Staffing News for 2014

Five of our most experienced staff members have decided to call it a day after many, many years of service to Moonta Area School and Public Education in South Australia. To Bruce Schmidt, Raelene Stutley, Bruce Gordon, Phil Ward and Di Daulby I say in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

To laugh often and much
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To leave the world a better place;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

All of these people have made a positive impact on literally thousands of young people and they will be remembered with great respect and gratitude. We thank them, and wish them all the best in the next stage of their respective lives.
We are also thankful to some of our younger teachers who have decided to expand their horizons with world travel and teaching in other regions. Our thanks go to Hayley Spaans and Sophie Reid who have contributed much in their time with us. Teachers John Savage and Rachela Esposito-Cocks have finished their contracts for this year. We wish them well with their future teaching careers and thank them for their time at Moonta Area School. Ms Dianna Jarman will take 3 terms leave for the birth of her second child - all the best Dianna! Barb Dreschler and Vicki Earles are taking well deserved Long Service Leave for the duration of Term 1. We wish them a happy break and look forward to their return.

While we have many SSOs whose contracts are also finishing I expect them all to be back in 2104 so I thank them all for their efforts and hope to see them in the New Year!

The school has been busy organising staff to fill all positions for 2014. Some coordinator positions have been finalised as follows:

- Kris Strauss-Scott has been appointed Primary Counsellor for 2014
- Sonia Perkins has been appointed Students with Special Needs Co-ordinator for 2014
- Daniel Richardson has been appointed Secondary Counsellor for 2014
- Samantha Schultz has been appointed as Assistant Principal 2014- 2017. Sam comes to us from Port Broughton with an excellent reputation in curriculum development across the region, establishing VET across the region, teaching literacy and all things SACE. We welcome her to our team.
- Wendy Williams has been appointed as Middle School Coordinator for 2014. Wendy has been with us this year and we look forward to her continuation with us in this different role.

I'm sure you will all agree that these people will do a stellar job in the roles they have won. For all other positions we are waiting on Central processes to release placements. I am assured that quality staff will be placed well in time for the beginning of the 2014 school year. I congratulate students for work completed over the year and wish all students and their families a safe and happy Summer Break!

All school resources borrowed by students during the year should now be back in the library. If your child has items still checked out to them an invoice will be included in their report. We ask that you return the items listed or pay for them before the new school year begins so that students can start 2014 with a clear record.

Many students returned all items on time and their names were put in a lucky draw. The winners were Saranna Rhodes, Nick Derrington, Sarah Jolly and Kane Crossman.

Students can now borrow for holiday reading. Remember – the library operates until 24th December and from 2nd January 2014. Opening times are - Sunday 1:30 – 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. There are lots of new book titles, along with magazines, DVDs and public computers so make the most of your Community Library facilities during the summer.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the library team – Tricia Stringer, Dave Steele, Di Daulby, Janet Johnstone, Janine Bennett, and Jane Sutton.
Several students in years 3-6 took part in our final round of the 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 year.

The following student has achieved the Yellow ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Louanna Bagshaw
The following student has achieved the Green ribbon of the Hiragana challenge: Bobbie Sherriff
The following student has achieved the White ribbon of the Katakana challenge: Chloe Smith

Yokudekimashita (Well done) Stacey Golding

**Knowing one language helps you understand another**
At the last R-6 Staff Meeting for 2014, our co-ordinators (Mrs Ellis & Mrs Jarman) challenged us to work together in teams of three to build a Gingerbread House. We think we managed very well, considering it wasn’t an easy task – mainly due to the size of the bowls supplied!!
I liked being at St Kilda playground the best — Tye

I loved the activities — they were about teamwork, nature and animals. — Danny

At camp we learnt about animal skulls. — Angelina

On camp I enjoyed making Earth Art out of wood that we found on the ground. — Emily

At Bridgewater, we saw a koala while we were walking to Arbury Park. — Rhys

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My favourite part of camp was the food – the morning and afternoon tea was the best! – Decklan

On camp, the Quiz night was lots of fun. – Tate and Rex

Mr Schmidt had to mark all the quizzes!

At camp I enjoyed the night walks because there was lots of animal life. It was a bit spooky because we were out in the bush with nature. – Amber

The best part of my camp was when Miss Harris and Mrs Perkins had a sprinkles war. – Ruby

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I enjoyed going hiking because I could have a good chat to my friends and we were out in the wonderful bush! – Harrison

I liked camp because we got to feed animals and see the taxidermy. Taxidermy is when you get an animal and stuff it full of cotton to preserve it for people to study. – Tyson

We were fishing in the pond – Alex got lots of ants. – Umar

At camp, I slept in dormitory 5 and I was on a bottom bunk. – Maddison

I liked making a bird box with Aaron and Mick. – Dale

My favourite part of camp was the orienteering activity. – Ashley

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Thirty four year sevens accompanied by Wayne Slattery, Margie Hancock, Daniel Richardson, Michele Appleton and Krystal Schulz spent an amazing four days in the Flinders Ranges.

They went to School of The Air in Port Augusta and also Wadlata Outback Centre and the Ryan Mitchell swimming pool. After travelling to Quorn they spent a very hot, about 40 º C morning investigating the town. Shortly after lunch they met their buddies and then spent 2 hours in the pool, dodging the thunderstorms.

We were all entertained on Tuesday evening with a variety of wonderful acts ranging from singing in groups, some brave soloists, short skits and joke tellers.

Wednesday was a busy day traveling on the bus to the historic Kanyaka ruins, Hawker and then Wilpena Pound. We hiked all the way into the pound and those of us who were really fit climbed up to the Wangara lookout for a magnificent view inside the pound. Luckily we found the NEW Hawker pool and had another well-deserved swim on the way home. Dinner that night was shared with our buddies at Emily’s Bistro, yum!

As if we hadn’t already had enough to eat we stopped in Laura to taste a selection of their famous Golden North ice creams. The F C Grubb drinks at Gladstone were also a hit. So basically, we had a very good taste of the outback and hopefully some of us will return there in years to come.

The students were a credit to themselves and our school and everybody commented on their manners and good behaviour. Top effort everyone.

A great way to end a very enjoyable year with a great bunch of students!
In week 8 our Year 8 class went to Port Vincent for our aquatic camp. We arrived at Port Vincent on Monday and set up our tents and got changed ready for our first aquatic activity. We were split into two groups and we did wind surfing and sailing.

On Tuesday we had two activities as we had bad weather. While the weather was bad we went to the school aquatic learning centre to see the aquariums and a speech about them. Once the weather came good in the afternoon, we had knee boarding, canoeing and sailing or wind surfing.

On Wednesday we had canoeing, sailing, knee boarding and wind surfing again. When we had sailing some groups capsized their sailing boat and had to get rescued. That night we went out for tea and it was delicious.

On the last day we woke up early to pack up and leave for Berry Bay. At Berry Bay we did surfing. Once we had finished surfing, we headed home.

Every night we went for a walk around Port Vincent. On the walks we went to look outs, the prettiest look out was looking over the harbour.

By Natasha Hubbard, Kate Prout & Kate Muir
A group of Year 9 students celebrated the end of their time in Middle School on a 3 day excursion to Adelaide. The first activity saw a valiant battle of the Go Karts. Harry, Bayden and Jordan narrowly beat the Teaching You A Lesson team of Hosko, Mr Ingham and Mrs Williams. After a quick stop for lunch, we drove (the long way, we later found out) to Paintball at Kuitpo Forest. Teams battled for top honours, and in the end the bruises were evenly spread.

To the amazement of the adults, no energy was spared that evening as groups cooked their dinner and left the kitchens spick and span. Rumour has it a few had a late night, but most of us slept soundly.

A relaxed morning meant plenty of time to cook a variety of breakfasts. An honourable mention must go to Hosko’s vegan chop chip banana pancakes. We then headed to Marion and spent the day emptying our bank accounts and catching up on movies at the big cinema.

The kitchens at Warradale had a rest as we ate all we could eat at Pizza Hut. A quick but chilly walk saw us at Bowling Mania. After a mercy dash to Target to stock up on socks, we bowled until we could bowl no more. Returning to Warradale that night, it appeared a few revenge plans were afoot. Amazingly, there was energy to play table tennis, Wii and cricket. A few boys were woken surprisingly early the next day...justice! All was forgiven though as we spent the morning watersliding and on the dodgem cars at the Beach House. Not surprisingly, a few of us nodded off on the drive back to Moonta.

All three teachers, and our bus driver Bob, commend the students for their excellent behaviour, co-operation with each other, and fine representation of Moonta Area School.
Sixteen year 10 students and three teachers travelled down to Stenhouse Bay for camp. All students had a fantastic time relaxing at the beach and campsite, and seemed to enjoy sleeping in until 9 most mornings. We were visited regularly by a family of emus (one adult, eight chicks).

During the day we visited different beaches and at night played cricket, watched movies and went for walks. After unpacking on Monday we walked to Little Emu Beach and spent a few hours there playing cricket, relaxing and swimming.

On Tuesday we drove to Pondalowie Bay and stayed for hours under the bright sun. Students were initially upset at the walk from the car park to the beach, but perked up once they saw the beach. We were happy to have escaped the terrible weather in Moonta and felt very lucky after seeing messages from friends back in Moonta about the weather. The highlight of the day (unlike last year where a student was chased by an emu) was when dolphins joined us as we swam.

On Wednesday we were not as lucky with the weather. We played a great game of beach cricket and then swam in the surf. Unfortunately it started drizzling so we left the beach to go back to camp via a roundabout route. Later that day we ate a fabulous tea at the Marion Bay Tavern and very much enjoyed the experience.

On Thursday our camp came to a sad end. Students cleaned up the campsite quickly, although the boys had to be called back to re clean the bathroom. We ate lunch at the Minlaton Bakery and then headed back to Moonta.
During week 7 of this term the year 10’s competed in Australian Business Week. Moonta Area School had 3 teams – Tree Top Villas, Silver Sevens and Villas Blancas. The students had to create a luxury hotel and run it through a computer simulation for the entire week. They were judged on a simulation, a trade display, a video commercial, a company report and team work. This culminated on Friday with each team vying for the judges interest and their dollars as well. It was a fantastic week with the eventual winner of each category being:

BEST TRADE DISPLAY: *Silver Sevens*

BEST VIDEO ADVERTISEMENT: *Tree Top Villas*

TEAMWORK & COMMITMENT: *Tree Top Villas*

COMPANY REPORT: *Tree Top Villas and Villas Blancas*

BEST SHARE PRICE: *Silver Sevens*

**Congratulations to the overall winner: Silver Sevens**

Special thanks must go to Gary Wahlstedt for his help mentoring the group this week and the staff at Moonta Area School for their efforts during the week.

A very special thank you must also go to Moonta Lions Club for their generous donation to help run Business Week.
Christmas Gift Ideas

Coming up with ideas for Christmas can be difficult. Why not consider these gifts that are fun and will encourage active play in the great outdoors.

- Beach gear such as sand spades, buckets, moulds, snorkels, masks, fins or boogie board.
- Beach wear such as a rash vest, bathers, boardies, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen or a beach towel.
- Hula hoop, high hopper or skipping rope.
- Hacky sacks, juggling balls, or frisbee.
- Totem tennis, badminton set, cricket or volleyball set.
- Bug catcher, magnifying glass, binoculars, compass or torch.
- Softball, hard ball, reaction ball, fox tail ball, catch tail ball or portable goal.
- Fishing rod, crab net, squid jig, tackle box or bucket.
- Skateboard, rip stix, scooter, blades or roller skates.
- Bike helmet, bike, water bottle or bike pump.
- Gardening gloves, hand tools such as spades and forks, small pots or seeds.
- Paint, canvas, tye-dying and materials or rhythm ribbons.
- Club 13 – 16 Copper Coast Gym Membership.
- Gym wear such as t-shirts, tanks, socks, runners, towels, yoga mat.
- Tennis racket, velcro mitt set, paddle ball set, scoop ball set.
- Gift voucher for a local sports store or bike shop.
- Pool gear such as goggles, swim cap, fins, water toys, float sheet, and noodle.
- Tent, sleeping bag, swag, camp mattress, outdoor lantern.

Active play uses large muscle groups in the arms and legs. It not only burns up the energy from food; it helps with muscle and bone strength, balance, coordination, flexibility and cardio-vascular health. When children play, they use their imagination, they concentrate, explore ideas, communicate, negotiate, take risks and gain confidence.

Best of all, active play can involve you, family members and friends. Active kids and happy, healthy kids and gifts that encourage active play are those gifts that are remembered!
Christmas for Christians is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God’s gift to the world, born in a manger in a lowly stable. It’s a gift of hope, because for many it’s God coming down to earth to rescue us and be with us. It’s a celebration because he came to Earth and showed us that he is not so lofty or distant but willing to walk with us.

Think about it this Christmas? And feel free to rock up at your local church and figure out what it’s all about! (Times of services should be out the front of each building).

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas filled with love, peace and joy and are able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas to you all and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Many blessings,

Krystal Schulz
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

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**DMC Minutes**

The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 2nd December:

1. **2014 Sport & Rec Sports Dates**

   | MAS Sports Day | Thursday 6th March, Term 1, Week 6
   | Pre-Sports Day events |
   | Javelin | Thursday 27th – Friday 28th February, Week 5
   | 800m / 600m | Monday 3rd March
   | 1500m / JP Long Run | Tuesday 4th March
   | Interschool Sports Day – Moonta | Wednesday 19th March, Term 1, Week 8
   | Mile End Athletics (D1 Grade) | Monday 7th April, Term 1, Week 11
   | MAS Cross Country | Friday 9th May, Term 2, Week 2
   | YP Cross Country | Unknown at this stage, Term 2

2. **2014 YP Zone Sports Carnivals**

   Term 2

   | Week 3 | Open Netball/Football at Maitland – possibly Wednesday
   | Week 4 | Year 8/9 Netball at Ardrossan – possibly Wednesday
   | Week 5/6 | Open Basketball at Minlaton

   Term 3

   | Week 5 | Year 8 Basketball at Minlaton

3. **R-2 students attend a session about living safely with pets** – Tuesday 3rd December, Week 8.

4. **Retune / change behaviour management processes** – To start Term 1, 2014

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**Position Vacant**

**Traineeship Education Support**

One year full time Traineeship, working Monday to Friday including school holidays.

The successful applicant is required to have a Criminal History Clearance through the Dept of Families and Communities and be willing to undertake Responding to Abuse and Neglect training.

For more information, including how to apply please visit [www.vacancies.sa.gov.au](http://www.vacancies.sa.gov.au) and search for vacancy number T8066/2013

Applications Close: 27th December 2013

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**A Christian View: The Hope of Christmas**

**School Office Holiday Opening Hours**

Our School Office will be open to pick up secondary books, for payment of school fees and/or to fill out School Card Applications, in January 2014 on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday 22nd 12 to 3pm
- Thursday 23rd 12 to 6pm
- Friday 24th 12 to 3pm

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**CASUAL DAY FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Money raised to go to local Variety Bash car No 75 “Gilligan’s Island”. Supporting Disadvantaged children
2013/2014 Vacation Care

December/January Vacation Care 2013

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<td>Fabric Creations Bring a something white, EG: T-shirt, Shorts, Hat, Pencil Case, Shoes, bag YP Vet Visit</td>
<td>Salt Dough Creations Design your own Diarama's Papier Mache Insect Houses</td>
<td>Wheels Day Bring a board game from home to play with your friends at OSHC</td>
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<td>Monday 13th January Movie Marathon Bring a DVD (G or PG) From home, wear your PJs and bring your pillow. Making Popcorn</td>
<td>Tuesday 14th January Art Gallery of SA Explore a world of Weave (Traditional Indian Art)</td>
<td>Wednesday 15th January Indian Cultural Day Moonta Indian Inn for lunch Cost: $3.00</td>
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<td>Movies @ Moonta $6.00 for Popcorn &amp; Drink Team challenge - What can your team build using straw, pop sticks, and matchsticks</td>
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<td>Monday 27th January AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY OSHC CLOSED</td>
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Phone: 0439 817 475
Email: deahn.whitehead159@schools.sa.edu.au
The service is available from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Bookings:
A limited number of places are available each day, so please enrol and book in early. The centre does not assume that you will need the bookings. The onus is on the parent/guardian to complete an enrolment form that can be collected from the OSHC room or the school front office and will need to be returned.

Fees:
The total cost is $60.00 per child for a full day, $30.00 for half day. (Less any CCB & CCR Entitlements) A late collection fee of $20 will be imposed when children are collected later that closing time.

Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate entitlements are available. Please contact the Family Assistant Office on 13 61 50 to register or provide a copy of the letter stating your Customer Reference Number to the service.

Moonta Vacation Care Parent Information:

Meals:
Parents are to provide recess and lunch each day unless stated otherwise in the program. Please do not include food containing NUTS. The service will provide afternoon tea each day.

Clothing:
Please bring a hat (NO HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY) and water bottle. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear according to weather and daily activities on the program. Please pack spare clothes for your child in case of an accident. OSHC don’t have spare clothing, if spare clothing isn’t packed and your child has an accident parent/guardians will be contacted to collect child.

Excursions:
Children enrolled on an excursion day MUST attend the excursion, as this is a condition of enrolling on that day, this is to help with staff ratios. Children must be at the service 30 minutes prior to departing. Any children who arrive after that will need to find alternative care as there will be no staff members staying at the service. Parents will not have to pay for excursions unless told otherwise.