Welcome New Receptions

This term will see thirteen students starting in Reception; we welcome the following new reception students to our school: Bree Williams, Curtis Jolly, Jaxon Fulton, Jordyn Houston, Layla Johnson, Leilani Gumnow, Lily Bozdarovski, Matt Turner, Matthew Derrington, Memphis Talent, Peter Formosa, Tahj Madigan, and Zac Johnson. We hope you really enjoy the next stage of your education. We have also had several transfers in from other schools; we welcome Jinky Batungbacal, Blaze Clough, Charlie and Esther Mieglich and their families to the Moonta School community.

Term 4 has started well with students quickly settling into their final period of formal school learning for 2013. Students have reflected on their achievements in the first part of the year, have set some goals in terms of their learning and are working their way towards achieving them. This term is like all others in that it is jam-packed with learning opportunities – both within and extra to the curriculum: exams, transition activities, swimming lessons, camps and End of Year Assemblies are just a few of those and the term promises to be a positive one!

The year 12s are coming to the end of their year with the completion of major art works, practice exams, final major assignments and the general stress of finishing a milestone in one’s life. The importance of good study skills and time management, healthy sleep and nutrition and limiting social events and paid work will be necessary over the next few weeks to ensure students achieve their best. Thank you to all teachers who dedicated time over the holidays to support students at this crucial time.

During the holidays the Middle School has been painted using colours chosen by the student body after research into how light reflects from different colours and which

Upcoming Events:

Friday 18th October
Stage 2 Food Hall

Tuesday 22nd October
Year 3/4 SP Nursing Home visit

Wednesday 23rd October
R-6 School Socials

Please refer to the Term 4 Home Planner for the complete Calendar.
The 2013 Hiragana / Katakana Ribbon Challenge

Several students in years 3-6 took part in our Hiragana/ Katakana ribbon challenge 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:
Hayden Sonntag, Jemima White

The following student has achieved the Yellow ribbon of the Hiragana challenge:
Kirra Hettner

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

The following student has achieved the Black ribbon and has now completed the Hiragana challenge:
Chloe Smith

Yokudekimashita (Well done) Stacey Golding

**Learning a language is the best introduction to another culture.**

There have also been some staffing changes this term. Shelley Hier is in the Deputy Principal position while Robyn Dalziel is on long service leave. We welcome Dianna Jarman back from her stint as Principal at Edithburgh Primary. Dianna will be filling the Early Years Coordinator position and teaching with Laura in Reception while Kelly Harris generously agreed to stay for an extra term to teach the Year 4/5 class. Rachela Esposito-Cocks has also joined our teaching team leading our new Reception class to a great start.

Thank you to all parents who responded to our Bully Audit at the end of Term 3. After a few teething problems with the new online format we have collated all of your information and are responding to individual families as needed. While the survey indicated that most students are feeling safe and supported at school, the survey also indicated that there are some yard behaviours that need addressing and a few specific incidents that require follow up. Please be assured that we are responding as a matter of priority to this important information and expect that improvements will be made quickly.
YOUR CHILDREN and the
BUSHFIRE SEASON

Important information for Parents and Carers 2013/14

MOONTA AREA SCHOOL has a ‘high risk’ bushfire rating. This means on days of a forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our school/preschool will be closed.

School buses and taxis will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY CONTACTS
School number: 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: (Joann Weckert 88412002)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
DECS Emergency and Crisis Management Website
Department of Education and Children’s Services
www.crisis.sa.edu.au

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) Website
www.cfs.org.au

CFS Bushfire Information Line 1300 362 361

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

PARENT 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 to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire. Please read this information carefully in the best interests of children. 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.

PLEASE NOTE:
Keep an eye on the school website www.moontaas.sa.edu.au
Watch your text messages

BEFORE THE BUSHFIRE SEASON
Our schools and preschools prepare for the bushfire season and develop plans for the threat of a bushfire. We consult with fire authorities and building specialists to be better prepared. 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 and analogue 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 or CFS instructions.

If the police have not advised an evacuation, everyone will remain inside and putting fire drill procedures into action with the children until the main fire-front passes.

Listening to your local ABC Radio Station for information.

We hope that we will never have to enact 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.
The Year Sevens held a book launch and morning tea on Thursday 19th September to present their children’s books. They worked hard all term to read, analyse, compare and then produce their own picture books. Thanks to Tricia Stringer for opening our book launch and to all the guests, including the kindy students that came along to support the Year Sevens. Each and every one of the Year Seven students should be justifiably proud of their hard work. The finished products were of a very high quality. I am sure the lucky recipients will treasure these special books for years to come.

Margie Hancock
Year 7 Teacher
2013 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 2013 School Magazine. Enclosed is $ __________

Signed: ________________________________________

Orders are due back to school by Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} November, Term 4, Week 6.
The Kadina Community Dental Clinic has completed its relocation to our new facility. The Wallaroo Dental Clinic will be open to patients from Monday 30th September 2013.

Our new contact details are as follows:

Wallaroo Dental Clinic
Postal Address:
Box 590, Wallaroo SA 5556
Street Address:
1 Ernest Terrace, Wallaroo SA 5556
Community Dental Service Phone No.:
08 88 805 200
School Dental Service Phone No.:
08 88 805 210

The staff apologizes for any inconvenience you have experienced during our relocation and look forward to seeing all of our patients at our new facility.

Do you have a 2013 Teen Dental Voucher for your child?
If your child is due for their Dental check-up before the end of the year, please contact the Wallaroo School Dental Clinic on 88 211 300 NOW to see if you can obtain an appointment before the voucher expires.

Make use of this valuable voucher: The vouchers are only valid until the end of December and appointments are filling fast so ring now to ensure you don't miss out. Note: SA Dental Service is only able to offer an appointment if your child is due for their dental exam.

The Wallaroo School Dental Clinic is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic attempts to make suitable appointment times but please note Year 12 students will be given preference in relation to before and after school appointments.

All School Students, aged under 18 years, are eligible for oral health care with the School Dental Service. All dental care is free for preschool clients.
For emergency advice after hours, please contact 1800 022 222.

YP’s Got Talent #Youth Edition Entry forms available from the School’s Front Office

Helping people in their time of need is one of the most rewarding things you could ever do
We’re sure you value a local ambulance service just as much as we do. In an emergency, you’d want an ambulance for yourself or your family member as soon as possible.
But the ambulance teams in Moonta and surrounding towns are short of people and need more volunteers to keep the service at the same high standard.
Without more local volunteers the ambulance crew may have to come from a neighbouring town—or even further away.
If you think you can help, and would like to learn skills for life, please contact SA Ambulance Regional Team Leader Cathy Niemann on 0407 618 220, or call 1800 655 306 for a volunteer information pack.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday 21st October:

Proposal One: R-6 Class Party Week
Proposal: R-6 classes to have a class party during Week 9. Notes to be sent home from class teachers with specific requirements, date, time, costs.
Dates: Monday 9th – Friday 13th December, Week 9.
Proposer: M Ellis / S Hier

Proposal Two: Music Count Us in Simultaneous Song
Proposal: R-7 singing simultaneous song ‘Keep On’ for Music Count Us in. Students to sit on lawns at primary area.
Date: Thursday 31st October, Week 3.
Proposer: N Hamdorf / B Schmidt

Proposal Three: Year 7 Camp – additional details
Requirements from home: Hat, water bottle, lunch day one, camping clothes, small amount of food, spending money (optional).
Cost: $190.
Date: Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December, Week 9.
Proposer: M Hancock / W Slattery / D Richardson

The following proposals have been approved by the Principal:
1. R-4 In2 Cricket – Tuesday 15th October, Week 1.
2. Year 11 students participate in Road Awareness program by MFS – Monday 21st October, Week 2.

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 23rd September:
4. Continuous Catering – Term 4, Weeks 1 to 5.
5. Stage 2 Hospitality Food Hall – Friday 18th October, Week 1.
6. Visit to Nursing Home – SP Class. Tuesday 22nd October, Week 2 and Tuesday 10th December, Week 9.
7. Canteen BBQ – Friday 27th September, Term 3, Week 10.
8. Senior School Graduation Dinner – Thursday 5th December, Week 8.
9. Design for 2014 Year 12 Jumpers and T-Shirts – 2013 requesting designs for 2014 Year 12 jumpers & uniform be accepted. Colours are majority navy blue with white/grey contracts (as per school uniform).

Public Notices

Make-A-Wish® Melbourne Cup Fundraising Luncheon –
The Yorke Peninsula Branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia, along with the Seagate Moonta Bay, invites you to join them for their 2013 Melbourne Cup Luncheon.
It’s a great opportunity to get a group of friends together, dust off the hats and fascinators and experience an afternoon of delicious food & fabulous entertainment with exquisite views across the bay.
There will be raffles and sweeps throughout the day, along with prizes for the best dressed, best hat & best tie.
Tickets are just $35 and include a course meal, a glass of bubbles, beer or soft drink on arrival, and entertainment provided by the gorgeous girls from Sass-e.
To book your ticket, contact the Seagate Moonta Bay on 88 253 270. If you can’t be at Flemington, the next best place will be at the Seagate Moonta Bay on Melbourne Cup day, Tuesday 5th November!!

NYP Little Athletics Association welcomes participants to the 2013-2014 season. Registration night and ‘Come and Try’:
Friday 18th of October. Registration begins 4:30 pm, athletics begin 5:30 p.m. All events held at Kadina Memorial School Oval (formerly High School oval). Fees $40 per athlete or $3 Come and Try. Tiny Tots through to U17 Years. For further information contact Michael Glasson 0417 316 600 or Fiona Ryan 0417 865 852 or find us on Facebook at NYP Little Athletics.

Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre Open Day!
Saturday 19th October 2013. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: Free. Lots of wonderful activities for everyone, such as New Les Mills Class – Body Attack, Bouncy Castle and Kinda Gym, Face Painting, Promotions with Health Club Memberships and Kinda Gym Passes, Crèche Facilities available. Great day for the whole family and free. All enquiries about the day or about any of our programs please call us today on 88 213 106.
On Thursday the 19th of September, 20 students from Moonta Area School (year 3-6) were selected to go to Adelaide for a Japanese Excursion.

We chose a partner to sit next to on the bus and then we drove off to Adelaide.

After a three-hour drive we arrived at the Himeji Gardens. We hopped off the bus and spent ten minutes eating our recess. The tour guide from the Himeji Gardens met us and he told us to let our imaginations run wild.

We walked into the entrance and there was a carved bamboo stick, which had water dripping out of it into a stone bowl. Flynn imagined that it was a water slide. We walked along a stony path and we stopped by a huge pond. The pond had a sparkling waterfall and a rocky bridge. We sat down with our legs crossed and quietly meditated. We had to leave the beautiful garden and head to the Japanese restaurant.

When we arrived at the Japanese restaurant we found our seats. They were unusual. There was a rectangular hole in the floor with a low table in the centre. We sat on mats on the floor and put our feet in the hole. We were allowed to take our shoes off and most of us did.

We chose our drinks. First the waiters brought out the soup. The waitress wore a pretty pink and purple kimono with flowers on it. She brought a large platter that had things on it like sushi, shrimp, prawns, crumbed sweet potato and chicken. After we ate this it was time for dessert. We could choose green tea ice cream or berry ice cream cake. Most of us chose berry ice cream cake.

It was time to go to the grocery shop in China Town.

China Town is a shopping mall with shops, lots of people and lots of noise. We saw a chocolate castle and a chocolate fountain. We had money to spend in the grocery store. Amber bought panda biscuits, a lollipop and a zappo. Emily bought two packets of panda biscuits and two lanterns.

On the way home some of us played games and we had a lot of fun!

The Japanese excursion was amazing and really worth going.

Emily Jolly and Amber Aldridge