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# Newsletter

## Important Information

Issue: 2

### Week 7

11/3/24

Public Holiday

12/3/24 - 15/3/24

Year 10 Water Skiing  
Camp

13/3/24 - 22/3/24

NAPLAN

### Week 8

20/3/24

School Photo Day

21/3/24

YPSSAC 7-12 Carnival

22/3/24

Clean Up Australia Day



**2024 SPORTS DAY WINNER  
CONGRATUALIONS EYRE**



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

**Be Ready ■ Be Engaged ■ Be Respectful**  
Positive Behaviour for Learning

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## **OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

### **Beth Hector**

Principal

### **Wendy Williams**

Assistant Principal

### **Samantha Schultz**

Assistant Principal

### **Rachael Clarke**

Teaching & Learning Coordinator

### **Tyson Wait**

Teaching & Learning Coordinator

### **Sonia Perkins**

Students with Additional Needs  
Coordinator

### **Helen Moloney**

Student Wellbeing Leader/FLO

### **Jane McCauley**

Student Wellbeing Leader

# **Principal's News**

I would like to start by thanking Tayla Etheridge who compiles and publishes our newsletter. Tayla ensures a broad coverage of the events and happenings at Moonta Area School, not only through this means of communication, but also as manager of our Facebook page. Please refer to the back page of this edition for some important diary dates, one way of accessing Stymie and information about a great collaboration with community through our young people volunteering with Community Youth Projects.

On Wednesday 28 February the Governing Council held its AGM. I am very pleased that the constitution, when reviewed late 2022, embedded representation from our parent body, students, staff, Copper Coast Council and community into its membership structure. Mr Ricky Mackereth has again been voted in to chair the council. Ricky, and all members of our Governing Council are fiercely proud of and passionate about our school. Their feedback and recommendations are valued and have been actioned to improve our actions. Ricky's contact details are included adjacent to my article along with the details of our leadership team at MAS. In coming newsletters we look forward to introducing you to all of the Governing council members.



Two major events so far this term are highlighted in the pages ahead - the Leaders Induction Ceremony and Sports Day. I enjoyed hearing guest speaker, Brichelle Cross reflect on her years as a student at MAS, the opportunities taken and her words of wisdom and encouragement given to our student body. What a wonderful role model she is! There is a feeling of confidence in the young people we have leading the student body and with the restructuring of the school captain team and pre voting in 2023 their plans and achievements are already evident. The role of House Captains, extending beyond Sports Day and into our daily school life, has also contributes to a stronger student voice at MAS. A huge thanks to Kris Daddow, Cerys Kirkwood and the Sport and Rec committee for what was a thoroughly enjoyable Sports Day. It was extremely well organised and the parent support was very much appreciated. How lovely that in my time at Moonta I have seen each team win the day, a measure of the strong comp



In 2019 Moonta Area School had an external School Review. These are usually held on a 3 year rotation across Department for Education sites. Due to circumstances which impacted all areas of our society since then, delaying some processes, our next review is scheduled for later this term. We have been addressing the recommendations from 2019 through our Site Improvement Planning and are looking to our future and continual growth as a school community, best meeting the needs of all our students.

In closing I would like to draw your attention to the Positive Behaviour for Learning information in this newsletter. Details about this framework and how we work consistently across our site to create a positive and supportive environment for student success will be communicated regularly with you. I encourage you to discuss as a family the Behaviour Matrix and the expectations of Being Ready, Being Engaged and Being Respectful.

*Beth Hector*  
*Principal*



# Leaders Induction Ceremony

On Wednesday 21st February, we held our Leaders Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to our School Captains, House Captains and Student Leaders who are great ambassadors for our school and have made the commitment to be a voice and role model for their peers.

Thank you to our invited guests, Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Dylan Strong, CEO of the Copper Coast Council, Natasha Hefford, Principal Consultant and Janelle Phillips, Governing Council Secretary.



We were honoured to have Brichelle Cross as our guest speaker. A proud past student of Moonta Area School, Brichelle's journey began in 2007, and she graduated in 2020. Throughout her time she was a part of Student Voice, a Vice Captain in Year 11 and Senior Sports Captain for Monterra in Year 12. Brichelle combined her schooling with a school-based apprenticeship, ultimately becoming a qualified hairdresser. Currently, she manages Hair Goals in Moonta. We enjoyed listening to her heartfelt and inspiring speech.



“Keep your options open and use your work experience and the opportunities available to you at school to the fullest advantage!”

- Brichelle Cross





# School Captains

## Primary

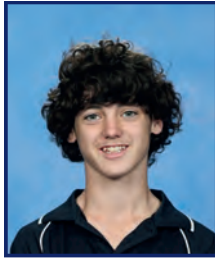


Seth  
Johnstone



Jack  
Keleher

## Middle



Reef  
Mackereth



Jack  
Christian

## Senior



Kloe  
Appleton



Ayden  
Aurisch

# Student Leadership Representatives



Mackenzie  
Shoumack



Kyarna  
Martin



Flynn  
Barber



Poppy-Faye  
Mackereth



Ellie  
Trenwith



Cooper  
Karpinski



Rory  
Phillips



Chase  
Moore



Milly  
Moore



Bonnie  
Linke



Azalia  
Hickman



Amber  
Wright



Tahlia  
Reed



Kaiden  
Warmington



Alex  
Rodley

# From the Senior Captains

Term 1 has been jam packed and is already flying by. We are looking forward to the many exciting events that the Student Leadership Team will be involved in this year.

The Student Leadership Team are looking forward to Clean Up Australia Day, which will be Friday of Week 8, where our peers will work together in their house teams to clean up areas of the school and the local community.

Casual Day is Friday, Week 11, where we have chosen to support the Childhood Cancer Foundation. We will be doing “Hit Cancer for a Six” where there will be a Staff vs Students cricket match to raise additional funds. If you would like to sponsor a player or the game please scan the QR code to donate.

Next term, the Student Leadership Team will have an exciting opportunity to be involved in a leadership immersion day, where we will be able to work together with Central Yorke School and develop our community leadership skills.

Kloe & Ayden  
Senior School Captains





# House Captains

## EYRE



## FLINDERS



## MONTEIRA





# 2024 SPORTS DAY

## CONGRATUALTIONS EYRE



Thank you to everyone involved: food vendors, staff, volunteers, students, and families. A special thank you to our Sport and Rec Committee who put many hours into the event.









# Autism Inclusion Teacher

My name is Kloe Timms and I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) at Moonta Area School.

I have one day a week in my AIT role to focus on strengthening our school community's inclusion of students on the autism spectrum.

The Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support me in the AIT role. The team includes senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community.

My role as an AIT is to pass on information, resources and training I receive from the AIM team to my colleagues and support them in the inclusion of all students.

Thanks,  
Kloe Timms  
Autism Inclusion Teacher



## ATTENDANCE

If your child is late or absent, please call the school on 8825 2088 or SMS 0427 861 937.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Has your phone number, address, email or any other details changed? Please let the front office know ASAP so we can update our records.

### MOONTA AREA SCHOOL

## CANTEEN

Cafe Moonta providing a **recess** and **lunch** service from the canteen.

You can order via your child's class lunch bag or the Spriggy app.

Food & drinks will also be available over the counter.



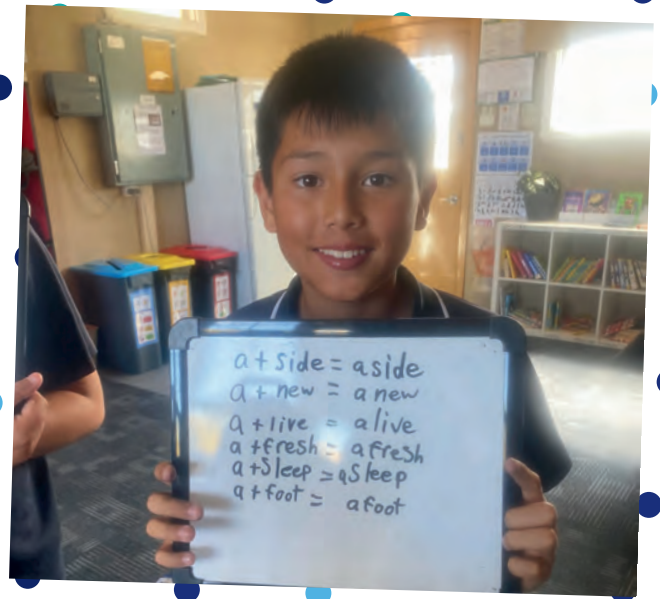
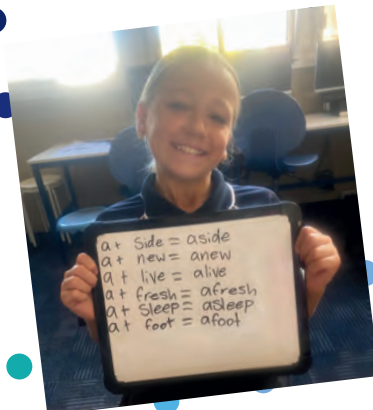
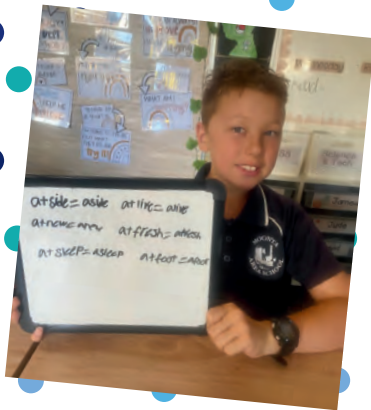
# Creating life long literacy learners

## DID YOU KNOW?

Morphology is the smallest meaningful parts of words (morphemes), such as base words, prefixes and suffixes.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Morphology is important for reading, spelling, vocabulary and comprehension.



## Maths in the Wildu Class

In the Wildu class, students are loving their math lessons. They're working together and using strategies to find efficient ways to count on bigger numbers.



# Positive Behaviour for Learning

## Moonta Area School Behaviour Expectations

Be Ready like the Wildu (eagle)



Be Engaged like the Widhadha (shark)



Be Respectful like the Wawi (female kangaroo) and Garrdi (emu)



\*Artwork by Azalia Hickman

## What is the MAS PBL matrix?

Moonta Area School PBL Behaviour Matrix, is designed to encourage a positive and supportive environment for our children's learning and behaviour. The PBL Matrix is a tool to help establish common expectations and teach students the social, emotional and behavioural skills they need to thrive and achieve at school. These behaviours encompass respect, responsibility, safety and cooperation, and they serve as the foundation for conducive learning by students being ready, being engaged and being respectful.

Through the PBL Matrix, our goal is to cultivate a culture where students feel valued, respected, and empowered to make positive choices. By clearly defining expectations across the whole school, we provide students with a consistent framework for understanding behavioural standards.



Be Ready ■ Be Engaged ■ Be Respectful





# Moonta Area School Behaviour Matrix



## All Settings

## Classroom

## Breaktime

### Be Ready

We will be punctual.  
We have what we need to be successful.  
We will have mobile devices off and in lockers.

We wait to be invited into the learning space.  
We have the required equipment.

We stay in our safe area.  
We participate in safe activities.  
We actively participate in cleanup.

### Be Engaged

We work as a team and try our best.  
We ask for support when we are unsure.  
We stay in our learning space.

We take ownership of our learning.  
We stay focused and listen.  
We contribute to, and respect others ideas.

We have our school hats on when required.  
We use break times to eat, drink and use the toilet.  
We move quickly to the class at the end of the break.

### Be Respectful

We listen to and follow all instructions.  
We speak to and treat others respectfully.  
We wear our school uniforms correctly.

We respect the rights of others to learn.  
We wait for our turn to talk.  
We put our hands up to speak and wait patiently.

We keep our area clean.  
We care for and return equipment borrowed.  
We report concerns or issues to teachers on duty or via Stymie.

## School Photo Day Wednesday 20th March 2024

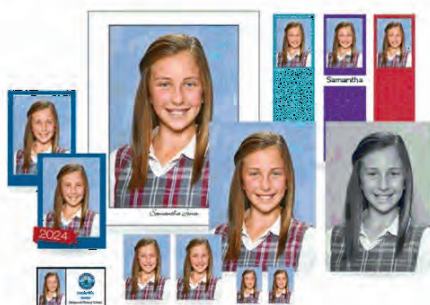
If paying with cash via envelopes please return these on photo day with correct money enclosed. Envelopes go directly to photographers on photo day. Orders for packages and sibling photos can be placed securely online using our unique 9 digit order code below.

Portrait and package orders are due by photo day. Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from the front office.

## order your school photos now

to order visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

enter code: **ELN PG4 FF6**



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope  
from your school office

**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists



Moonta Community Library

# Library Corner

Fostering a lifelong love of reading and discovery, the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2024 has officially begun! We encourage all students to participate. The Challenge concludes on the 6th of September.



## Library Opening Times

**Monday 9-12**

**Tuesday to Friday 9-5.30**

**Closed Public Holidays**

**Children's programs for ages 0 to 4 are:**

**Read & Rhyme Time  
Tuesdays at 10am**

**Rhyme & Play Time  
Thursdays 10.30**

**Adults programs include Crafter's & Bookchat  
Ring the library on 88251511 for more information!**

A poster for the "Space to Dream" Design Exhibition. It features a blue background with a green planet, a red planet, and a white robot. The text "SPACE TO DREAM" is in large, glowing green letters. The top left says "COMMISSIONER'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE" and the top right has a QR code with "SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE". The bottom left says "DESIGN EXHIBITION" and the bottom right says "12 March 30 April 2023".

**COMMISSIONER'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE**

**SPACE TO DREAM**

**DESIGN EXHIBITION**

See the top 2D and 3D entries from SA students who completed the Commissioner's Space to Dream design thinking challenge in 2023.

**12 March  
30 April 2023**

Moonta Community Library  
Blanche Terrace, Moonta  
Free entry | Open Mon - Fri

Proudly presented by the  
Commissioner for Children  
and Young People, South  
Australia, in partnership  
with Makers Empire





# Year 12 Developing Minds Excursion

In Week 3, the Year 12 cohort attended our annual Adelaide Adventure Day. We began the day with a session run by Kirrili Smout from the Developing Minds company. Kirrili is a clinical psychologist who works with many schools across South Australia to support senior students especially in tackling the challenges of school, life, being a teenager and all those road blocks that can stop us from achieving our goals and dreams. Her session focused on how to get the most from your final school year. This session was held at Adelaide University and will be followed up with 2 further sessions over the course of the year, with Kirrili and the students engaging again online early in terms 2 and 3. Developing Minds also offers on-going support for our students and access for parents and families to their website portal as part of the deal.

After this session, we headed to Rundle Mall for a quick lunch stop, before students undertook a team challenge at Adelaide Adventure Rooms, where they battled 'The Mad Scientist' in an effort to escape the Escape Room – somewhat successfully!

It was a great day, with students taking lots of notes and engaging in a positive and constructive manner. Talking over the following weeks has demonstrated how some of the tips and techniques spoken about by Kirrili are being used and implemented by our students. This is also being followed up within our Pastoral Care program.



## CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE HOMESTAY FAMILIES!!!

JAPANESE HOMESTAY 2024 - Expression of Interest Reply Slip –  
(\*Please return to Mrs Swan or front office\*)

Our family is interested in the possibility of hosting a Japanese high school student from **July 31st to August 14th** as a part of this year's homestay.

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Parent Name/s

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Student Name/s & Class

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Daytime Phone No.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

# Notices

## COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECTS

*Attend Moonta Area School?*

*In years 8-11?*

*Have an idea that will improve Moonta?*

If you answered YES to the above

**APPLY NOW!**



*Apply by 24/3*



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### **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Monday April 29

Tuesday June 11

Monday September 9

Friday November 29

To submit a Stymie notification, please scan the QR code.

