From the Principal’s Desk
As always the pace has been fast and furious, with teachers, students and support staff all striving to achieve personal best. Students are striving to finish assignments before the end of term. SACE students have finished their first summative assignments and tests and are using feedback received to polish their next responses and achieve the personal best that we saw so much of at the recent Sports Day. I would like to salute students across all year levels for their participation, effort and most impressively their support of each other to excel in all areas.
At this point I would also like to acknowledge the rich extra-curricular activities that make Term 1 so busy. Athletics carnivals, camps, class activity evenings and a range of other challenges have ensured students have had many opportunities to enrich their learning experience. A huge thank you goes to staff for the countless hours spent organising and then participating in these memorable experiences.
This idea of personal best is one that staff members are focussing on this year. As of next term staff will
invite colleagues into their classrooms and work spaces to observe chosen strategies and work together on tweaking good practice to make it best practice. My own experience highlighted for me that my communication style involves the use of stories, lots of hand gestures, direct instruction and collaborative learning. When staff analysed my presentation there were tips given that would have made a good session great which I intend to use at the very next opportunity. Another opportunity I have had is to watch my colleagues work. Each time I visit a classroom I learn something new that I can put to good use with others. We know that by working in this way to support each other our teaching practice will continuously improve and therefore student achievement will also.

Bullying No Way
Friday 15th March was the National Action against Bullying Day, where schools across Australia raise awareness against bullying. Moonta Area School held a casual day where students dressed in blue and orange to acknowledge their stand against bullying.

Last year I completed the Nharangga Language Retraining Program. This program is delivered through a partnership between NAPA-Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association and DECD-Department Education Child Development. I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Narungga people of the Yorke Peninsula. I feel privileged and quite honoured in being given the opportunity to learn the Nharangga language. This year I am excited to be able to teach the language and history to our younger generation in the R-7 classes.

Annette Butler

Bullying is not just a personal predicament. All members of the school community have a part to play in ending bullying and ensuring safe school environments. Schools recognise that bystanders play a particularly important role. On the 15th classes looked at what all members of our school community can do to stop bullying. We also had an assembly that highlighted that each individual has the power to say no to bullying and therefore take a stand against hurtful behaviours. Primary students also had an opportunity to participate in a colouring in competition, to be judged next week. Thanks go to Krystal Schulz, Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Student Voice and the Well-Being committee for organising the day.

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SAPSASA & Sporting News
Week 9

Tennis – thanks to all the students that have handed in tennis forms to trial for the SAPSASA tennis team. Hayley Spaans will be coaching this team. Trials will not occur until Term 3. Parents will be emailed information regarding this.

Netball / Football – Adele Keleher and Wayne Slattery have been busy selecting Moonta teams to attend a knockout carnival in Kadina on Tuesday of Week 10. Students selected will have received a note for their parents and cars are being organised now. This is the first selection trial for these SAPSASA events.

Year 5-7 & Year 8-10 Soccer Round Robin Carnival – Term 2, Week 1, Friday. Students are busy organising their teams at the moment. Team nominations must be in by the end of Week 10. See Sally Hackett for more information.

‘Pre-loved’ School Uniforms
Pre-loved school uniforms are now available from the Breakfast Club area, from 8.30-8.45am daily. We are in need of small sizes of summer tops, shorts and jumpers. Please drop them to the front office if you can help out. Thank you 😊
Over several months, Moonta Community Library staff have worked towards preparing our library items and data to join the one card network. We will 'Go Live' on Thursday 16th May.

What does One Card mean?
Every Moonta Community Library patron will be part of the state library network connecting more than 130 public libraries across South Australia to let you borrow and return items wherever you go, using your current library card.
You will have access to millions of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines. Yes, millions!
With access to multiple libraries, the materials of all these libraries become available to you.
We can do this for you in the library or you can simply go online, wherever you are, and use the new reservation system to look up items and reserve them with a click.
When your items become available, they will be delivered to your preferred library and you will be notified when to pick up.
The new service includes access to ebook borrowing and full daily digital editions of the most popular South Australian and national papers (as well as hundreds of world newspapers) with an amazingly realistic ‘page turning’ reading experience!

What do I need to do?
Some things won’t change, like the friendly welcome and the fantastic service provided by your library staff.
When you visit the library on or after 16th May we will give you a new library card.
All students will need a new card as well.
Cards for students from Reception to Year 6 will be sent home for you to manage and we will continue to put a barcode sticker in their diary for school borrowing.
Students from Year 7 up will be given their own card to look after.
Cards must be produced when visiting any library including our own.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge sheets during the last two weeks:
Ms Hier – Lilly Cockshell,
Mrs Hettner – Peyton Bagshaw, Olivia Jones, Addison Crocker, Dakota Edwards, Frankie Talbot, Jayden Rhodes
Miss Reid – Tahnee Crossman, Marisa Cocks, Saranna Rhodes
Mrs Hutchins – Brodie Bagshaw, Imogen Elsworth
Mrs Perkins – Kaitlyn Reynolds, Tayissa White, Maddison Shields
Mrs Ellis - Gemma Hill, Braden Spencer–Teague,
Jack Irlam, Olivia Congdon, Hannah Allen, Chelsea Kerr
Well done to the following students for completing Beyond the Challenge.
Kym Donley, Dexter Goncalves, Nicholas Derrington,
Asha Johns, Isaac Johns, Rebecca Stock, Lucy Hutchinson
We have had 50 students completing the Challenge so far this year which makes us well on track to reaching our target of 300!
Congratulations to Maddison Shields who has won this week’s Newsagent $10 voucher.

Do you enjoy reading with children?
We are looking for volunteers to support students in completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you have some time to spare, we would appreciate your help in this area. Please contact Tricia Stringer or Di Daulby in the Library if you are interested.

Fiona Myers
Role this year: Flexible Learning Manager. I am working over three schools – Moonta, Maitland and Kadina, in the Yorke Cluster to assist the coordinators and students in the Flexible Learning Options strategy to achieve successful learning outcomes.

Last Schools: I was at Maitland Area School for the past two years, prior to that I worked at Moonta and Kadina.
Years Teaching: Qualified as an English, History and SOSE teacher in 2002, and have worked in several schools both here and overseas.
Special interests: I enjoy travel, particularly to places of natural beauty, reading and spending time with family and friends.
What you are looking forward to this year in regards to teaching: Helping students to achieve their goals.

OSHCC will be open on the Pupil Free Day (Thursday 28th March, Week 9).
Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Contact Deahnn for more information: 0439 817 475
Last Wednesday 20th March, a team of 33 students and officials made their way to Kadina for the annual Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival. The forecast weather was of a concern, but on the day the conditions held and the event continued in pleasant conditions.

The day began at 10.00 am with a programme of track and field events, concluding with age group relays and the wheel and ball team game. Prizes were awarded for the Team Event pennant; U14, U15 and Open Age pennants; and the Yorke Peninsula Country Times Shield, awarded to the highest scoring team as per a handicap system.

Success during many of the athletic events was supported by more success in the team games events resulting in another very successful Interschool sports carnival. Our final result gave us as winners of:

**YPCT Shield**

**U14 and U15 age group pennants**

Along with the team’s success, Gabby Morby, Marli Mullins and Sam Watson broke existing records. Gabby achieved the excellence of breaking 2 records – U15 Girls 90m Hurdles in a time of 16.46 sec, slicing 0.28sec off the previous time and the U15 Girls Long Jump, with a jump of 4.41m, 8cm further than the existing record.

Marli broke the U14 Boys Javelin with a throw of 35.45m, 64cm further than the existing record.

Sam broke his own Open Boys Long Jump by 30cm, with a jump of 5.65m.

It was an excellent day with committed participation, and the sportsmanship and atmosphere amongst all competitors was of a high standard.

Thanks to Chloe Barrett and Kim Green for an excellent photographic record of the day.

**Pennant Results**

Team Games Pennant: Moonta came runners up behind joint winners Yorketown and Kadina.

**U14 Pennant: Moonta 1st** on 179 points ahead of Port Broughton 169.5 points and Ardrossan 151 points.

**U15 Pennant: Moonta 1st** with 211 points followed by Minlaton on 190 points and Maitland/Yorketown with 181 points.

Open Pennant: Moonta 4th behind Ardrossan 189 points, Maitland 184 points and Minlaton on 181 points.

The **YPCT Shield was awarded to Moonta** with 564 points ahead of Maitland on 514 points and Minlaton 505 points.

From these results, students have been selected to compete at the athletics championships at Mile End on Monday 8th April, with best wishes and hoping for continued success.
DMC Proposals

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:

1. **R-6 Religious Education** – Friday 12th April, Week 11.
2. **Youth Expo 2013** – Year 10/11 students attend. Friday 5th April, Week 5 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
3. **School Band perform at Youth Expo 2013** – Friday 5th April, Week 5.

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 18th March:

4. **Rainbow Foods** – Requirements from home: Each student bring 2 things (fruit/vegetable) to school from a different colour of the rainbow. **Cost:** $2ish per family. Monday 8th – Friday 12th April, Week 11.
5. **R-12 Assemblies** – Term 1: Friday 5th April, Week 10. Term 2: Friday 31st May, Week 5 and Friday 5th July, Week 10. Term 3: Friday 23rd August, Week 5 and Friday 27th September, Week 10. Term 4: Friday 15th November, Week 5. **NOT APPROVED:** Wednesday 11th December, Week 9 (End of Year Presentation Assembly). Need to discuss how to fit all in/solutions.
7. **5-a-side Soccer Gala Day** – Friday 3rd May. Term 2, Week 1.
8. **SASTA Students to travel to Adelaide and participate in Power Cup** – Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th May, Term 2, Week 4.
9. **Soccer Clinic** – Friday 23rd August, Term 3, Week 5.
11. **OPAL ‘Healthy Brekky is Easy’ Theme stage show** – Wednesday 8th May, Term 2, Week 2.

TEEN WRITERS BOOT CAMP

15th – 18th April

Dreaming of becoming a writer? Want to make the most of your school holidays? SA Writers is offering an exciting teenage writing program in the April school holidays!

Ideal for enthusiastic writers aged between 12 and 17 who are keen to get stuck into some high quality creative writing with some fun, interesting and supportive workshop leaders.

By the end of the boot camp you will learn how to create your own ebook from all the work you have created during the sessions. An option is available to register for individual sessions.

For more information check the SA Writers website [www.sawriters.org.au](http://www.sawriters.org.au) or library student notice board.

Youth Development presents:

**Wilson McCaskill**

**PLAY IS THE WAY**

Parent Workshop:

Tuesday 2nd April, 2013 (Week 10)

Kadina Memorial School,
Doswell Tce Kadina
7:00pm – 8:30pm

YP Youth Expo

**Be Active! Be Happy! Be You!**

Friday 5th April 2013.

Victoria Square Garden – Kadina

The theme of national Youth Week is “Be Active! Be Happy! Be You!”

This year’s focus will be:

- Youth health and wellbeing (positive mental health messaging related to anxiety and depression).
- Youth engagement and depression
- Youth education, training and employment (with a specific focus on transitions and pathways).

The Youth Expo will be a multi-agency event that aims to improve people’s wellbeing by increasing their awareness (and use) of agencies and services that are available on Yorke Peninsula. The Expo will also showcase career opportunities available in the region, registered training providers and any upcoming training courses available.

This year our Year 10 students and some Year 11 students will be attending the Youth Expo. We will be leaving Moonta about 12:30 p.m. and returning at 3 p.m. The Expo is also open to interested parents and community members.

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Ardrossan Junior Golf Open, 18 holes, participants 18 years and under, generally with a handicap. 9 till 10 a.m. coaching/hit off 11 a.m. SAPSASA qualifying, for students up to and including year 7, modified nine hole competition. 10 till 11 a.m. coaching/hit off 12 p.m. encouragement cup. For any students that would like to give golf a try. 10am till 11 am coaching, then play a few holes. These events will be held on April 19th at the Ardrossan golf club. Coaching provide by GOLF SA. Contact Paul Spurling 0428 212 274 or e mail, plspurling@bigpond.com or contact Helen Jacobs 88 373 959

Moonta Football Club – Support your local club. Meals available. Friday nights 6 – 8 p.m. All welcome.

Moonta Football Club – Guernsey presentation night. Thursday 4th April, from 5:30 p.m. U10, U12 Junior Colts and Senor Colts.

Safety Cornerstones to Learner driving

Parents often ask advice on the proper approach to take when teaching a person to drive. Proper instruction is important and if you are going to teach your child to drive ensure that you are up to date with current road rules. The RAA have an online test to practise the road rules and there is a simple online test on the DPTI internet page as well. The SAPOL Road Safety Section has a session entitled ‘Cars have changed……so have the Road Rules’ which specifically covers supervising learner drivers which can be booked by your school. Here are some ideas to consider when discussing this topic with your daughter or son.

1. **Only apply for a Learner’s Permit when ready.** There is no need to encourage early licensing as your child will need to feel comfortable about taking this step with all the responsibility that this decision brings with it. Learning to drive should not be seen as something that should automatically occur as soon as they attain the correct age.

2. **Use a licensed driving Instructor.** This does not have to be for the whole of the required 75 hours driving experience but having an instructor involved for some sessions is important to ensure that the learner has this experience. The ‘keys2drive’ program is available to give a free driving lesson with a licensed instructor to assist here. This session can be organised through the internet. A professional instructor will judge the areas for improvement in their driving and suggest ways to correct them.

3. **Ensure your learner completes at least 75 hours driving practice as per their log book.** Don’t take short cuts here as your learner needs this practice as once they have their licence, their chances of being involved in a crash increase dramatically.

An outstanding family portrait for only $15

Moonta Kindergarten invites you to support our family portrait fundraiser on Sunday 7th April 2013. Held at Moonta Kindergarten.

Payment and bookings at the Kindy 88 252 403
Week 9
Thursday 28th March
PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 29th March
Public Holiday – Good Friday

Week 10
Monday 1st April
Public Holiday – Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th April
Year 11 OED Windsurfing Camp
Tuesday 2nd April
District Football / Netball Carnival
Wednesday 3rd April
7:30 p.m. Governing Council meeting

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 1, Week 10
Lloyd Hobbs, Cameron Carter, Seth Osborn
Week 11
Lizzy Lowe, Chloe Smith, Karli Nicholas

Calendar

Friday 5th April
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly
SAPSASA Lawn Bowls

Week 11
Monday 8th April
Mile End Athletics
DMC meeting cancelled
Friday 12th April
Year 7-12 Mid-Semester 1 reports sent home
2:05 p.m. Dismissal