pay 20c or bring two cans, to contribute to costs.
Open and transparent communication lines between parents, students and teachers are the backbone to laying a solid foundation for effective learning to be built on. We are fortunate at our school to have such a relationship within the school community.

On a daily basis both parents and students are seeking suggestions on things such as:

- What can we do to improve my son/daughter’s understanding?
- Can we organise more help for them out of class time to build their understanding?
- Do we need to find a tutor for them?
- Can the school work with us to sort out their peer group hassles?

These frequent requests reflect the genuine and sincere ambitions that parents have for their children. It would be fair to say that all parents want a better life for their children than they have had. Yet while all these positives are happening, there is one glaring inconsistency. That is, many of the very same people who are striving to find ways to build their children’s understanding, condone absences for pursuits such as shopping, helping at home, babysitting etc.

Let’s get it right, we not only have to do the right thing, we have to do the thing right. So when it comes to our students let’s all adopt one of Stephen Covey’s famous adages:

“"The main thing is to make the main thing the main thing” - your son/daughter’s education and future.

Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son/daughter with regard to any matter, including unacceptable reasons for absence, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Let's work together to make a difference to your son/daughter’s future.

Be on Time, Be at School, That’s the Rule!
Earlier this year, students competed in various national competitions. Some excellent results were achieved and congratulations go to those students. Certificates will be presented at the next school assembly, Wednesday 7th November (Week 5). In the University of NSW Spelling competition, a Credit was achieved by Joshua Moss.

In the University of NSW Maths competition, a Distinction was achieved by Joshua Moss and a participation certificate was awarded to Jasmine Crocker.

Several students achieved excellent results in the Australian Maths Trust competition. Credits were scored by Jasmine Crocker, Joshua Moss and Adam Scott, whilst Luke Leach received a participation award.

Well done to all competing students.

## Senior School End of Year Arrangements

**Year 12’s** – the Year 12’s are currently completing the last of their summative tasks ready to be collected by the courier and taken off to Adelaide for moderation, as well as revise for exams. The Moonta Golf Club has once again generously allowed us to hold the exams in their clubrooms to avoid the distracting sounds of sirens, phones ringing and students playing outside during recess and lunch. We thank them for supporting our students in this way. Subjects with exams will finish at the conclusion of the exam while those without exams will finish by the end of Week 6. Students will need an exemption from the conclusion of their last subject until the last day of school. The principal is able to grant exemptions for periods of 4 weeks or less and those forms have been given to students. Requests for exemptions for more than 4 weeks need to be made to DECD and those forms are available form Bruce Schmidt.

**All Year 12’s are expected to attend the Presentation of Awards Assembly on Wednesday 12th December, Week 10. If students are working they need to make arrangements to have these 2 hours off. It is an official school function.**

The Senior School Graduation Dinner for Year 11’s and 12’s will be held at the Seagate on Thursday 6th December.

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**Year 11’s** – Lessons for the Year 11’s will continue until Friday of Week 7, after which they will need an exemption. Exams will be held for some subjects during their normal lesson times in Week 7. **The attendance of all Year 11’s is expected at the end of year assembly.** Students need to work their shifts around this time if they are working. Those students continuing on to Year 12 next year will commence the compulsory subject called the “Research Project”, with Mrs Westbrook, during Week 5.

**Year 10’s** – Year 10’s will continue normal lessons until the end of Week 7. They too will have exams for some subjects during Week 7. During Week 8 they will all participate in the Australian Business Week program which will gain them 10 credits towards their South Australian Certificate of Education. In Week 9 they will travel to Stenhouse Bay for their camp and in Week 10 there are no set lessons but activities the students can participate in. Students may apply to Bruce Schmidt for an exemption for Weeks 9 and 10 for either work or work experience but **must attend the assembly** on Wednesday of Week 10 where the presentation of awards will occur. If students plan on working in this week they need to work their shifts around this time.

If you have any queries regarding the end of year arrangements for Senior School students please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Westbrook.
From this.....

..to having a hoist assembled, ....

....to this, and more to come in 2013. Watch this space!!

Moonta Area School is steadily becoming equipped to deliver courses in automotive, thanks to a trade school grant signed off earlier in the year. Lots to look forward to in 2013!

Child Protection Information Booklets for Parents and Carers of children with a disability.

New resources, “Protecting children and young people,” and “A guide to protecting children and young people with disability and preventing sexual abuse” provide valuable information for parents and carers. Copies of these books are available by contacting the front office or downloading in PDF format at:

www.macswd.sa.gov.au

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact me.

Kris Strauss-Scott,
School Counsellor

Apology!!!

In the last edition of MAS Newsletter, when thanking the volunteers who helped over the weekend of Bike SA, I omitted my husband’s name. Oops! Sorry Moosee! Thanks for your help!!
On Thursday 1st November at 7 p.m., Moonta Community Library will be hosting a ‘Coffee & Cake Evening’ with renowned author Kristin Weidenbach. This is our last major event organised to celebrate and promote ‘The National Year of Reading’.

Kristin writes creative non-fiction focused on Australian history. She is the author of Rock Star: the Story of Reg Sprigg, and the Australian bestseller, Mailman of the Birdsville Track: the Story of Tom Kruse, which has sold over 100,000 copies and has been reprinted 22 times since publication in 2003. Her new picture book for children, Tom the Outback Mailman, illustrated by Timothy Ide, was released in May 2012.

Kristin has also written for Outback magazine and Australian Geographic.

Before switching to writing, Kirsten was a PhD immunologist who specialised in forensic science and worked at Stanford University, USA.

All community members are invited to the event. Coffee and cake will be served after Kristin’s talk. Meg’s Bookshop will have Kristin’s books available for sale which she will be happy to sign and have a chat.

Tickets are only $3 and are available from Moonta Community Library.

For further information, contact the library on 8825 1511.

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**Reading Wall Competition**

A reminder to all school and community members that our Reading Wall competition will close at the end of November.

People can submit a photo of family members reading by either dropping it into the library or emailing it to moontacomlib@gmail.com

There are various categories including humorous, individual, group or technological. Some great prizes will be awarded for the best photo in each group.

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**Road Crossing Monitors – Term 4**

**Week 4**

Mark Francis, Harley Simms, Jack Gamble

**Week 5**

Tiffany Clake, Claudia Hatcher, Tahlia Woodward
Last week we had a visit from former student, Russell Sobey. Russell attended our school from Reception to Year 12. He had a flair for multimedia and created the school’s first website. He also set up the current site for us.

After completing Year 12 in 2003, Russell moved to Adelaide where he attended Uni SA and completed a Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Studies. He spent a few years creating websites and videos including one on Moonta’s local history with Robert Hanisch.

In 2011 he completed a one year Television Tech Operator course which led to a traineeship with Network 10. Russell is now living in Sydney where he is audio directing at Network 10 for the News and ‘The Loop’, a music show for Channel 11. He also assists on programs such as ‘Breakfast’ and ‘Ready Steady Cook’ and has been involved in several large live broadcasts for sporting and music fixtures.

Russell was home recently to visit his family who include his niece, Georgia, and nephews, Brodan and Ethan Skinner, who also attend our school.

Do you know of past students who have moved away? We would like to have a regular ‘Where are they now?’ segment in our newsletter. Please send information to Nina.Penna168@schools.sa.edu.au with details, photo and contact number.

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2012 School Magazine

2012 – the year as it happened. Do you want all the inside information? This year’s magazine will be the usual blockbuster filled with photographs, descriptions, news of events, sporting and academic achievements, art work and much more.

The 2012 Moonta Area School magazine will be thermal bound and features a colour front and back cover, and 6 colour pages. A wonderful piece of memorabilia, jam-packed with all the events of the year.

To secure your copy, please fill out the tear off section and forward to the Front Office with $20 (inc GST) per copy. There will be limited spares. If you don’t order and pay, you may miss out on this terrific offer.

Orders are due back to school by Friday 23rd November, Week 7.

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2012 School Magazine Order Form - $20.00 (INC GST)

Name: __________________________________________________________ Class: __________________

If you are a community member, please write down your contact number: ____________________________

We will ring you when the magazine is ready for collection.

I would like to order ____ copy/copies of the 2012 School Magazine. Enclosed is $ __________

Signed: ______________________________________________________
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 29th October:

**Proposal One: Year 7/8 Science students to Sims Cove**

*Proposal:* Continue joint program with Coast Care at Sims Cove sand dunes revegetation.

*Requirements from home:* Lunch and water.

*Date:* Tuesday 6th November, Week 5.

*Proposer:* W Brusnahan / M Hancock

**Proposal Two: End of Year Celebrations – RH class**

*Proposal:* End of year celebration at Copper Coast Commandos, Moonta.

*Requirements from home:* Must wear enclosed footwear.

*Cost:* $10.

*Date:* Tuesday 11th December, Week 10, at 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

*Proposer:* R Hall / M Ellis

**Proposal Three: T20 Blast Cricket**

*Proposal:* 6 a-side girl and boys cricket competition at Maitland.

*Requirements from home:* Sunsmart hat, water bottle and lunch.

*Cost:* $3.

*Date:* Monday 12th November, Week 6.

*Proposer:* S Hackett / D Hoskin / M Hancock

**Proposal Four: Change of Date – Chef Skills workshop**

*Proposal:* Change of date due to availability of Chef, no longer Monday Week 4.

*Date:* Monday 12th November, Week 6.

*Proposer:* F Anderson

**Proposal Five: That we hold a Morning Tea for our school volunteers**

*Proposal:* To hold a morning tea at recess provided by the canteen to thank volunteers for their service for the year.

*Date:* Wednesday 21st November, Week 7.

*Proposer:* B Schmidt / D Hodge

**Proposal Six: Movie afternoon for students completing Premier’s Reading Challenge**

*Proposal:* Students completing PRC this year will watch a movie in recognition of their achievement in the school gym or drama room.

*Year level / Date:*

- Year 3-6: Monday 26th November, Week 8.
- R-2: Tuesday 27th November, Week 8.
- Year 7-11: Wednesday 28th November, Week 8.

*Proposer:* D Daulby / R Dalziel

**Proposal Seven: Year 6 Graduation**

*Proposal:* Acknowledge the end of primary school and the beginning of a new time in their schooling.

*Date:* Wednesday or Thursday of Week 9.

*Proposer:* S Hackett / M Ellis

**Proposal Eight: Block 10 Classes End of Year Celebration**

*Proposal:* Children remain at school at dismissal time to participate in PE, craft activities followed by a BBQ tea and a movie. Parents pick children up at 8 p.m.

*Cost:* $2.

*Date:* Thursday 6th December, Week 9.

*Proposer:* C Hutchins / S Reid / H Spaans / J van Galen / S Hier

**Proposal Nine: Year 7-11 Activities week**

*Proposal:* Students participate in an alternate program involving: testing for all Year 7-9 students in Maths and English. Extra curricula activities, R-12 Presentation assembly, Beach day and Staff v Students softball match.

*Date:* Monday 10th – Friday 14th December, Week 10.

*Proposer:* R Stutley / B Schmidt

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**Clothing Pool**

Please remember that the Clothing Pool needs good, clean school shirts, jumpers, pants and shorts – all sizes! Clothing can be left at the Front Office – and Jane is in attendance every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. – or by arrangement.

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**“Bounce Back” support group**

for Mums with kids that have special needs. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month, 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Gateway Care, Adelaide Road, Kadina. Contact Andrea on 0428 211 130 or 88 213 086 for more information. The next meeting is on 6th November. If transport is an issue, please contact Kris, School Counsellor, Moonta Area School.
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

VACATION CARE

My Favourite day was when St Mary Mackillop OSHC came to our OSHC for a visit. We played team games in the gym and had pizza from Capellas – Brock

My favourite day was going to the movies to watch Madagascar 3. It was really funny – Jacob & Josh

My favourite day was getting my face painted like a tiger and getting my hair done all crazy – Isabel

My favourite day was going to laser skirmish to play battle games and holding the baby chickens – Kayleb

I enjoyed making and eating rocky road for afternoon and going to the movies – Shae

I enjoyed getting my face painted and hair done all crazy – Beryl

I enjoyed making different things using the hama beads – Sarah

We all loved cuddling and caring for the baby chicks.

Moonta After School Care

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
MILO in2CRICKET program

is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

Moonta Area School, starting on Wednesday 26th October at 3:15 p.m. The cost of the Program is $60 per participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack and some other goodies.

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

ST MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH
(opposite the Wallaroo Primary School)

NOVEMBER 11TH 2012
2.00PM
Afternoon tea to follow – tickets $10 at the door.

‘SOMETHING ON SUNDAY’

“REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE”

Come and celebrate the many wonderful music teachers who help keep the arts alive in the Copper Coast through their dedicated musical work in our schools.

Enjoy hearing them sing and play in an afternoon performance at St Mary’s, with time also to reflect and remember our war heroes on this special Remembrance Day.

Featuring our very own Vince Ivens and Nathan Hamdorf.

COPPER COAST
Sport & Recreation Information Night

KADINA Town Hall Function Room
THURSDAY 25th October - 7.00pm

MOONTA Town Hall
TUESDAY 30th October - 7.00pm

Light Refreshments will be provided on the night

Presenting Partners

For more information or to register attendance, please contact
Kristian - 0421 081 144 kwhitaker@wasefield.rc.sa.gov.au
Waiting waiting waiting......It was a very long 21 days.

Once the baby chick's hatched and were dry and fluffy, we took them out of the incubator and put them in their baby chicken coop under the heat lamp to keep warm.

All 9 baby chicks eating their food and drinking their water. They are always hungry so we have to give them food 2 times a day and fresh water every day. They are also very messy eaters.

During Vacation Care we loved caring for and cuddling the baby chicks. They were so cute and fluffy. We will also care for them for 4 weeks during term 4. Once they're big enough and get all their feathers they will be moving out of the OSHC room into the school chicken coop. So we will still be allowed to visit them and feed them our scraps from afternoon tea.

Week 3
Friday 26th October
Interschool Gymkhana – Clare

Week 4
Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November
SAPSASA Cricket / Tennis State Carnivals
Monday 29th October
4:30 p.m. DMC

Week 5
Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th November
Year 3/4 Camp – Narnu Farm

Week 5
Wednesday 7th November
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly
Governing Council meeting

Week 6
Monday 12th November
4:30 p.m. DMC
Thursday 15th – Friday 16th November
Pupil Free Days