Last week a team of three staff from Teaching and Learning Services visited Moonta Area School to gather the views of students and parents regarding the concept of ‘powerful learners of numeracy and literacy’. The information received will add to that previously gathered and a collation of views will be used as an element of a ‘Powerful Learners Summit’ to be held later in 2013. The following is an excerpt from a report provided by Kym Brown about the day.

“A group of 10 students, from Years 5-10, engaged in a discussion around what it means to be a powerful learner, what conditions support students to be powerful learners and why powerful learners are important now and for the future. The students linked a number of concepts with being a powerful learner: e.g. being genuinely interested in what is being learned, showing initiative (and in particular, thinking laterally and asking probing questions), being determined and persistent when faced with a learning challenge, showing resilience and using failure as a spur to improvement and success, having a curious approach, taking risks and being prepared to share what you have learned to help others.

The team members (Maggie Kay and Kym Brown) who met with the parents, thoroughly enjoyed the conversation that was had. When asked what comes...
immediately to mind when the term ‘powerful learners’ was mentioned, discussion included these points:

- Powerful learning links with high achievement
- Thinking outside the box
- Being comfortable with your own opinions
- Applying knowledge to ‘real life’
- Kids being given scope to learn in their own way – the desired outcome might be the same, but the route to get there could be more personalised
- Kids being given plenty of scope to ask their own questions (this was seen as essential by members of the group)
- The value of play in learning – play is an important part of skill and language development and leads to more powerful learning

A discussion around how we might encourage students to be more powerful in their learning brought out the need to give kids more control over their learning and help them acquire a large number of tools to help them learn. These parents believe we need to involve students in more open discussions and listen to what they have to say. The skills to reflect on how they are progressing, processes for thinking critically and creatively and opportunities to build communication and other social skills were also points of discussion.”

I thank the parents and students for their involvement in this work. Their input was valued by the visitors and will be used to improve our system. Staff look forward to watching and using the films produced by students at our next whole staff meeting in week 7.

SSO Week – “Education without SSOs is like a puzzle without a piece”

This week is National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. At Moonta Area School we are very lucky to have a fabulous team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children and run our school. Our full team this year is:

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I would like to thank each member of the team for their contributions to the school. We’d be lost without them! In recognition of their efforts we will be holding a morning tea early next week.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews and Early Finish

Governing Council has approved an early finish for the site on Tuesday 10th September. All students R-12 will be dismissed at 2:05 p.m.
R-6 staff will be conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews and Year 7-12 staff will be working in teams on the Australian Curriculum.
This year there will be a change in the process for making appointment times for Reception to Year 6.

Parent/Teacher Interviews. This year the Interviews will be held over two days, Tuesday 10th – Wednesday 11th September.
Interview slots will be 15 minutes duration.
There will be an online booking system that parents can access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A computer kiosk will also be available at the Moonta Library from Tuesday 27th August onwards. Alternatively you can contact the front office on 88 252 088 and book appointment times with them.
Bookings OPEN on Monday 26th August
Bookings CLOSE Monday 9th September at 12 noon.
On Tuesday 10th September Interviews will start at 2:30 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.
On Wednesday 11th September Interviews will commence at 3:30 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m.
If you have any questions contact Robyn Dalziel.
On Thursday 8th August we enjoyed a reading morning with family members and invited guests. There were people reading on the courts, the hill, on the playground and in lots of other interesting places. Moonta Area School staff would like to thank the community for visiting us.

R-6 Action group had a successful training day Friday 9th August which involved students participating in many collaborative/team activities on getting to know each other and focusing on what special qualities they bring to student voice and ways to successfully complete tasks as a team. Students brainstormed R-6 Action Group goals for Semester 2, 2013 and discussed/recorded what good leadership and role modelling looked like. Lots of fun was had participating in team games such as People Treasure Hunt, Balloon Tap, Name Game and group challenge. Students finished the training day off with a shared lunch.

Jane McCauley
Student Voice Coordinator
We are now taking orders for school dresses and sports day tops ready for 2014. To place an order, please fill in the form sent home with all students last week (or pick one up from the Front office) and return to the front office with full payment by the 24th September 2013 – no orders will be taken after this date. Please allow up to eight weeks for items to arrive as they are made to order.

Congratulations to the following for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge during the last two weeks:
- Mrs Hettner – Kadence Murphy
- Ms van Galen – Nirelle Turner, Brae Hughes
- Ms Reid – Tyrese Jolly, Kasey Hutchinson, Emily Rogers, Blair Mullins, Shae van Duin
- Mrs Hutchins – Brock Pollard, Hannah Halls
- Mr Hall – Kyran Spencer, Ziyu Yang, Callum Spaeth, Louise Lowe, Tamika Farr, Ashley O’Loughlin
- Mrs Hackett – Declan Peterson, Libby Adams
- Mrs Hancock – Lochlan Appleton, Nickala Smith
- Mr Slattery – Jasmine Crocker, Kara Hackett, Ruby Markham
- Ms Partington – Kyle Scenini
- Mrs Stutley – Kate Muir

Well done to those listed below for completing Beyond the Challenge:
- Tyson Daly, Michaela Woodward, Rebecca Stock (x2), Tom Cockshell, Corben Osborn, Bella Luciano, Carlie Warren, Cheyanne Ostendorf, Asha Johns, Bianca Luciano, Tammin Hughes.

This week’s $10 Moonta newsagency voucher goes to Kara Hackett – Congratulations.

There are less than three weeks remaining to complete the Challenge. If we meet our target of 300 students completing the Challenge, those who complete it will be given the opportunity to watch a movie during Term 4 – Keep reading!

Working Bee Reminder

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help at our Working Bees this weekend.

Everyone who said they’d help has had a personal note sent in the post.

Please meet your team leader in front of the main office at the start of each session.

Remember your hat and water bottle.

Free BBQ lunch, consisting of sausages and rissoles, available both days.

If you didn’t volunteer but can now help, please just turn up.

Cheers
Bruce Schmidt

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 3, Week 6
Leah Drew, Claudia Hatcher, Kadra Raunic

Term 3, Week 7
Ryan Mulholland, Corey Masters, Lloyd Hobbs
On Sunday 18th August, School Captain Cody Scott and School Vice-Captain Kayla Masters along with Jane McCauley (Student Voice) attended the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Copper Coast Sub Branch wreath laying ceremony to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day. The ceremony took place at 11 a.m. at the War Memorial, Moonta. Cody and Kayla placed a wreath on behalf of Moonta Area School staff, students and families.

Jane McCauley
Thank you to all those parents and students who made the effort to attend the information sessions on Monday 19th August. We hope that “putting you in the picture” re Year 10, 11 and 12 will help you in your parent/child discussions about which pathway to take and possible subject choices for 2014. Decisions are much easier to make when you are informed. Your attendance will certainly facilitate the subject counselling sessions and we really appreciate you taking the time to come. There are 140 Senior School students and it is impossible to repeat all of the information that many times!

A big thank you also to those parents who put their names down for a time on the interview sheets that were in the library. This will save many phone calls and a lot of chasing up. Counselling of Year 11’s into Year 12 begins today and will continue for the next week. Counselling for Year 10’s into 11 needs to be finalised by Week 7 of this term and Year 9’s into 10 by the end of Week 8.

For those who weren’t at the meeting the process is as follows:
- Current Year 11’s need an appointment with Mrs Westbrook and must have a parent or caregiver present.
- Current Year 10’s will discuss their subject choices with Mr Gordon and Mr Ward in PLP lessons but can also request a counselling session with Mrs Westbrook and have a parent present.
- Current Year 9’s will attend a year level meeting at school with Mr Gordon, Mr Ward and Mrs Westbrook but can also request an individual counselling session with Mrs Westbrook and have a parent present.

Once students have chosen their subjects we will do our best to offer classes that accommodate their choices. Recounselling will take place if necessary. We hope to have lines and subjects finalised by the end of the term.

If you haven’t yet made an appointment (or spoken to Mrs Westbrook) and you would like one now, please ring the school on 88 252 088.
Moonta Basketball Club – Player Registration and Coaches Nominations
2013/2014 Season.
Moonta Football Clubrooms.
Monday 2nd September 2013, 5 – 7 p.m.
All players wishing to play this season must register and pay $50 deposit on the night to ensure commitment, or alternatively contact:
Sonya 0437 002 229
or
Adrian 0419 823 669.
See you there!

Moonta Cricket Club – the Junior Committee is seeking coaches for Junior Colts and Senior Colts Cricket. Please send a written application to PO Box 360, Moonta, 5558.

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:
1. **Year 8/9 Knockout Soccer at Jamestown** – Thursday 22nd August, Week 5.
2. **RSL Visit** – Year 10 History students visit to RSL Moonta Branch. Thursday 22nd August, Week 5.

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 12th August:
5. **District Athletics Day** – Thursday 22nd August, Week 5.
6. **Soccer Gala Day** – Event has been cancelled.
7. **R-12 Whole School Assembly change of time** – Start at 9:45 a.m. on Friday 27th September, Week 10.
8. **Casual Day** – Money to go to Student Voice.
   *Cost:* Gold coin donation. Friday 27th September, Week 10.
10. **Tourism to Innes National Park** – Thursday 29th August, Week 5.
11. **Year 1/2 CH/HS/SR/VG Excursion to Adelaide Zoo** – Thursday 26th September, Week 10.
12. **Year 3/4 KC class to Ardrossan** – Thursday 22nd August, Week 5.
13. **Year 12 Tapas Dinner** – Group 1: Tuesday 20th August, Week 5. Group 2: Friday 23rd August, Week 5.

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 22nd November, Week 6**
The Annual Music Concert was held on 8th August at 7 p.m. in the School Gym.
Students performed from school music teachers; Nathan Hamdorf – Woodwind; Vince Ivans – Guitar; and Michele Giesecke – keyboard.
Gemma and Georgia Ivans played a duet of piano and saxophone before the concert.
The Festival School Choir led by Nathan Hamdorf opened the concert programme.
Our principal; Kirsty Amos closed the programme thanking the students for their commitment and effort to perform.
Thank you to Vicki Earles who recorded the concert.
Music teachers and students who performed wish to thank the support of family and friends attending the concert.
The concert finished at 8:30 p.m.

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 6 due back to school by Monday 2nd September

Week 5
Friday 23rd August
Casual Day / Daffodil Fundraising
Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th August
Working Bee

Week 6
Monday 26th August
Year 6-12 Exodus Production
Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th August
Year 11 Self-Reliant Camp
Tuesday 27th August
Choir – Magic Millions rehearsal
Thursday 5th September
Kindy Transition

Week 8
Monday 9th September
Pupil Free Day
4:30 p.m. DMC
Tuesday 10th – Wednesday 11th September
R-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 10th September
2:05 p.m. Early Dismissal

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