Upcoming Events:

Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September
Literacy and Numeracy Week

Monday 29th August
4:30 p.m. DMC

Tuesday 30th August
Year 10/11 Parent Information Evening

Please view the complete Calendar on the back page.

THANK YOU SSO’S
This week is PSA National Recognition week for School Service Officers. At our school we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children, and run our school. Please join us in thanking these staff during this PSA national recognition Week. We’d be lost without them.

Science Week – Book Week – Literacy & Numeracy Week
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers of Moonta Area for all the extra time and effort they have put in to engage students in these thematic weeks. It is fantastic to see so many of our students, getting their hands, (and often other body parts) dirty in the name of learning.

Farewell Japanese students
It was a sad day, when all of our Japanese visitors had to leave after their 2 week stay. It always a mazes me how students from such a different culture to ours, form such emotional attachments to their host students and families in a short period of time. I am sure many long standing friendships will form out of this visit.
It is a real learning experience for not just the host students and their families but also for all the Moonta students who connected with our Japanese visitors. I already look forward to our next cultural exchange visit happening in 2011, and encourage students and families to become hosts, as it is a truly one off family experience. Take the chance to talk to one of our host families and gain an insight to the activities and also the positives to opening up your home to a student from another culture.

I must thank Tricia Stringer, Janine Bennett and all the other Moonta Area staff for their time, effort, expertise, patience and passion in bringing about this host exchange. All activities were well coordinated and went off without any disruption to the normal school program. I also thank all the host families who willingly gave up their time and opened up their homes to our visitors, we could not have done this without you, thank you very much.

Bullying and Harassment
It is every Child’s right to come to school to learn and be free of harassment or bullying. It is a right I take very seriously and we have inclusive and effective policies to deal with those involved in the bullying or harassment. However, our procedures can only work if we are aware of the problem, and students/parents are willing to report it to us.

If you child comes home and says he/she is being bullied or harassed, we want to know about it. Please speak to your child’s Home Group teacher, or contact their relevant Coordinator; Middle School Daniel Richardson; Senior School Meredith Westbrook; school counsellor or member of administration. It is up to all of us to ensure that Moonta Area School is as bully and harassment free as we can make it.

Secondary Subject Counselling Important Parent Meeting 30th August
Term 3 is when we start to get underway with our planning for next year. Students need to choose subjects which will give them the best opportunity to pursue their wanted occupations. This can be easy if students know exactly what they want to do, but often they are still not sure and are not yet willing to commit to one vocation. There are also the various requirements of the universities, TAFE’s and other registered training organisations. Add to this that our current Year 10’s are starting the New SACE, you can understand why it can be a confusing time for both students and parents.

To assist students and parents through this counselling process the school carries out a range of activities through the year and more specifically this term.
- Year 10 students are currently doing their Personal Learning Plans
- Meredith Westbrook/Vince Ivans will be running parent and student sessions on the 30th August for all current Year 10 & 11 students
- Counselling panels for all Year 11 & 10 students – Weeks 7-9
- Subject teachers discussing subjects and options at next year level
- Year 11 & 12 students receiving all UNI/TAFE/SATAC information booklets

Subject and career counselling is ongoing and the information changes on a regular basis. I encourage any parent who would like further support to contact either Vince Ivans or Meredith Westbrook

Illness
This time of year can be challenging in that many of our school community come down with illness. Of course this year we have swine flu as well to worry about. I sent a letter home last week indicating that we have had some of our students diagnosed with swine flu and the necessary precautions we need to take to try and reduce the risk of it spreading.

We are starting to see the number of students and staff suffering from illness increasing, this has seen us having to split classes as on several occasions, we have been unable to replace that teacher with a temporary relieving teacher (TRT). This time of year often sees a shortage due to the number of teaching staff away due to illness across the Peninsula.

Car park
We remind parents using the kindy car park that you are not allowed to park and leave your car parked in the drop off zone. Our car parking is an ongoing issue and we are working hard with the governing council, and the local council, toward a long term permanent solution.

In the mean time we need your support by doing the right thing.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IN THE DROP OFF ZONE BY THE KINDY

Parent Opinion Survey

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From the Principal's Desk (continued)

A reminder to the 100 families that received a parent opinion survey, to try and complete it asap. If you need a hard copy they are available from the school. We thank those who have already completed them as we highly value parents’ feedback on all aspects of the school.

How to give your child success
“Children in middle class families are estimated to have experienced some 100 hours of being read to when they enter school, compared with 25 hours of reading time provided in low income families” Neuman 1999

Finding time to regularly read a book together can make sure your child is ready to read and more successful at school. Come and visit the school library and borrow books together, read a recipe or TV guide, read signs on the cars, in shops, in the magazines, talk about reading and books, get them to read off the internet or print out and read. For older children get them to read out aloud to you on a regular basis, or when grandparents, uncles and aunties come over. Any or all of these things will make a difference, not only to your child’s literacy but also numeracy and most other areas of study.

State Sport Aerobics Competition

Congratulations to the growing number of Moonta students who are participating in Sports Aerobics. Last Sunday in Adelaide we had students representing our school in the State Aero School Competition and also their respective clubs in the State Championships.

Special mention to Kiara van Rooy and Samara Elsworth who won the ‘Most Improved Team of the Year’ and Nicole Collaton who placed third. Other Moonta girls who participated in this event were: Jorja Connor, Elizabeth Flink, Ellah Page, Ashlyn Paulson and Gabby Morby. Well done to all.

Moonta Aerobics School’s team with Mr Angus

Nicole won bronze with a score of 15.80. Coached by Tammy Dennis & Wendy Giles

Literacy and Numeracy Week

What a busy week we have ahead in Week 6. It’s Literacy and Numeracy Week and we are running a variety of exciting activities for Years R-6 within the school to celebrate.

- Each day there will be a question in the morning notices that students can enter. These need to be put in the box in the front office and there will be daily prizes with the winner announced each morning.
- In the Library there are some “Have a Guess” activities where students can come in and have a go at guessing how heavy, how long and how many. These will run the entire week and winners will be announced Friday.
- Also in the Library is a Mathematical Crossword which students can have a go at and hand in to Mrs Keleher by Friday and go in the draw for a prize.
- The Primary students will be taking part in a Maths Quiz afternoon.
- Some classes will take part in Maths Trails around the school searching for answers to a variety of clues.
- Some classes will also take part in a variety of Maths games that involve cards and dices.
- Students will also be inviting a person who is special to them to come into their classroom to read to them or a small group of students.

We anticipate that these activities will engage our students and help them realise there is more to maths and literacy than just doing it in class.
Oysters fresh from Coffin Bay
$8/dozen.

Must be ordered and paid for by Tuesday 30th August.
Contact Sally Hackett (88252088) or a Year 7 student if you would like to place an order.
Pick up Friday 2nd September just in time for Father’s Day between 2-3.30pm from the Year 7 rooms.

Lisa Daddow, Annette Butler, Rachael Drogemuller, Dee Wigzell, Mark Templer, Travis Skipworth, Jenny Clow, Jenni Harvie, Kim Green, Tamra Stringer, Jane Walkely, Rachael Osborn, Deahnn Whitehead, Megan Prout, Penny Chamberlain, Jane Sutton, Tracy Cutting, Pam Clarke, Jan Ritchie, Janet Johnstone, Nina Penna, Heather Skipworth, Rob Martin, Nat Chapman, Michelle Northey, Wendy Muir, Janine Bennett, Peter Butler, Kevin Dyson, Michele Appleton, Bianca Newchurch
Congratulations to the following for completing their Premier’s Reading Challenge sheets:

Kyle Scenini (Mrs. Hancock)
Cameron Ferguson (Mrs. Hackett)
Kyan Johns, Jamayden Webb (Ms. Hier)
Riley Fentiman-Halls (Mrs. Jarman)
Nicholas Derrington (Mrs. Hettner)
Jamelia Webb (Mrs. Hutchins)

Eloise Stodulka (Miss. Macdonald)
Tyson Daly (Mrs. Perkins)
Baden Northey, Jaidyn Pack, Teneika Nitschke (Mr. Hall)
Tyla Wilson, Ashley Bird (Ms. Ryan)
Lachlan Slack (Mrs. Stutley)

Well done to Cheyanne Ostendorf for completing Beyond the Challenge.

This week’s $10 Moonta newsagency voucher goes to Lachlan Slack.

We are very close to the 200 mark and now it’s time to make a big push to get your sheets in as there are only a few weeks to go. Remember once we get 275 it’s a movie for those who have completed the Challenge.

Congratulations to all students nominated by their class for upholding the values our Guiding Principles. (Teamwork, Learning, Community, Respect and Wellbeing)

**Nominations for R-2 are:**
- Mrs Hettner (R/1)
- Ms Drechsler (R/1)
- Miss Hier (Year 1/2)
- Mrs Hutchins (Year 1/2)
- Ms van Galen (Year 1/2)

R-2 winner: **Courtney Swift**

Courtney is a sensible and helpful student with good manners. She is always willing to help others. She listens to instructions and gets on with her work.

**Nominations for Years 3-6 are:**
- Mrs Perkins (Year 3)
- Mrs Jarman (Year 3/4)
- Ms Ryan (Year 3-6)
- Mr Camporeale (Year 4/5)
- Mrs Strauss Scott (Year 4/5)
- Mr Hall (Year 5/6)
- Miss Grist (Year 5/6)

Years 3-6 winner: **AJ Murrell**

AJ demonstrates our guiding principles every day. He is a good friend to others, and displays a positive attitude. He works hard in all areas of the curriculum and respects others in all situations. He is good at fitness and is fantastic at displaying sportsmanship.
Moonta Area School’s Annual Music concert was held on Thursday 11th August at 7 p.m. in the school Gym. Students performed from school music teachers; Lori McClelland – Woodwind; Rob Martin – Drums; Vince Ivens – Guitar; and Michele Giesecke – keyboard. The audience was welcomed by the School Band. Rob Martin, Vince Ivens, Lori McClelland and Michele Giesecke performed a “Teachers’ Jam” during the programme.

Mr Dean Angus thanked the students for their performances, and family and friends who supported our Concert. The concert finished at 8:30 p.m.

What a fantastic Music Concert – congratulations to all.
The Primary students at Moonta Area School celebrated National Science Week, which ran from the 13th - 21st August.

This year’s theme was ‘React to Chemistry’ in line with the ‘International Year of Chemistry’.

In the preceding weeks the students experimented with growing different types of crystals and made observations. They entered competitions to design posters and colour pictures.

During the week there were chemistry activities in the library where they observed dancing raisins and water absorbing spheres.

The week culminated in a whole school assembly on Friday morning that had a science flavour. Guest speakers, Leanne Skinner (nurse), Greg Allen (farmer), Bruce Gordon (science teacher) and Jenny Clow (lab assistant) gave very informative talks about how they used science in their jobs and in their everyday lives.

Students, Tayla Etheridge and Nicole Collation entertained the audience with a mysterious chemistry experiment.

After the Assembly, teams of year 7 students very competently ran activities for the primary classes that involved 12 different experiments. These included lava lamps, chromatography, bubbles, acids and bases, slime, mixtures and gases. The classes rotated through the activities during the day.

The students involved had lots of fun and were introduced to the wonders of chemistry.

Shelley Hier and Kerry Crosby
During Week 3 our Reception to Year 7 teachers were lucky enough to take part in some training in the new Australian Curriculum.

We invited Lisa-Jane O’Connor a well known mathematics consultant to come up and work with staff to break down and go through the Mathematics section which is to be reported on next year.

Lisa-Jane works for the Primary Maths Association, has been a teacher and a Principal and has an extensive knowledge on the best practices for teaching Mathematics to primary students.

She worked with R-2 teachers on Tuesday and 3-7 teachers on Thursday to begin the familiarisation process and start planning with it.

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**Family Maths Challenge**

**Challenge 7 – Answer**

1. a) 10.45am  
   b) 12.30pm  
   c) 12.45pm  
   d) 1.10pm

2. 11am

**Challenge 8 – Stepping Up**

This stairway is made of cubes. How many cubes would be needed to make the steps 9 steps high?

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**Read and Rhyme Time**

Read & Rhyme Time at Moonta Community Library.

Come along on Tuesday mornings for Baby Read & Rhyme Time for babies from 0 to 12 months at 10:30 a.m. OR Toddler Read & Rhyme Time for one to three year olds at 11:15 a.m.

This is an opportunity for parents or caregivers to share age appropriate songs, rhymes and stories with their babies and toddlers. Each baby receives a book bag of goodies courtesy of The Little Big Book Club and each toddler receives a bag and a book.

No bookings needed but our space is limited so if you can leave your pram behind we would appreciate it. If you have a baby, please bring a rug to put on the floor.

**Dates for 2011**

- 23rd August, 30th August, 6th September, 13th September, 20th September
- 25th October, 1st November, 8th November, 15th November, 22nd November, 29th November, 6th December

For your chance to win some great prizes put your name in the box each week. On 20th Sept we will share a cuppa and hand out the prizes and on 6th December dress in a Christmas theme and we will share a cuppa.
The following proposals were approved at the meeting held Monday 15th August:

1. **Sacred Stone – Year 7-11 RE Program** – Thursday 20th October, Term 4, Week 1.
2. **R-7 Physical Education Week** – Monday 14th – Friday 18th November, Term 4, Week 5.
3. **Year 8/9 Knockout Indoor Soccer at Jamestown** – Requirements from home: Recess and lunch, drink bottle. **Cost:** $10. Thursday 1st September, Week 6.
4. **Year 12 Hospitality students to cater for 100 guests at International Bowls** – Monday 29th August, Week 6.
5. **Choir rehearsal at Magic Millions, Morphetville** – Requirements from home: Drink, recess, lunch, choir book, medication (where necessary). **Cost:** $5. Thursday 25th August, Week 5.
6. **R-6 Literacy / Numeracy Week – Reading Program** – Friday 2nd September, Week 6. 10 – 10:35 a.m.
7. **Year 4-12 students attend International Bowls competition** – watch competition for 20 minutes, ‘have a go at bowls for 20 minutes. Tuesday 30th – Wednesday 31st August, Week 6.
8. **Year 7-9 Aboriginal Cultural Program** – Monday 22nd August, Week 5.

The following proposal was approved by the Principal:

9. **SASTA program** – participate in netball, basketball and football workshops. Tuesday 23rd August, Week 5.

### Competitions Results

Earlier this year, students competed several competitions. Some excellent results were achieved and congratulations go to those students. Certificates were presented at the last school assembly, Friday 19th August (week 4).

**AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION**

Credit: Connor Mulholland
Participation: Bryar Ostendorf

**AUSTRALIAN INFORMATICS COMPETITION**

Participation: Patrick Ellard

**AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE COMPETITION**

Participation: Patrick Ellard

**AUSTRALIAN SPELLING COMPETITION**

Earlier this year, students competed in the Australian Spelling Competition. Some excellent results were achieved and congratulations go to those students. Certificates will be presented at the next school assembly, Friday 23rd September (week 10).

Credit: Joshua Moss
We have recently collated all our parent, student and staff responses to our SWOT survey. A SWOT analysis aims to identify the:

**S** strengths
**W** weaknesses
**O** opportunities
**T** threats that exist within an organisation

Specifically, SWOT is a basic, straightforward model that assesses what an organisation can and cannot do as well as its potential opportunities and threats.

Over the next few editions of MAS Media I will be sharing the results of the analysis.

This week it is the opinions of the staff in relation to strengths and possible changes we could make at MAS to improve what we do.

**Strengths**
- Behaviour management strategies x 2
- Quality of all staff
- School uniform-sense of belonging & pride
- Up to date with current Ed practice eg. Stephen Graham (accessing quality T&D given opportunity to access it) x 1
- All different committees-good system, everyone helps somewhere
- Provide alternative ed opportunities to meet all needs
- Library
- Senior school small class
- Staff team work x 1
- R-12 staff meeting/depending on topic
- Uniform-consistency of rules
- Bullying/Harassment policies
- Parental involvement
- Breakfast programme
- Senior level alternate programmes eg. VET, ICAN
- Sociability
- Our professionalism
- Sports Day
- Food, cakes, staffroom
- Kim – fantastic IT support
- Variety of teachers & involvement in variety of tasks/activities
- Programmes for “struggler”-great (but how valuable?)
- Programmes for some high achievers-activities/available
- Uniforms look great
- Interview night-parents took opportunity
- Tone of the school is positive
- Library-warm, friendly, supportive

**Weaknesses**
- Time-are we still doing too many things? X 2
- Trying to fit in all the meetings – it’s hard
- Are we accepting below standard work as the norm?
- Political agendas
- Reliance on technology
- Rules often not in spirit/flexibility eg hats
- Distance to reflection room for Primary/ JP
- More access to 1 computer per child
- 2 systems not linking – admin/network
- USB not working in new buildings unless it has something done to it
- We don’t know enough about the Australian National Curriculum
- Communication with parents
- Meetings in no meetings week
- Too much to get through in staff/team meetings & don’t discuss as well as we could
- Can’t use colour photocopier-if you want to do something before 8am or after 3.45pm

**Opportunities**
- Using the beach- marine environment more
- Kernewek Lowender-local history, mining heritage
- Make better use of local artists, sports people, musicians etc to work with our students
- New primary classroom
- Sailing mentoring programme
- Using skills of staff member eg. SV training
- Using school facilities eg. Tech room, Home Ec room – Kerry for Science eg. Tie dying
- Mentoring – involving lots of community people
- More practice to implement if not a classroom teacher
- More balance with Literacy & Numeracy
- Try & make some more links with the community
- More chances to think & discuss decisions
- Extra activities that are avoiding Literacy but taking Numeracy time
- Excellent opportunities for Secondary – ICAN, VET, Sailing for possible leaders, Work Experience placements, camps & excursions

**Threats**
- Some family situations make learning & teaching difficult
- Funding cuts x 1
- Political influences / decisions impact on us x 1
- Too much beaurocracy to use the local environment
- Plasma babies
- Mice-real health hazard, in children’s bag, smell
Volunteers needed:
If you could spare just 2 hours a week, it would be great to see you in the canteen. Please call in and see Tracy.


Moonta Softball Club – starts Wednesday 31st August, at 3:30 p.m. on the school oval. Sign up for 8 years and up, boys and girls. All welcome.

Moonta Basketball Club – A reminder that player registration for the Moonta Blazers Basketball Club is Monday 5th September at the Moonta Football Clubrooms between 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. All intending players are required to sign up on the night, or before and pay a $30 deposit to show commitment to the 2011-12 season. This deposit will be deducted from player’s subs. If unable to attend please send someone else along to sign yourself/family member/s up. Any concerns please contact Katrina (Secretary 0408 515 300) or Treena (Treasurer 0429 006 252). It is important to get there and register on the night, or make alternate arrangements.

Formal Savings at Russack’s Jewellers, Kadina – bring in your student card and receive 10% off jewellery and cufflinks, etc for your special night. You can even bring in your formal wear and try on pieces in our private viewing room.

Moonta Cricket Club is seeking Coaches applications for the 2011 Cricket Season for the Junior and Senior Colts. Applications to The President: Moonta Cricket Club, Junior Committee, c/- PO Box 480, Moonta 5558. Applications close Wednesday 7th September.
This week we are celebrating Children’s Book Week. All around the school classes are doing special events and activities around the theme or focussing specially on the book week books. We also have a book fair, competition and lunchtime activities. The kindy students came over for their usual story and we started our Baby Read & Rhyme Time and Toddler Read & Rhyme Time sessions in the library.

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**Week 6**

**Literacy & Numeracy Week**

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**Friday 2nd September**
Literacy & Numeracy Week – Reading Program

**Calendar**

**Monday 5th – Friday 9th September**

**Week 7**

**Subject Counselling for Year 10 → Year 11, Year 11 → Year 12**

**Wednesday 7th September**
7:30 p.m. Governing Council

**Thursday 8th September**
R-2 Zoo Trip