Upcoming Events:

Monday 26th – Friday 30th November
Year 10 Business Week
Year 3-6 Swimming

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th November
Year 5/6 Camp - Errappa

Week 9: Monday - Thursday
Year 7 Camp – Quorn
Year 8 Camp – Port Vincent
Year 9 Camp – Adelaide
Year 10 Camp – Stenhouse Bay

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

Staffing 2013

With a couple of positions yet to be filled, we are well placed to have all staffing for next year in place soon.

We are delighted to welcome back Sophie Reid who will be working with younger students. Sophie has certainly made an impression here this year and her ongoing contribution to children in our school will continue to be to their (and our) benefit.

Ms Carly Pavy has won the position of Secondary Student Counsellor replacing Mr Ivens. Ms Pavy has experience as a counsellor and more recently has been working with schools on youth programs.

Mrs Kris Strauss-Scott will continue as Primary Counsellor.

Our Christian Pastoral Support Worker will be Mrs (in January) Krystal Schulz. Krystal will be moving to Maitland to be married and is currently in the same role at Henley High School.

Pupil Free Day

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we were privileged to have Dr Julia Atkin an Australian and international educator work with us. Staff were taken through an exercise which determined their
thinking styles. There was much conversation generated when people learned what their own style and those of their colleagues was. The outcome will assist us in working with our students and each other. Teachers were also able to make links to the SA Teaching for Effective Learning framework which is based on much of the work of Dr Atkin as well as the Australian Curriculum. Feedback received thus far indicates that staff are very enthusiastic about what they learned and some are already planning ahead using their new learning.

**Volunteers Morning Tea**

Where would Moonta Area School be without all our wonderful volunteers? On Wednesday 21st November, MAS hosted on a morning tea to say a small thank you to all our volunteers. Our school is very fortunate to have so many people willing to do that bit extra for the students of MAS. Whether it be reading to students, Governing Council, Parent Club, classroom support, canteen helpers, breakfast club support, resource making, community mentors, work experience placements, helping in the library, attending school camps, helping on Sports Days, or coaching students, it all adds up. We are a community school. We will only be stronger and be able to provide better for the youth of Moonta if we are all involved. Remember “it takes a village to raise a child”.

**Award Presentation Assembly**

**Wednesday 12th December, school gym**

The Award Presentation Assembly will be held in the school gym on Wednesday 12th December at 9 a.m. This assembly acknowledges and highlights the achievements of our students in a public way and we invite all members of the Moonta School Community to attend this very important school event.

**R-6 Sing along**

This event has been facilitated by the R-6 teachers to provide an opportunity for our students to be able to perform a range of Christmas songs for our school community. They have spent considerable time learning these songs and we hope we can get a full audience for them to perform to. The sing-along will occur in the school gym on Wednesday 12th December at 2 p.m. and will finish by about 3 p.m., so put on your Christmas outfit, come along and have a great time singing with the children.

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**Road Crossing Monitors – Term 4**

**Week 8** Zachary Venning, Tyler Groom, Lenny Buttle  
**Week 9** Gracie Steele, Jordy Taulour, Olivia McKenzie  
**Week 10** Harrison Platten, Jordan Turner, Brayden Elvin

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**2012 School Magazine – Orders are due tomorrow**

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: ________________________________________________

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**Principal: David Hodge**  
Blanche Terrace  
(P.O. Box 113)  
Moonta SA 5558  
Phone: 08 88 252 088  
Fax: 08 88 252 609  
info@moontaas.sa.edu.au  
www.moontaas.sa.edu.au
ALL PARENTS: Thank you for your support with our first ever Catastrophic Day closure due to weather conditions.

I need to remind you all that;

1. **The decision to close is NOT ours.** We are told to close as we have been categorized as an R2 site in terms of potential danger. **ALL R1 and R2 sites in SA MUST** close when a catastrophic forecast is given. Other schools in a catastrophic area remain open **BUT** no buses can run and staff cannot travel through the forecast catastrophic area to get to work.

2. **Normally** we will get advance warning of a possible catastrophic forecast. In this case that didn’t happen through no fault of ours.

Bruce Schmidt

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**2012/13 BUSHFIRE SEASON INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES**

**MOONTA AREA SCHOOL**

has a ‘high risk’ bushfire rating.

This means on days of a forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our school will be **closed**. School buses and taxis will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

**BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

School number: *08 88 252 088*

Please note that this number may be engaged during an emergency situation and you may not be able to get through immediately.

Regional Office, Bushfire Coordinator:  **Ros Maio 08 88 426 655**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

DECD Emergency and Crisis Management Website
Department for Education and Child Development

[www.crisis.sa.edu.au](http://www.crisis.sa.edu.au)


CFS Bushfire Information Line   **1300 362 361**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Keep an eye on the school website  [www.moontaas.sa.edu.au](http://www.moontaas.sa.edu.au)
- Watch your text messages

During days of forecast catastrophic fire danger ratings or an actual bushfire, the Parent Bushfire Information Hotline will be activated.

**PARENT BUSHFIRE INFORMATION HOTLINE**

Ph:  **1800 000 279**
Bushfire season can be an anxious time for children and families. Our schools and preschools in high risk bushfire areas have emergency plans, called Bushfire Action Plans, to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire.

By being prepared, and acting now, you will help our schools and preschools to be bushfire ready and keep our children as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support.

BEFORE THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Bushfire Action Plans set out the actions our schools and preschools will take to prepare for the bushfire season and, if necessary, protect your children in a bushfire situation. We work with emergency services authorities (Country Fire Service and SA Police) to ensure that we are well prepared and in the best possible position to protect your child’s safety during a bushfire. Our schools and preschools in high risk areas must:

- Complete a Bushfire Safety Audit and checklist.
- Prepare buildings and grounds including clearing gutters, and removing vegetation.
- Update their Bushfire Action Plan and inform families of changes.
- Practice bushfire safety drills.
- Ensure power-fail telephone handsets and battery powered radios are in working order.
- Ask parents and carers to update their emergency contact details.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We ask parents and carers to:

- Read all bushfire information provided.
- Talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool.
- Make sure your emergency contact details are up-to-date with our school or preschool.

FORECAST CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING

Catastrophic fire danger rating days are days when the weather conditions mean a fire is more likely to start and be more difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all ‘high risk’ schools and preschools in the declared Fire Ban District will be closed. School buses and taxis services will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

Parents and carers will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on these days.

Schools and preschools will make every attempt to contact parents and carers to inform them that their school or preschool will be closed.

Please make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the bushfire season starts.

APPROACHING BUSHFIRE

If our school or preschool is open and a bushfire is approaching, the safety of children is our highest priority. The South Australian Police (SAPOL) and the Country Fire Service (CFS) will take charge if a bushfire is approaching. They recommend that in such an event, everybody should remain at their school or preschool unless instructed to do otherwise.

Principals and preschool directors must comply with SAPOL and CFS instructions.

If the police have not advised the school or preschool to evacuate then everyone will remain inside a designated building (Bushfire refuge) and emergency procedures will be activated. These will include:

- Moving everybody inside, closing windows, doors, and turning off the air-conditioning.
- Filling available containers with water.
- If it is safe to do so and time permits turning on all sprinklers and irrigation systems.
- Remaining inside and activating fire drill procedures with the children until the main fire-front passes.
- Listening to local ABC Radio Station for bushfire updates and information.
- If possible, communicating to parents that students are moving into the Bushfire refuge.

We hope that we will never have to enact our fire drill procedures. However we are working with our school and preschool communities to be bushfire ready in the event of a bushfire emergency and trust that parents and carers will add their support.
On Wednesday, during week 5, Mrs Crosby and Mrs Perkins’ 3/4 class went on a camp to Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island, to celebrate the end of the year. - Harrison

Shayla: The dark brown chocolate horse was cheeky.

Elizabeth: The lady who was driving the big, red truck drove us down a steep hill and we all screamed loudly.

Graycie: The fat, woolly sheep was stealing our shiny apples.

Josh: I milked a dairy cow with a squishy, slimy udder.

Will: The fat, furry rabbit nastily bit my leg.

Christina: When we went horse riding it was a very bumpy ride.

Alex: The big, fat goat was eating hay on top of the steps.

Courageous Crosby and Plucky Perkins braved the towering, lofty slides at St Kilda playground.

Year 3/4: Thank you, Lyndon, Darren and Mr Schmidt.
Volunteering Overseas
Jonathan Slade and Adele Smith recently returned to school to speak to some Year 11 and 12 students about their volunteering experiences overseas. They both became interested after a volunteer from Latitude Global Volunteering spoke to our Year 12 class in 2011. Through this organisation, in partnership with Young People Without Borders, school leavers aged 17-25 have the opportunity to volunteer in a range of countries including Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Fiji, Ghana, India, Malawi, Poland, UK, Vanuatu and Vietnam. They can volunteer in the role of a school assistant, teacher, sports coach, outdoor activities instructor, community worker or carer’s assistant. Jono and Adele both chose to teach, as did another past student Elle Colliver. Jono was placed in the highlands of northern India while Adele and Elle travelled to Vietnam. It was very interesting and heart-warming to hear about their experiences while living and working in what seemed like another world. While experiencing the adventure of a lifetime, which was both challenging and rewarding, they were helping people and communities in need and much less fortunate than themselves. Their experiences have certainly made them see life from a different perspective and there is no doubt they are changed people. They have made new friends, experienced a new language and immersed themselves in another culture. They are to be congratulated for stepping into the unknown and “making a difference.” We thank them for sharing their experiences with us and encourage others to ask them about their time overseas.

Remembrance Day
Bob White, Ruby Markham, Junior School Captains and Blake Pedler School Captain represented Moonta Area School with Mr Bruce Schmidt on Sunday 11th November.

R-12 Presentation Assembly
Wednesday 12th December, 9 a.m. in the school gym

R-6 Christmas Sing Along
Parents, caregivers, grandparents and community members are invited to join the R-6 Students for a Christmas Sing Along.
Wednesday 12/12/12, 2 p.m., in the Moonta Area School Gym.
Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} November, 2012

This workshop offered a ‘hands on’ experience of working in the commercial kitchen, instructed by the Executive Sous Chef of the Adelaide Casino, John Holmes.

Twelve students were selected from twenty three that applied. They were, Alec Hutchins, Patrick Ellard, Sam Gamble, Wade McKenzie, Jamie Matthews, Marrisa Bugmy, Jack Ravenscroft, Angus Ellard, Joseph Sakoulidis, Heidi Walden, Bryar Ostendorf and Jacob Sakoulidis

Students had an exciting day, and learnt a wide variety of skills from boning down a strip loin to preparing a mushroom mousse to stuff into a boned chicken leg!
The Year 12 Art display will be in the library until Friday Week 9. Please feel free to visit the library during opening hours to view our Year 12 art students work. They have worked hard and produced some very impressive results.

Well Done Alice & Georgia!

Alice Ackland – has produced some unique mixed media art works reflecting her own very innovative ideas.

Georgia Roach – explored the use of wire & beads and coloured pastels producing some beautiful results.
Students have access to a large range of resources from readers and library books to text books and calculators. Monday next week all items will be overdue. Please help your children to have a good look at home. This is the time of year when things turn up in unexpected places! **All Year 7 to 12 students** have received a list of any school resources checked out to them or will be receiving one soon. **Next week primary students** will be given a list of any items still checked out to them. We hope to have everything back by the end of next week but by the end of Week 9 at the latest. Once students have a clear record their names will be entered in a lucky draw – prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls in Week 10. Tax invoices for items not returned will be sent out with school reports.

Students can borrow during Week 10 for holiday reading. Best wishes and happy book hunting – the library team.

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**The 2012 Hiragana / Katakana Ribbon Challenge**

Several students in years 3-6 took part in our final round of the Hiragana/ Katakana ribbon challenge last week. Students were given a selection of Japanese characters to master in order to achieve a ribbon. I would like to say thank you to all of the students who had a go, keep up the practice and I wish you all the best for next year.

The following students have achieved the White ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Zarli Willshire, Tom Cockshell

The following student has achieved the Blue ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Savannah Prout

The following student has achieved the Blue ribbon of the Katakana challenge: Josh Moss

*Yokudekimashita (Well done)*

Stacey Golding

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**Scholastic Book Club – Issue 8**

Due back to school by Thursday 22/11/12.

**Staff attending the Pupil Free Days run by Dr Julia Atkin**

**Family Movie Night – Madagascar 3**

Friday 30th November – 8 – 8 p.m.

Life Centre Church Hall

Register your coming to ensure seating

0402072823 / 88 213 086
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 26th November:

Proposal One: For communication: That the Newsletter (MAS Media) goes out in Thursday Week 10, not Week 9

Proposal: Last year was only a 9 week term, hence assembly was in a odd week. Week 10 edition will include assembly, camps, etc. Otherwise will not be included until 2013 – then be old news. Any urgent items for Week 9 can go home in form of a parent letter / flyer or text message.

Proposer: D Hodge / N Penna

Proposal Two: End of Year Celebrations

Proposal: Play various team games to celebrate end of year at Queen Square.

Date: Thursday 13th December, Week 10.

Proposer: S Hackett / M Ellis

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 12th November:


The following proposal was approved by the Principal: Mentoring Excursion – Monday 26th November. Week 8.

Lost Property!

With cold mornings and warm days we are getting a lot of school jumpers in the lost property room – ALL lost property will be cleared at the end of Term 4, so please come in to claim your lost property. Items that remain at the end of the year will either be washed and put into the Clothing Pool, or disposed of.

Moonta Vacation Care

PARENT INFORMATION

Phone: 0439 817 475
Email: deannah.whitehead@moontaas.sa.edu.au

The service is available from 8.00 am – 6.00 pm. Monday – Friday.

Bookings:

A limited number of places are available each day, so please enrol and book in early. The centre does not assume that you will need the bookings. The onus is on the parent/guardian to complete an enrolment form that can be collected from the OSHC room or the school front office and will need to be returned.

Fees:

The total cost is $60 per child for a full day. (Less any CCB & CCR Entitlements) A late collection fee of $20 will be imposed when children are collected later that closing time.

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate entitlements are available. Please contact the Family Assistant Office on 13 61 50 to register or provide a copy of the letter stating your Customer Reference Number to the service.

Meals:

Parents are to provide recess and lunch each day unless stated otherwise in the program.

Please do not include food containing NUTS.

The service will provide afternoon tea each day.

Clothing:

Please bring a hat (NO HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY) and water bottle. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear according to weather and daily activities on the program.

Excursions:

Children enrolled on an excursion day MUST attend the excursion, as this is a condition of enrolling on that day, this is to help with staff ratios. Children must be at the service 30 minutes prior to departing. Any children who arrive after that will need to find alternative care as there will be no staff members staying at the service.

Parents will not have to pay for excursions unless told otherwise.
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**CALL 0439817475 TO MAKE BOOKINGS**
Recently our library had a visit from renowned author Kirstin Weidenbach. Kristin writes creative non-fiction focused on Australian history. She is the author of two books for adults, *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.

Before switching to writing, Kristin was a PhD immunologist who specialised in forensic science and worked at Stanford University, USA. Kristin visited KC and SP classes to talk about and read her new picture book for children, *Tom the Outback Mailman,* illustrated by Timothy Ide. She also spoke to Mrs Hancock’s English class about writing non-fiction. During the evening of her visit community members were entertained by her interesting talk about her books.

Week 7
*Friday 23rd November*
2012 School Magazine orders are due
Primary Assembly

Week 8
*Monday 26th – Friday 30th November*
Year 10 Business Week
Year 3-6 Swimming

*Monday 26th November*
Year 3-6 Premier’s Reading Challenge movie
4:30 p.m. DMC

*Tuesday 27th November*
R-2 Premier’s Reading Challenge movie
ATSI meeting

*Wednesday 28th November*
Year 7-11 Premier’s Reading Challenge movie

*Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th November*
Year 5/6 Camp – Errappa

Week 9
*Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th December*
Year 7 Camp – Quorn
Year 8 Camp – Port Vincent
Year 9 Camp – Adelaide
Year 10 Camp – Stenhouse Bay

*Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th December*
Year 3-6 Swimming

*Tuesday 4th December*
ATSI Parent meeting

*Thursday 6th – Friday 7th December*
R-2 Swimming / Beach Week

Week 10
*Monday 10th – Friday 14th December*
Year 7-11 Activities Week

*Monday 10th – Tuesday 11th December*
R-2 Swimming / Beach Week

*Wednesday 12th December*
9 a.m. R-12 Presentation Assembly
R-6 Christmas Sing-along

*Thursday 13th December*
R-2 Swimming / Beach Week

*Friday 14th December*
2:05 p.m. Dismissal