Upcoming Events:

Monday 20th – Sunday 26th May
Kernewek Lowender
(Friday – School focus day)

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May
SAPSASA Football/Netball

Monday 27th May
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

The National Literacy and Numeracy testing is happening for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 this week. Students in these year levels in schools across Australia will undertake the same tests on these days. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. Test results provide additional information on how students are progressing in these areas. Moonta Area School is committed to improving the literacy and numeracy levels of our students through quality & evidenced based teaching and learning processes and we are looking forward to receiving the results which we predict will show significant growth from the levels achieved when students were tested 2 years ago.

Thank you to all Secondary parents who have attended the Parent/ Teacher Interviews this week. While the option for interviews has always been available, this year we changed the format which has enabled more interviews to take place. Teachers enjoyed meeting with parents to discuss their child’s learning and many productive discussions were held that will support students to improve their academic results.

The South Australian Public Teaching Awards is a prestigious annual awards scheme to recognise, reward and celebrate the valuable contributions of dedicated and effective teachers, education leaders and support staff in our public schools and preschools.

This year Moonta Area School Community has nominated the following people for the exceptional work that they do in and for our school. We congratulate each of them for their nomination and thank you, our
community for this recognition.
Fiona Ryan
Sally Hackett
Jan Ritchie
Margie Hancock
Sophie Reid
Hayley Spaans
Personally, I recognise these six staff and thank them for their efforts. I would also like to acknowledge all staff for their commitment to teaching and learning. Teachers plan together - strategies, topics and activities that help students get the most out of each learning activity. Support staff are just as committed to this philosophy and are an integral part of the team. This is why Moonta Area School is such a great place to learn and work.

This term six new students started in Reception; we welcome Joseph and Shanayah Karpany, Brodie Dwight, Charlotte Wiltshire, Saffron Knibbs and Bella Osborn to Moonta Area School. We hope you really enjoy the next stage of your education.

Sorry for the incorrect names in the last edition of MAS Media.

Congratulations to all nominated

Welcome New Receptions

How we like to spend our weekends....!
Melinda, Daniel, Mem, Robyn, Shelley and Kirsty at Quality Improvement Tool training, Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th April.
Last Friday saw us hold the annual R-7 Cross Country in ideal conditions. The competing students did very well, and were ably supported by a group of parents and Year 8/9/11 students. Congratulations go to the following students on winning their age group event. From these many will be selected to compete in the YP Cross Country to be held at Kadina on Friday 17th May.

**5 year old Girl**
1st Charlotte Wiltshire
2nd Bella Osborn
3rd Saffron Knibbs
4th Eliza Lawrence

**6 year old Girl**
1st Ella Aldridge
2nd Olivia Jones
3rd Scarlett Hatcher
4th Tammin Hughes

**7 year old Girl**
1st Shelly Webb
2nd Isabel Hobbs
3rd Tahnee Crossman
4th Alexa Northey

**8 year old Girl**
1st Brooke Irlam
2nd Mackenzie Jones
3rd Jordy Rogers
4th Chloe Oxspring

**9 year old Girl**
1st Emma Prout
2nd Elizabeth Flink
3rd Kaitlyn Reynolds
4th Kirra Hettner

**10 year old Girl**
1st Ashleigh Groom
2nd Michaela Woodward
3rd Jemima White
4th Chelsea Moore

**11 year old Girl**
1st Stephanie Sonntag
2nd Libby Adams
3rd Karli Nicholas
4th Zarli Willshire

**12+ year old Girl**
1st Claudia Hatcher
2nd Kira Gibbons
3rd Jessica Bones
4th Sarah Skinner

**5 year old Boy**
1st Joseph Karpany
2nd -
3rd -
4th -

**6 year old Boy**
1st Fraser Elsworthy
2nd Tyreese Scott
3rd Brodie Spaeth
4th Luke Chamberlain

**7 year old Boy**
1st Brock Pollard
2nd Ashton Wardle
3rd Nicholas Derrington
4th William Bozdarovski

**8 year old Boy**
1st Cheylen Wanganeen
2nd Tyreese Wanganeen
3rd Jack Elsworthy
4th Jett Smith

**9 year old Boy**
1st Harrison Hatcher
2nd Michael Musolino
3rd Jamayden Webb
4th Rex Leach

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1st Jack Irlam
2nd Kane Pearson
3rd Drayson Smith
4th Tom Cockshell

**11 year old Boy**
1st Aiden Turner
2nd Oliver Mullins
3rd Alex Elsworthy
4th Cam Buck

**12+ year old Boy**
1st Dylan Slack
2nd Jack Hobbs
3rd Drae Hopkins
4th Lochlan Appleton
On Tuesday 30th April, Student Voice Executive Committee members, along with Kirsty Amos and Jane McCauley travelled to YMCA Camp Glenhaven for our leadership training day. The day was action-packed and involved activities such as co-operation games, web/maze challenge, river challenge, mohawk challenge, low ropes, crate stacking, high ropes and the giant swing. Each of the challenges required students to work together as a team, solve problems presented to them and for some, to demonstrate good leadership skills. Students persevered numerous times to complete challenges or to further improve their end results. It was great to hear and see lots of positive encouragement given to group members as they stepped out of their comfort zones and had a go at challenges given to them either individually or as a group.
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If any parents, grandparents or community members are interested in volunteering some time to help at Breakfast Club, please contact Kris at Moonta Area School.

R-2 SOCIAL
DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE TV OR MOVIE CHARACTER
When: Wednesday May 29th
Time: 4:30-5:30pm
Where: School Gym
Cost: $3.00
Canteen available
Proudly supported by Blue Light

Thank you

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Tricia Stringer on behalf of the library staff.

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ADELAIDE UNI VISIT
A representative from Adelaide Uni recently visited the Year 12’s to talk to them about what they have to offer in terms of courses, facilities and support services. They also spoke about the application process, accommodation, clubs, sporting teams and the differences between Year 12 and university. The session was very informative and the questions students asked were answered openly and in detail. While university open days are still worthwhile as students are able to see the campuses first hand, hear presentations and talk to university staff and students, we find these small workshops are most beneficial as they are more personal and students feel more comfortable asking questions relevant to them in front of their class rather than in a lecture theatre of a few hundred people.
On Wednesday 22nd May from 1-3 p.m. the Year 12’s will have the opportunity to hear presentations from Uni SA, Flinders Uni and TAFE at KMS.
Open Days will be held at Uni SA (City West Campus) and Adelaide Uni on Sunday 18th August and at Flinders Uni on Friday 16th August and Saturday 17th August.
University applications need to be completed online via the SATAC website by September 27th while TAFE applications are due by October 30th. Applications open on Monday 5th August.

Japanese Homestay 2013
This year we will once again host a group of students from Meidai High School near Tokyo. We have been advised the students will be with us from 27th of July to 10th August. (Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3). The 27th and the 10th are Saturdays. The students would arrive late on the 27th and depart early on the 10th and this is organised by International Education Services so families collect their student from our school and drop them off there for departure.

The Japanese students are 15 and 16 and we are looking for families of senior students who may like to home host. In the past middle school students have also enjoyed the experience so please give it some thought.

During the day the Japanese students will attend school to improve their English. The family’s role is to provide the after-school Moonta experience of Australian family life. Those who have done this in the past have really enjoyed the experience.

There is an accreditation process which is not difficult. Janine Bennett will be carrying out the administrative side of the homestay and Tricia Stringer will be conducting the English lessons and school experience.

Please call us at school on 88 251 511 if you would like more information or fill out the reply slip and return by Wednesday 22nd May.
Thank you, Tricia and Janine
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 26th May:

**Proposal One: R-7 Aboriginal Culture talk, music and dance**

Proposer: Jack Buckskin to perform with dancers in the gym. 50 mins. Smoke ceremony, cultural context talk, song/dance and performance.

*Date: Tuesday 11th June, Week 7.*

*Proposer: N Hamdorf / R Dalziel*

**Proposal Two: Year 10 Camp, Stenhouse Bay – Dates only**

*Date: Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December, Term 4, Week 8.*

*Proposer: B Gordon / B Schmidt*

**Proposal Three: Year 7/8/9 Activities Week**

Proposer: Students undertake activities to prepare for Market Day, which will be on the Wednesday. Also involved in various activities to support the curriculum in a more relaxed environment. Year 8/9 Day trip to Tea Tree Plaza on the Thursday, while Year 7s to attend the Adelaide Zoo.

*Cost: Year 8/9: $27, Year 7: $24.50*

*Date: Monday 1st – Friday 5th June, Term 2, Week 10.*

*Proposer: R Stutley / B Schmidt*

**Proposal Four: Year 12 Hospitality Trip – Change of Date**

Proposer: Change due to Cake Decorator not being available and student courses.

*Date: Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 29th May, Week 5.*

*Proposer: F Anderson / B Schmidt*

**Proposal Five: Book Week**

*Date: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd August, Term 3, Week 5.*

*Proposer: T Stringer / G Pammett / K Amos*

**Proposal Five: Japanese Homestay**

*Date: Saturday 27th July – Saturday 10th August, Term 3, Week 1 – 3.*

*Proposer: T Stringer / J Bennett / K Amos*

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:

1. **9C Beach Afternoon**

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

1. **Secondary Interviews – Week 3**
2. **Taylah Wardle make and sell lunches to Senior School students and staff to raise money to sponsor a child, as part of her Research Project – Year 12 students only. Once a week for 5 weeks in Term 2.**
3. **Year 3-7 FR class Fundraising – All cans/bottles to be delivered to school (don’t want students leaving school grounds to collect).**
4. **Year 3-7 FR class Cemetery Visit – Week 2.**
5. **Year 12 English view performance ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’ at the Festival Theatre – Tuesday 7th May, Term 2, Week 2.**
6. **Launch of One Card at Moonta Community Library – Thursday 16th May, Term 2, Week 3 at 3:15 p.m.**
7. **YP Cross Country – Harvest Christian School: $2 entry + bus cost. Friday 17th May, Week 3.**
8. **9-a-side Football – Maitland – $8.50 per student. Tuesday 21st May, Week 4.**
10. **Year 3-7 FR class Dressing of the Graves – Requirements from home: Old style costumes. Wednesday 22nd May, Week 4. 1 – 3 p.m.**
11. **Year 10s attend ‘Start Smart’ presentation – Thursday 23rd May, Term 2, Week 4.**
12. **Tree Planting at Sims Cove – Thursday 23rd May, Term 2, Week 4 and Thursday 30th May, Term 2, Week 5.**
13. **Moonta Parade and Street Party – Requirements from home: Costumes – teachers to inform what is required. Friday 24th May, Week 4. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
14. **Students participate in Kernewek Pasty Bake Off – Friday 24th May, Term 2, Week 4.**
15. **Aboriginal Parent Community Voice –**

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16. **Change of Date for Assembly – Monday 27th May, Term 2, Week 5.**
17. **Senior School students attend Road Safety Education presentations by SAPOL – Tuesday 28th May, Term 2, Week 5.**
18. **R-6 Social – Change of Date – Wednesday 29th May, Term 2, Week 5.**
19. **Music is Fun Band performance – Thursday 30th May, Week 5.**
20. **Year 3/4/5 block visit to the Museum, lolly shop, train, cottage – Thursday 6th June, Week 6.**
21. **ATSI Students attend 2013 Aboriginal Student Pathways Conference – Requirements from home: Water bottle, snacks for bus. Tuesday 18th June, Week 8.**
22. **Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge at Regency International Centre – $25/team (of 2 students). Tuesday 25th June, Term 2, Week 9.**
23. **Year 12 Camp – Requirements from home: Personal clothing, etc. Cost: $230. Monday 1st – Thursday 4th July, Week 10.**
Let's talk recognition

National Reconciliation Week
27 May - 3 June

Moonta Area School
R-12 Assembly
Monday 27th May
9:00am

Various cultural activities will run throughout week 5 & 6
www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw

Kernewek Lowender
Bonanza Variety Concert

Saturday 25 May 2013 - Wallaroo Town Hall

SHOWCASING SOME OF
YP’S TALENTED PERFORMERS

20 Artists including.................

Nick Bruce and Kate Campbell
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“The Remfy String Quartet”
Emily Morris

Tickets - $20.00
Available from
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or freecall 1800 654 991

Catherine Hancock

Doors open at 6:30 pm.
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Emily Morris
Velvet’s
Nick Bruce and Kate Campbell

Also featuring Adelaide vocalist
Catherine Hancock
With Special Guest MC
Kev Mulcahy from Mix 102.3

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Parents as primary caregivers and at home educators have an important role to play in helping kids navigate the social media landscape.

**Article contributed by Denis Masseni**

There is a nothing more divisive for parents today than a discussion about Facebook. With close on 11 million Australians now using Facebook, it has a participation rate like no other product or service.

With around 75% of 15 to 65 year olds using Facebook there must be some redeeming value. There are more Facebook users than there are taxpayers. Facebook is the most significant communication device since the telephone, so why the hysteria?

We digest our information via the media, which just loves a controversy. You’ll never see an article that reads, “Grandparents stay in touch on Facebook with travelling grandchildren” or “Teacher connects with old U.K colleagues after 20 years – found them on Facebook”.

Instead we see articles such as “Australia The World’s Facebook Bullying Capital” (news.com.au January 18). Yes, there are dangers but like the gun lobby’s catch cry “Guns don’t kill people, people kill people”, in the hands of the naïve or evil it can also be destructive. The interactive form of communication that is Facebook is so new. A culture of use is developing and kids are leading the way.

The single biggest issue stemming from inappropriate use of Facebook is that kids don’t realise they’re now global publishers. And in this space there are rules and laws. However we are in an era where online law is lagging but it is quickly catching up. In the future highly inflammatory and derogatory publishing that some people engage in will be reigned in, but in the meantime, we need to help our kids.

Schools will need to play a big part in creating this new Facebook culture. It can start with schools getting their own Facebook pages. This will go a long way to setting a tone for proper use and allow schools to keep pace with this evolving landscape. Parents as primary caregivers and at home educators also have a role to play in helping kids navigate this new landscape.

Here are a few tips about how to guide kids through social media.

1. **Teach appropriate language**
   Kids need guidelines regarding the language they use online. Here’s a simple guide for kids of all ages: “Don’t use language online that you wouldn’t use in front of your grandmother”. Language does get bluer as kids get older but Facebook seems to have lowered this threshold dramatically. Talk to kids about the appropriateness of the language they use on Facebook.

2. **Limit friend acceptances and limit exposure to strangers**
   Young people collect Facebook friends like swap cards, which is not good practice. Being indiscriminate as to whom they befriend leaves kids open to the potential of being targeted by undesirable adults. It is more appropriate that their Facebook friends mirror their ‘real’ life friends.

3. **Photos can last forever**
   More than 250 million photos are uploaded each day on Facebook, making sharing pictures the most popular activity. Some young people do place risqué pictures of themselves on Facebook. The central issue here involves the protection of the user’s reputation, which can be wrecked by one inappropriate photo spread around cyberspace via Facebook.

4. **Time on Facebook – encourage moderate use**
   We want our children to have a balanced life with a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. We also know that they need plenty of face-to-face interactions so they can maintain social connections. The addictive nature of social media means that some kids spend far too much time on Facebook. Late night log-ins on a school night are not in kids’ long term best interest and require parent discussion and negotiation to help kids find a balance.

It’s difficult as parents to work out our role when kids use Facebook. Being their ‘friend’ is not the answer. Neither is letting kids do as they please online. Our kids need our sensibilities and wisdom as parents to help guide them in the social media world, and create a safe culture of use.

Denis Masseni is a Monash University/RMIT social media sessional lecturer. He is on a mission to have every school in Australia on Facebook

**He is the CEO:** socialwise.com.au guiding kids in social media

**He is also Director:** sponsor-ed.com.au websites for schools
Facing up to Facebook

You can tell a person’s generation by the questions their kids ask. Parents of the 1950’s thought long and hard over issues such as the age their kids left school and when to get them their first bike. Parents raising their kids in the 1990’s pondered the age at which kids should receive regular pocket-money and their children’s use of video games.

In the noughties issues surrounding communication technology keep many parents guessing. The age when kids start using Facebook and other social networking media is a burning issue for many parents of pre-teen and early teenage children.

Kids know more than their parents when it comes to the Internet and social media according to recent research. The Optus Family Communication survey reveals that over half (55 per cent) of Australian children outsmart their parents in technology knowledge before they are 13 years old. A further 30 per cent of parents admit they are behind their children by the time they are 15 years old.

Facebook, MSN and other forms of social networking media are here to stay, so my advice for parents is to learn about social media, even if you don’t want to embrace it. It can be confronting when your child knows more about technology than you, but smart parents these days let their kids teach them what they know about technology.

So if you have a pre-teen or a teenager you need to become familiar with Facebook and other technologies they are using. Ignorance is no excuse these days.

Facebook doesn’t permit kids under the age of 13 to access the site for reasons of personal safety. It doesn’t require proof of age to access the site, so it’s a guideline only. Facebook’s recommendations however, may be useful reference points if you are involved in negotiations with your child over using social networking sites.

More importantly, if young people are using Facebook and other networking sites, they need to fully understand the rules of safe use. Here are some tips:

1. Go through the set-up phase with your child, including establishing a personal profile. Check out the homepage of Facebook and other sites, and use their help sections to answer your questions.
2. Help your young person adjust the privacy settings so they suit their level of comfort. Review them often.
3. Reinforce with your child the importance of never sharing their password, not even with their best friend, a boyfriend or girlfriend.
4. Discuss other safety tips such as the types of information and pictures that should and shouldn’t be placed on their pages, as well as what to do if someone sends inappropriate information or initiates unsolicited communication.
5. Monitor your child’s use by making sure the computer they use at home is in a common area of the house.
6. It’s reasonable to expect that you should know your child’s password and log-in details so you can keep a check on their friends from time to time. This type of monitoring is age-related and may well not be suitable for older teens.
7. Consider getting your own Facebook page and use it as a way of communicating with your child. This has the added bonus of enabling you to keep one eye on what’s happening on your child’s Facebook.

Parents of past generations did their best to keep their kids safe as they negotiated a wider world. I recall teaching my kids stranger danger, drilling safety tips into them as they gained more independence.

As a parent you need to help kids navigate safely and securely in an online world, just as you do in an offline world. Know what kids are doing; spend time teaching them common sense, safety lessons and limit their use of technology so that they stay connected to you and others in your family.

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Week 3

**Friday 17th May**
YP Cross Country

**Week 4**

**Monday 20th – Sunday 26th May**
Kernewek Lowender

**Monday 20th – Friday 24th May**
SAPSASA Football / Netball

**Monday 20th May**
4:30 p.m. DMC

**Wednesday 22nd May**
Year 8/9 Knockout Netball
1 – 3 p.m. UNI SA Presentation for Senior School

**Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th May**
SAASTA Power Cup

**Thursday 23rd May**
Year 10 Start Smart

**Friday 24th May**
Kernewek Day for School

**Week 5**

**Monday 27th – Friday 31st May**
Reconciliation Week

**Monday 27th May**
9 a.m. R-12 Assembly

**Tuesday 28th May**
Year 10-12 Driver Ed / Child Protection

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