Welcome back to a busy and challenging term 2. I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing break. This term will see 8 new students starting in reception; we welcome Isabel Hobbs, Carsyn Barnard, Asha Johns, Brody Watson, Brock Pollard, Croben Osborn, Anthony McKay and Jayden Varcoe to Moonta Area School. We hope you really enjoy the next stage of your education. We have also had several transfers in from other schools. We welcome Ashlyn and Ryley Paulson, Louisa Wilson, Tyla Wilson, Ellah Page and their families to the Moonta School community.

In terms of teaching staff we welcome back Mr Daniel Hoskin who will be replacing Mrs Sally Hackett (year 7), who has taken leave for term 2. Daniel previously worked here last year and we are very pleased to have him back with us. We also welcome 3 student teachers, Sarah Bayly, Sarah Hazel and Elise Schulz. We hope they enjoy their time at MAS.
Date for Dairies:
Pupil Free Day: Friday 20th May
Governing Council has approved a pupil free day for Friday 20th May. On this day Moonta yr 7-12 staff will be joining Kadina Memorial and Ardrossan Area School teachers at a shared training and development day looking at Literacy in the content areas and differentiating the curriculum. This day will be presented by Associate Professor Deslea Konsea from Edith Cowen University in Western Australia who is an international expert in Literacy teaching. Our R-6 staff will be continuing their work on our whole school literacy plan.

MAS Media
A circular was sent to every parent/caregiver of all our students this week with regard to ensuring we get our newsletter out to as many families as we can but in a cost effective manner. The circular asks whether you would prefer a hard copy or are willing to download off our website with a reminder sent every fortnight. Please return your preferences to the front office using the tear off slip provided.

Parent Club
The next meeting for our parent club will be an evening meeting to try to accommodate those unable to attend during the day. The planned date is Tuesday 24th May at 6.00 pm in the conference room. I invite all interested parents to attend.

LEST WE FORGET
There have been many times in our Country’s history when as a nation we have sent young people to war. Anzac Day is one occasion when we formally remember those who have volunteered or been conscripted to serve our nation.
My thoughts in the sobering dawn of an ANZAC Day service are often drawn to those young people, given that their age would match those of our current senior students.
We are fortunate to live in peaceful times; I pray for this to continue. Thank you to our school captains, Alice Raunic and Sean McMahon for representing our school so proudly at the dawn service.

Uniform
With the change to cooler weather it is timely to remind students about the wearing of appropriate school uniform. Moonta Area School prides itself on how our students look and wish to keep up this standard.

SWOT survey
I thank all the parents who responded to my survey; we have also surveyed every staff member and surveyed all the students. I am now in the stage of collating the information and I hope to be able to start to share some of the results by the next newsletter.

Kenerwek Lowender
The Cornish Festival is upon us and is has been fantastic to see our school involved in so many community events. We have had Maypole rehearsals, under the instruction of Maureen Ashby and parents Megan Prout and Judith Stock. Our yr 3-7 class and school choir will be supporting the Dressing of the Graves and Fiona Anderson’s Hospitality students will be catering for the VIP tent at the oval.

NAPLAN
Next week sees the carrying out of the of the NAPLAN, National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. All students in years 3, 5, 7, & 9 are sitting this years test.
The AEU have issued a moratorium on the running of the NAPLAN test which will at this stage have some effect on the running of the tests. We are currently waiting on further information from the Department. Should anything of note change I will inform you.

So what are they, and why do we do them?
It is an obvious goal that every child should be numerate and be able to read, write and spell at an appropriate level. The National Assessment Program is an ongoing program of assessments to monitor progress towards the National Goals for Schooling in the Twenty First Century.
The data from these test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students’ achievements with national benchmarks and with student achievement in other States and Territories. Standards described by the benchmarks for Yrs 3, 5 and 7 represent increasingly demanding levels of proficiency against which progress of students through school can be followed. They form important markers along a continuum of increasing competence.
We will spend considerable time analysing the results of these tests, to support us in improving the literacy & numeracy of both individuals and groups of students.
I must publicly acknowledge the work of our Assistant Principal Di Daulby in coordinating the carrying out of these tests and also the individual teachers who conducted the tests.

National Volunteer Week
Next week is National Volunteers week and whilst we will have our own annual volunteer’s morning tea later in the year, we would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful volunteers working in our school. In the course of the school year we would have over 200 volunteers who have helped or supported the school in some tangible way. Part of our strength as an Area School is the fantastic support we get from our local community, and we take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and efforts.

Early Arrivals
Whilst it is fantastic to see our students keen to get to school early, it does cause us some concern as our yard is not formally supervised before 8.30 am.
The following proposals will be discussed at the meeting held DATE: Monday 9th May

Proposal One: Yr 12 Hospitality Camp to Flinders
Proposal: Yr 12 students stay at Gunyah Homestead
Requirements from home: Clothes, toiletries etc
Cost: $200
Date: Monday 4th July – Thursday 7th July
Proposer: Fiona Anderson

Proposal Two: Yr 12 Excursion, Festival Theatre
Proposal: Travel to Adelaide to view the play "November" at the Dunstan Playhouse
Requirements from home: Money for lunch or a packed lunch
Cost: $16.00 for ticket
Date: Tuesday 10th May
Proposer: Meredith Westbrook

Proposal Three: Kindy transition dates
Proposal: Kindy dates and times as follows
Date: Thurs (wk 6) 9/6/11 8:45 – 10:35, Thurs (wk 7) 16/6/11 8:45 – 11:00, Thurs (wk 8) 23/6/11 8:45 – 12:30, Thurs (wk 9) 30/6/11 8:45 – 1:10, Thurs (wk 10) 7/7/11 8:45 – 3:05.
Proposer: Linda Hettner

Students who are accessing our breakfast club can arrive as early as 8.00 am. But we ask other students to not be in the yard before 8.30 am. Your support in this matter would be appreciated.

Term 2 planner
We are sending home to all families a Term 2 Home Planner to enable you to be aware of future events during this term. Whilst we make every effort to get as much information on this planner as possible, there will be additional events and activities that occur during the term.

SA Public Teaching Awards
Celebrating inspiring teaching
Nominations are now open for the inaugural SA Public Teaching Awards.
Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional of the South Australian public education system.
The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to young South Australians.
To nominate a member of your school go to: www.decs.sa.gov.au/teacherawards
Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 3 June 2011.
For further information contact Virginia Barter on 08 8226 3079 or email virginia.barter@sa.gov.au.

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Nihonngo no nyusu
異本五のにゅす
Children have talked about the devastating earthquake (jishin じしん), the tsunami (ふくしま) and the resultant damage to the North Eastern parts of Honshu. As global citizens, they are aware of the dreadful implications of the leak at the Fukushima nuclear plant. On a brighter note, students found amazing pictures on the internet of the glorious cherry blossoms (Sakura さくら) in bloom at the end of March and early April. Children have a day off school and go for a Hanami (はなみ) which is a special picnic to enjoy all the blossoms. We have had some busy young people learning new levels of hiragana. Congratulations to all of them.
White ribbon: Tyler Groom, Drae Hopkins, Adam Scott, Ella Mullins, Joel Campbell, Lloyd Hobbs, Jessica Bones, Amy Rhodes, Caitlan Young, Sarah Anderson, Declan Petersen.
Green Ribbon: Maddie Musolino, Drae Hopkins, Zane Gumrow, James Anderson, Amy Rhodes, Caitlan Young, Lloyd Hobbs, Sarah Anderson.
Red Ribbon: Kyle Turner, Sam Barker, Nick Stewart. Red, yellow and blue ribbons to Nick Stewart.
During Term 1, 4 groups of Year 1 and 2 students have been working very hard to improve their reading skills. Some have been focusing on their alphabet knowledge. They have sorted, matched letters and sound and become familiar with the ways certain letters look and are formed. Others have become familiar with the sounds letters make and how they go together to make words. They have practised stretching sounds and blending them to make words. The focus has been on identifying beginning and end sounds.

We have shared many books, looking at the parts of words we know and the ways we can break words to make meaning when we read. Sometimes we made our own books, and other times we searched for words that had the same letter patterns.

Dressing up for Kernewek Lowender

This year we are not having a dress up day at school in the lead up to the Cornish Festival but the library does have lots of displays and library staff will be dressing up on Wednesday 11th May. If you and or your children would like to dress up for the festival we have lots of examples and pictures on display in the library for you to get an idea as to what to wear. Dress up and join in the fun.

Mile End Athletics

1st Place:
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Lisa Wilkins

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3rd Place:
Open Girls 1000m Steeplechase
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An outstanding effort was also made by Chelsea Fisher, who achieved a standard in the Under 14 Girls Javelin. The standard set for excellence is 27.00m and Chelsea achieved a throw of 27.20m on the day. Standard badge and certificates will be presented at the next school assembly, Friday 27th May.
Welcome back. There was a big flurry of completed challenge sheets during the last week of term to bring us to over one hundred mark.

Well done to the following:
Hannah Allen, Brayden Dunn, Cameron Buck, Aiden Turner, Owen Andersen, Henry Norman, Jakob Elvin, Chelsea Kerr, Cameron Carter (Mrs. Jarman), Ashton Gregory - Halls (Mrs. Drechsler), Brodie Cooper (Mrs. Hancock), Kodi Parkinson (Ms. Hier), Cassie Norman (Mr. Hall), Will Drogemuller (Mrs. Hutchins), Ryan Mulholland (Mrs. Strauss-Scott), Dylan Simms (Mrs. Honner), Michaela Woodward (Mrs. Van Galen)

Congratulations to Abby Prout, Brayden Elvin, Nick Stewart, Rebecca Stock, Cheyanne Ostendorf and Owen Andersen for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s $10 voucher to Moonta newsagency goes to Cassie Norman.

YR 12 WORKPLACE PRACTICES - INTERVIEWS
In the last few weeks of Term 1, the Year 12 Workplace Practices students participated in simulated interviews, with excellent results. All but 2 students achieved A’s and those 2 achieved high B’s which was extremely pleasing. Jackie Fairlie (Yorke District Apprenticeship Broker) interviewed the students, assisting in their preparation for the ‘World of Work.’ Presentation, communication and knowledge of research questions were the criteria for judging their performance. On behalf of the class, I would like to thank Jackie for her excellent organisation and perseverance.
Di Daddow

The winners for April are:

Yrs R-2 Codi O’Brien
Codi always considers others, works cooperatively with her classmates, tries hard to do her best and is well organised.

Yrs 3-6 Blake Whale
Blake’s attitude, positive determination and willingness to complete tasks is outstanding. He has made big changes in his approach to work and is an excellent role model for his peers. He is always willing to put his hand up to help out when it is needed.

Congratulations to you both
Moonta Area School would like to acknowledge the following people for giving their time to make a difference in a life of some of our students at MAS. Thank you

- Jill Delvendiep
- Mark Schwartz
- Kerrie Hopkins
- Cori Pollard
- Suzanne Prentis
- Kay Welk
- Robin Alsworth

Road Crossing Monitors
Term 2, Week 2
Jordan Nicholas, Dylan Simms, Blake Whale

Term 2, Week 3
Kate Muir, Kate Prout, Elosie Stodulka

Lots of Events for Writers and Readers this Kernewek Lowender

Fans of the popular television series, McLeod’s Daughters, can expect a treat when acclaimed writer, television director and producer, Posie Graeme-Evans speaks at Geryow – An Evening of Words and Wine. Winner of 16 Logies, Posie has also worked on a number of highly-rated movies as well as the Australian series, Sea Patrol.

She has a string of other successes to her credit including being an internationally best-selling novelist. Her most recent book is The Dressmaker and she is also co-creator of worldwide and long-running children’s phenomenon Hi-5.

The Geryow will begin 7pm on Thursday 12th May in Saint Mary’s Anglican Church, Wallaroo, where winners of the Max Fatchen Writers’ Competition will be announced. Other guest speakers include award-winning children’s author, Janeen Brian. Our library stocks many of her books and Janeen is also an ambassador for the SA Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Roseanne Hawke, children’s patron of the Kernewek Lowender Writers’ Event and author of 15 books for young people, including Marrying Ameera, a notable book in this year’s Australian Children’s Book Council Awards, will present prizes to winners in the children’s section of the competition.

Tickets cost $7 and are available at local libraries. Guest author books will also be available for sale on the night, courtesy of Meg’s Bookshop, Pt Pirie.

Kernewek Lowender Writers’ Group is also hosting a Poetry and Prose evening at 6pm on Wednesday 11th May at Cornwall Hotel, Moonta, where local poet, Alan Hughes, will launch his latest collection.

Meet the Writers will be held at Kadina Library on Friday 13th May at 9.30am. This event is free and is the perfect opportunity to have a chat with guest authors including Posie Graeme-Evans, Janeen Brian and Roseanne Hawke and several local Yorke Peninsula writers.

Friday afternoon at Kadina Wesley Uniting Church, local writer, Roger Norris-Green will launch his latest historical romance, Secrets.

For more information on any of these events contact Moonta Community Library 88251511
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**Home Ec Room - Gutted**

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Anxiety Support Group
For parents, carers and family members of children with anxious behaviours.
The group meets on Wednesday of each month for ongoing support.

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2011 10AM – 12PM
Kadina Library (Function Room) Doswell Tce, Kadina

Guest Speaker Dr Greg Wren – General Practitioner
Gold coin donation for tea & coffee
For more information contact Janine Mercer:
0418 814 086

Attention School Volunteers
Training Workshop Child Safe Environments
Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Tuesday 10th May 2011 at Kadina Primary School from 1.00 to 3.00pm
This session has been developed to meet the needs and requirements of LAP and classroom volunteers. It will supply you with facts, confidence and courage to know how to support and care should a difficult situation occur. This workshop is a legal requirement for all volunteers. Workshops will be run by the South Australian Association of School Parents Club Inc. There is no charge.
Please RSVP to Jo Davies at
Kadina Primary School
on 88210480
jo.davies@kadinaps.sa.edu.au

Reading Workshop
Early Years all Welcome
When you bring your children to school on Wednesday morning 18th May come and stay awhile. Mrs Camporeale and Miss Hier will be sharing and demonstrating ways you can support your child’s reading. Have a coffee and a chat. We will start at 8:45am and finish at 10:00am.

Name ____________________________________________
I will attend the Reading Workshop on Wednesday 18th May.
I would like to know more about.....
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Signature ____________________________________________