Wow – The Festival has come and gone and what a Festival it was! Many students were involved and all were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. The school has received much positive feedback about the involvement of our students, the effort put into costumes – traditional and those costumes to support floats. Students who catered for VIPS and students who entered the pasty making competitions were outstanding. The choir, school band and Mrs Ryan’s class who dressed the graves have also received glowing praise from all who saw their work. It is wonderful to be part of such a vibrant and inclusive community where students have authentic opportunities to be challenged and where their skill can be acknowledged. My thanks go to all who were involved.

A special mention must go to Rachel Prout and the Maypole and Furry dancers. Rachel used the Maypole event as the topic for her Research Project and in so doing helped the school and the team achieve a high standard of performance for all to enjoy. Congratulations and thanks to Rachel and her team.

This week is Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation is all about understanding. Achieving it involves raising awareness of, and learning
about, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. It is also about changing attitudes that are often based on myths and misunderstandings, and encouraging action, where everyone plays their part in building a better relationship between all Australians. Thanks go to Jane McCauley and Michele Appleton for organising a spectacular week of activities to emphasise this important occasion. I am proud to say that Reconciliation Week is an important event on Moonta Area School’s calendar and that students and staff alike understand that this is not just about one week but how we all behave every day to those who we are with, Learning, Caring and Sharing with everyone in our community.
MAS Choir and Band at the Kernewek Lowender.

Last Friday the 24th May Moonta Area School was shining with musical talent at this year’s Kernewek Lowender! The Choir performed, on the Ellen St truck stage, songs that they have been working on for the Primary Schools Music Festival along with an original tune “The Bells of St Buryian”, written by sometimes local Fiona Karamanlidis. Soloists Cheyanne Ostendorf, Sarah Anderson, Nick Stewart and Shayla McKay all sang confidently and led the choir to produce a great sound!

The MAS Band played tunes they have been preparing for this year’s upcoming Balaklava Eisteddfod as well as an original for the Kernewek also by Fiona Karamanlidis, “Candlebright”. The band was 3 members down as our indigenous musicians were representing Moonta at the ‘Power Cup’ in Adelaide. With a ‘bare’ band, our remaining members still managed to create a ‘big’ sound with Sasha Glasgow making her solo debut singing lead vocals in the band. With lots of positive praise from the audience and school representatives, the MAS Band only has bigger and brighter things to look forward to!
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Moonta Area School started Reconciliation week with an R-12 Assembly which included special guest Sonya Rankine who talked about the significance of Reconciliation week. Sonya entertained the audience by singing Solid Rock and sharing a power point presentation about Reconciliation. The Choir and school band gave wonderful performances playing and singing many favourite songs.

Annette Butler along with Miss Reid’s class sang Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes in Narungga, a song they have been learning in Narungga Language lessons.

Following the assembly all ATS1 students, family, friends and invited guests shared a beautiful morning tea organised by Michele Appleton.

Tuesday was a busy day with special guest presenter Elder- Kevin O’Loughlin (Uncle Dookie) sharing many cultural artifacts, stories, games, activities and knowledge with all R-6 classes.

Wednesday our year 7 & 8 ATS1 students travelled with Michele Appleton & Jane McCauley to Point Pearce primary school and learn about the area and took part in cultural activities organised by the school.

Throughout the week classes have visited the library work area where we had set up Dreaming Stories, puzzles, Stories, DVD- WaduMatyidi and many other resources.

During week 6 all R-6 students will watch a special Cultural performance by Jack Buckskin.

Jane McCauley, AET Teacher
On Friday 17th May, 44 of our students travelled by bus to Kadina, where Harvest Christian School hosted the annual YP Cross Country.

The weather was kind to us for the day's competition and the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm of the students added to the enjoyment of the event.

Prior to the start of the events, all students walked their respective courses.

The competition began with the 7 year olds (1km) and progressed through the age groups to the 12 years and older age group (3km).

Well done to all of our competitors for their efforts. Their teamwork and encouragement of each other was fantastic.

No team events were held this year.

Congratulations go to the following students for excellent results in their age category:

5, 6, 7 year old Girls
1st place Shelly Webb

8, 9 year old Boys
2nd place Harrison Hatcher

8, 9 year old Girls
3rd place Emma Prout

10 year old Girls
3rd place Ashleigh Groom

11 year old Girls
2nd place Karli Nicholas
3rd place Libby Adams

12+ year old Boys
1st place Dylan Slack
2nd place Jack Hobbs

12+ year old Girls
1st place Claudia Hatcher
A group of students from Moonta Area School participated in the SAPSASA Football Carnival in Adelaide for the week of 20th to 24th May.

Back row (from left to right): Bob White, Mark Francis, Dylan Slack, Adam Scott, Calen Buchanan-Sully & Harry Platten

Front row (from left to right): Braden Aldridge, Luke Chapman & Jackson Zwar

What a great day we had playing soccer in a modified setting. Two FFSA representatives set up a carnival type programme for 5 senior teams (Year 8-10) and 9 junior teams (Year 5-7). The students played on a small field with 10 minute halves.

Students umpired themselves showing excellent sportsmanship and team work. Two mini competitions, juggling & long kick, were held throughout the day. All students got to have a go with the best from each team competing in front of the crowd.

Big thanks must go to the managers of the junior teams. The managers were chosen from Year 8-9s. Their role included team rotations and general organisation.

This is the first time we have had such an event with an aim at increasing the soccer profile in our area and exposing students to new skills and sports. Well done to all involved, it was a fun day.

Sally Hackett
Senior Netball Carnival

Wednesday Week 3 the senior girls headed off to Maitland to compete in the Senior Zone Netball Carnival. Moonta had 11 girls competing – 7 in one team and 4 joined with Minlaton girls to form a second team. Although we only came away with 2 wins for the day the girls netball skills were put on display as this carnival was also used as a selection for the Yorke Peninsula Senior Girls netball team. Congratulations to Isabelle Glasgow and Courtney Adams who were selected in a 16 girl squad. These girls will now attend trainings from which 10 will be chosen for further competitions.
Big thanks to Michele Appleton for helping out with the umpiring in the not so nice weather!

Meet the Writers

Last Friday we hosted visiting and local authors at a morning tea in our library before the street parade. A group of Year 3 & 4 students were lucky enough to have a special visit from award winning South Australian children’s author Janeen Brian. Janeen launched her latest book, ‘That Boy, Jack’ during the festival. It’s a great children’s story set in Moonta in the early mining days. The library has a copy but Janeen also left signed copies available for purchase. They are in the library and are $16.95 a copy. Please call in if you’d like one. Tricia Stringer Teacher/Librarian

Visiting Author: Bronwyn Parry

Last Thursday May 23rd, the Year 12 English class spent the morning with award winning author Bronwyn Parry, in preparation for their writing of a 1500 word narrative. Bronwyn is a writer of thriller romances and her novels include As Darkness Falls, Dark Country and Dead Heat. She’s also a university lecturer in NSW, when she’s not writing or making presentations either in Australia or overseas.
Bronwyn spoke to the students about where she gets her ideas from and how she goes about the writing process. She was also kind enough to let Sarah Moss interview her about whether or not the introduction of e-books will lead to the demise of hard copies, as part of Sarah’s Research Project.
The session was very informative and we thank Bronwyn for her openness, honesty, generosity and for giving up her valuable time in such a hectic schedule. Thanks also to local author, Tricia Stringer for organising Bronwyn’s visit.
The book for this year’s National Simultaneous Story time was *The Wrong Book* by Nick Bland.

Last Wednesday, 23rd May at 11 a.m., students from Reception to Year 7 heard this story, along with thousands of others from around Australia. We had a variety of guest readers from throughout the school visit classrooms to share the story.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge during the last two weeks:
- Barb Drechsler - Dekota Howard
- Mrs Hettner – Blake Nankivell
- Ms Spaans – Isabel Hobbs, Kloe Appleton
- Mrs Jarman – Lochie Daly
- Mrs Crosby – Louanna Bagshaw
- Ms Ryan – Kamarhyn Borlace, Marshall Todd,
  Andrew Ramsey, Drew Raymond, Aidan McWaters
- Mrs Hackett – Seth Osborn, Lily Steele, Henry Norman
- Mrs Stutley – William Jolly
- Ms Gaskin – Adele Andrew
- Ms Partington – Cameron Ferguson
- Mr Gordon – Mikaela Dunn

Congratulations to Tom Cockshell, Rebecca Stock, Dakota Edwards and Dexter Goncalves for completing ‘Beyond the Challenge’.

Check the wall in the Library to find your photo if you have completed the Challenge.

This week’s $10 voucher for Moonta Newsagency goes to Louanna Bagshaw.

R-7 ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This term our Active After School program is running two sessions a week. We have *Volleyball Skills on Tuesday* night and *Hockey on Wednesday* night. We still have places to fill in both activities. If your child is interested in participating please contact me at the school.

Lisa Daddow

OSHC will be open on the Pupil Free Day (Friday 7th June, Week 6). Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Deahnn for more information: 0439 817 475
Year 12 English
On Tuesday May 7th the Year 12 English class travelled to Adelaide with Mrs Stringer, Mrs Westbrook and Mr Ackland to view the musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Festival Theatre. The musical starred David Hobson as Caractacus Potts and Rachael Beck as Truly Scrumptious, both well known for their numerous theatrical and television performances.

The musical is based on the movie and original children’s story by Ian Fleming and included all the favourite characters, music, dancing and scenes from the film. The sets were extremely good in helping the story come to life and we were in awe at how the stagehands made the props work, particularly the car which flew and rotated in the air – an amazing stage feat.

Some of the students had never experienced live theatre before so to view such a visual feast for their first experience was “awesome.”

Having viewed the musical, students will now construct a slide show and present an oral on the types of conflict in the play and their relationship to the plot, theme and character development, in order to satisfy a requirement for the “Text Production” part of the Year 12 English course.

A special thank you to Governing Council Chairperson, Travis Skipworth, for driving the bus and dropping us off on the doorstep, alleviating the need for a very long walk, as finding a park for the bus near the Festival Theatre in peak hour traffic would have been impossible.

South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre Presentation at KMS
Year 12’s interested in applying for university positions attended a presentation by Uni SA and Flinders Uni at KMS last Wed. May 22nd. The presenters outlined the benefits of studying at their universities and explained the application process. Other topics included new courses, bonus points, facilities, campus life and accommodation. At the conclusion of the presentation students were able to collect brochures relevant to the courses they are interested in and seek further information from the presenters on a one-on-one basis. University applications close at the end of September and are completed on line. Students need to make an appointment with Mrs Westbrook if they would like support with their application.
**DMC Minutes**

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 20th May:

1. **R-7 Aboriginal Culture talk, music and dance** – Tuesday 11th June, Week 7.
2. **Year 10 Camp, Stenhouse Bay** – Dates only – Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December, Term 4, Week 8.
3. **Year 7/8/9 Activities Week** – **Cost:** Year 8/9: $27, Year 7: $24.50. Monday 1st – Friday 5th June, Term 2, Week 10.
4. **Year 12 Hospitality Trip – Change of Date** – Tuesday 28th – Wednesday 29th May, Week 5.
5. **Book Week** – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd August, Term 3, Week 5.
7. **Year 12s going to Kadina for Uni Entry information** – Wednesday 22nd May, Week 4.

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**Public Notices**

**Make a Wish – Chefs Toolbox Cooking Master Class** – Sunday 23rd June at 11 a.m. in the Joyce Olsen Room of Wontama Homes, 42 East Tce Kadina. If you love cooking or want to add to your Cookware collection, come along and taste some lovely meals that are cooked using these products on the day! You will learn some delicious recipes, using quality products and go into the draw to win an awesome prize. There will also be games to play with prizes to be won, so grab a group of girls and come along. Tickets for this great fundraiser are only $15 per person and must be purchased prior to the day as we need to advise numbers. Please contact Karen Braley on 0407 715 085 for tickets.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** – are urgently trying to find families for the last 6 Spanish boys who are arriving in SA on the 13th July for 11 weeks. Host families do not need to have a child the same age to have a student, what we require is people with a kind heart and a willingness to help bring different cultures closer together. Anyone interested please contact Jenny Hanson on 08 8556 2208 or jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

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**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.

Please call us at school on 88 251 511 if you would like more information or fill out the reply slip and return as soon as possible.

Thank you, Tricia and Janine

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**Japanese Homestay 2013 Reply Slip**

Our family is interested in hosting a Japanese homestay student.

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**CATWALK for CANCER**

Charity Fashion Show – Presented by Chloe Adams

For my Year 12 Research Project I am holding a fashion show to raise money for Cancer Council Australia. It is being held on Friday, June 14th at the Moonta Town Hall. The doors will open at 6.30pm and the show begins at 7.00pm.

Women's clothing will be showcased from Vivian Frank, Marshalls Menswear, Justify Clothing and By Erin.B. Tickets are $20 and include a fantastic evening of fashion, light nibbles and entry in a raffle. Tickets for children 13 and under are $10.00. Non-alcoholic refreshments and items for purchase will also be available on the night.

Tickets are available for purchase at Vivian Frank, Marshalls Menswear, Justify Clothing, By Erin.B, Café Moonta, Moonta Flowers and Inspirations or through me on 0400 934 853.

Please come and help support me in my studies.

Thank you, Chloe Adams
Helping kids with homework

For many parents homework is that time of the day when they routinely harass, hassle and harangue their child to JUST DO YOUR HOMEWORK! Here are some ideas that may help.

Homework causes more headaches for parents than it does for children. Some parents worry because their children don’t seem to do enough while others are concerned because they do too much.

But for many parents homework is that time of the day when they routinely harass, hassle and harangue their child to JUST DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

Okay, what to do?

The first step is to know the homework policy of your children’s school and understand what is expected of you as a parent. Most schools have parent interviews and information sessions at the start of the year. Next year, make sure you get a good handle on how your children’s teacher expects you to assist your child.

It is also useful to find out what your child’s teacher will do if your child doesn’t complete set tasks. Homework is basically an agreement between a teacher and a child so it should be up to the teacher to ensure the homework is completed. That means the teacher becomes ‘the bad guy’ and puts some consequence in place if the homework is not completed.

Your role as a parent is to support the school if a consequence is put in place, such as completing work in recess or whatever the school deems appropriate.

Here are practical homework tips:

1. Establish homework time and stick to it each day. If children tell you they don’t have any formal homework then you can read, revise or organise their work. My feedback tells me sticking to a routine even when no formal homework is set is extremely useful and helps avoid battles.

2. Put the onus back on your children to take responsibility for their work. Ask children at the start of a homework session to state how much homework they will do. At the end of the session check it to see if it matches with their intentions as well as yours. If you are more concerned about homework than them, your children are not the ones responsible for their homework.

3. Homework is as much a time management issue as anything else. Encourage children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit, which they should stick to. There is little point slogging away once they become frustrated or tired. Give them an egg-timer or use a clock and get them to work hard for small chunks of time. A little work each night is more productive than packing it into one weekly session.

4. Help children decide the best time to do homework and then encourage them to stick to those times. Maybe on some days homework is tackled after dinner for any number of reasons. If doing homework straight after school is important to you then consider feeding children ONLY after homework is completed. Food can be a huge motivator for some children! (As mentioned in point one, a homework routine is important but the timing can vary.)

5. Establish a good working environment for students. Make sure they have a quiet, well lit, well ventilated area away from distractions. A table or desk makes a good workspace, although don’t be surprised if they spread work all over the kitchen table. Some kids hate to be stuck away in their rooms and prefer to work at the kitchen table and can do so productively. Others are easily distracted and work in short bursts. Work out what is best for YOUR child.

6. Use the motivating factors of technology. The Internet and other forms of electronic learning are quick, convenient and give access to huge amounts of information. Nevertheless, children should still know how to access information from more traditional means such as books. Check with your child’s teacher as to their specific recommendations and preferences.

7. Encourage children to get organised. Help them think ahead to plan their homework around extra-curricular activities. A weekly planner or diary will help older students get organised. Assisting children to become organised is perhaps the best way parents can help at home.

8. If you are helping with a particular task, keep your explanation simple and practical. If you become frustrated or upset and the atmosphere becomes tense – stop helping.

9. Be realistic – don’t expect to solve all homework difficulties. When in doubt send a note to your child’s teacher letting him or her know the problem. The teacher will appreciate this good communication.

10. Communicate any concerns. If you have concerns about how much or the difficulty of homework your child is set, contact the teacher and arrange a time to discuss your worries. Such discussion is the basis of a true partnership between you and your child’s teacher.

The place of homework is routinely questioned by education authorities (now is currently one of those times in Australia) but my gut reaction is that children will always have homework. The name may change and the activities may vary but it will always be homework.

Schools generally try to make sure homework is varied, interesting, engaging and purposeful for children and parents. Parents also need to be patient with both children (if they struggle) and schools that are trying to find a balance between too little and too much.
The 2013 Hiragana / Katakana Ribbon Challenge

Several students in years 3-6 took part in our second round of the Hiragana/ Katakana ribbon challenge in week 4 this term. 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 time.

The following students have achieved the White ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Shayla McKay, Chelsea Kerr, Khloe-Mae Graham
The following students have achieved the Yellow ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Mataya Pollard, Karli Nicholas, Lily Steele
The following student has achieved the Green ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Bianca Derrington

One Card Launched

We are now officially part of the public library statewide One Card network. We had a fantastic launch celebration in the library with over eighty people representing the District Council, the school and the community, on the afternoon of 16th May. Georgia Ivans, Sasha Glasgow and Carron Daveson from the senior school band provided a musical background as guests arrived. There were speeches and of course there’s not a party without one of Mrs Johnstone’s special cakes. The cake was cut by longest serving Library Management Committee member, Mary Roach and one of our youngest students, Saffron Knibbs. Everyone enjoyed the bounteous afternoon tea that followed. We still have a lot to learn about the new library system so staff have big ‘L’ plates on but we look forward to the many improvements this will bring for all library users. All students should have received their cards by now, either in the mail (R-6) or from home group teachers (7-12).

If you need more information please call in and see us at the library or phone on 88251511. Tricia Stringer Teacher/Librarian

Yokudekimashita (Well done) Stacey Golding

The following student has achieved the Blue ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Mataya Pollard
The following student has achieved the Red ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Kadra Raunic

Week 6
Monday 3rd June
Writing Competition
DMC meeting (cancelled)
Wednesday 5th June
Open Knockout Basketball
7:30 p.m. Governing Council
Thursday 6th June
Parent Kindy Transition meeting
Friday 7th June
Pupil Free Day – Australian Curriculum

Week 7
Monday 10th June
Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th June
Year 10 Bushwalking Camp

Scan the QR code to go to Moonta Area School’s website.