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Newsletter

Important Information

Issue: 4

Week 3

14/5/24

School Captain
Parliament House Visit

14/5/24

School starters info
session 9am

15/5/24

7/8 Basketball Carnival

15/5/24

School starters info
sessions 2pm & 5pm

17/5/24

Combined schools
formal

17/5/24

NYP Netball Carnival



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Teaching & Learning Coordinator

Sonia Perkins

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Coordinator

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Student Wellbeing Leader/FLO

Jane McCauley

Student Wellbeing Leader

Principal's News



I am really excited for the term ahead, especially after the wonderful end to Term 1.

The Student Leadership group, led by Captains Ayden Aurisch and Kloe Appleton organised and managed an amazing day with teachers dressed as students and vice-versa. Mr Tyson Wait even regrew his hair for the day. There was a real feeling of joyfulness. The cricket match had us all enthralled until the final ball and we were treated to a special appearance from the chair of our Governing Council, Mr Ricky Mackereth, who high scored for the staff team. In the morning, as a reward for the positive behaviour exhibited throughout the term, students chose from a series of electives and I was thrilled to see so many of our primary students in the scrub area, building "houses" and exploring the natural environment. Their conversations and imaginative play showed the creativity we know exists in them. This elective time and shared sausage sizzle lunch was chosen by Flinders House, who earned the most tickets for positive behaviour in Term 1.

So much has happened over the break, including a beautifully refigured front office/ reception area with new carpet extending into the Library. WOW - have the Library staff worked hard moving books, shelves etc for this to occur.

The replacement of the admin building windows will commence in the next week and included in this newsletter are the weekend dates when no-one is permitted on site while demolition is occurring. The newly landscaped area off of the middle school classes is being used and appreciated by our students. Next thinking will be about where to create some more seating and shade, plus ideas off the senior building for our Years 10-12.

ANZAC Day is one I hold dearly. Our student leaders represented us magnificently at the Moonta service, be it the captains laying a wreath or the 6 flag bearers, who then led the march. Every leader attended and so many of our families were in attendance. A huge thankyou to Miss Tayla Etheridge for her organisation and support with our young people. I had a number of community members come up and congratulate the school on its involvement. Thankyou also to Mrs Nina Penna for ensuring our electronic sign recognised the significance of the day - lots of great comments re this. This year we have joined the Combined YP Schools Band, which rehearses every Wednesday after school at Central Yorke School. Mrs Jane Swan supports our students for this to occur and I have heard from Maitland friends there is much excitement that the band now has an Obo player. Mrs Swan and Gabby Skinner performed with the band at the Dawn Service in Maitland and we thank them for this.

Thankyou to the families who have attended interviews this week. Staff value the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the learning taking place. Of course, if you were unable to make a time this week, we are always happy to arrange an alternate time to meet with you.

It has been a difficult week for our school community due to the passing of dearly loved teacher Mrs Sally Hackett. In my first year as principal there was an event which was upsetting for the school community. I noted how everyone came together to support and show care. When I mentioned this to Sally her response was "Beth, this is the Moonta way" As we send our condolences and our thoughts are with Mr Neil Hackett and their daughters Emma and Kara, family and friends I know "the Moonta way" will again be evident. Sally was a dedicated professional, passionate about our school. She has instilled a love of learning within so many young people over the years. Sally showed kindness and love to others daily. She is missed - Vale Sally Hackett.



Anzac Day

Student Leaders from MAS participated in the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Moonta War Memorial. The captains laid a wreath, while others held flags during the ceremony and led the Anzac March.

Mrs Swan and Gabrielle Skinner represented MAS as part of the YP combined schools band performance at the Maitland Dawn Service. Mackenzie Shoumack proudly wore her great-great grandfather's medals from Gallipoli.



Welcome to the Wildu Class

Hi, my name is Mitchell Allen, and I am undertaking my final year placement at Moonta Area School in the Wildu Classroom. I am studying a Bachelor of Inclusive and Specialised Education at Flinders University, and I am due to graduate by the end of this year. I am from Adelaide, but I will be staying in Moonta for 8 weeks while I complete my placement so feel free to say hello if you see me around the town or at the school. I am looking forward to my stay here and spending time in your lovely community.





TERM 3 2024 & TERM 1 2025 SCHOOL STARTERS



Moonta Area School
The future is in our hands

Meet our staff and tour our school

-  Tuesday May 14th, 9am – 10am
-  Wednesday May 15th, 2pm – 3pm and 5pm – 6pm

Term 3 2024 School Starters

Transition Days

- Thursday 6th June, 8.45am – 11.00am
- Thursday 13th June, 8.45am – 12.35pm
- Thursday 20th June, 8.45am – 1.20pm
- Thursday 27th June, 8.45am – 3.05pm
- Thursday 4th July, 8.45am – 3.05pm

Transition days for 2025 School Starters will be confirmed at our Family Information Sessions.

We are happy to meet with families and host school tours at any time.

Please RSVP (or request an alternative time) through the QR code, or contact Wendy Williams at and we will make sure to set a time that works for you.

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Let's Hit Childhood Cancer for Six!

On the last day of Term 1, our much anticipated Student Leadership Staff vs Student Cricket Match was played.

To add some more fun to the day, students were dressed as staff and staff were dressed as students, with Amber Wright (Year 9) and Bede Mackereth (Year 7) taking out the best dressed awards.

The day started with the students winning the toss and batting first. We not only saw some huge hits, fantastic catches (and lots of banter) but there were also plenty of pretty cool dance moves, especially from Mrs Smith's reception class.

Students made signs to cheer on their teachers and students. The atmosphere was electric, and it was great to see the whole school getting involved.

The match came right down to the wire, but Mr Maidment came in as the staff's last batter and hit a huge six, meaning the staff were crowned the champions of the day.

The Student Leadership team's initial goal was to raise \$400 for the Childhood Cancer Association. We nearly tripled our fundraising, raising a total of \$1307.25 What an incredible effort!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of our two Senior School Captains, Kloe and Ayden, who ran and organised this event. They did so much work behind the scenes, and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Hector and Mrs Schultz for MC'ing the event and really showing their inner Richie Benaud. It truly was a marvellous day!

And lastly, thank you to everyone who donated. Thank you for helping us change the lives of those families affected by cancer.

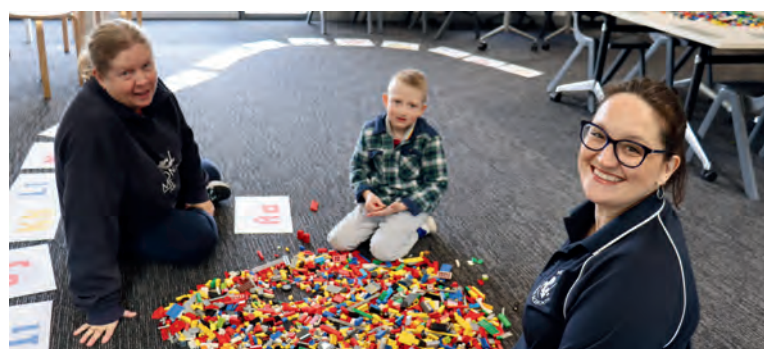






PBL Reward Day

On the last day of Term 1, the whole school celebrated their first PBL Reward Day. Over 29,000 tickets were given out for positive behaviour across the school in Term 1. **Flinders** were the winning team for Term 1 and chose an Elective Morning for the whole school. Students could participate in activities at the basketball court, the gym, the Lego club, playground hop, footy on the oval, or the scrub. It was so lovely to see students of all different ages working together during their Elective Morning.



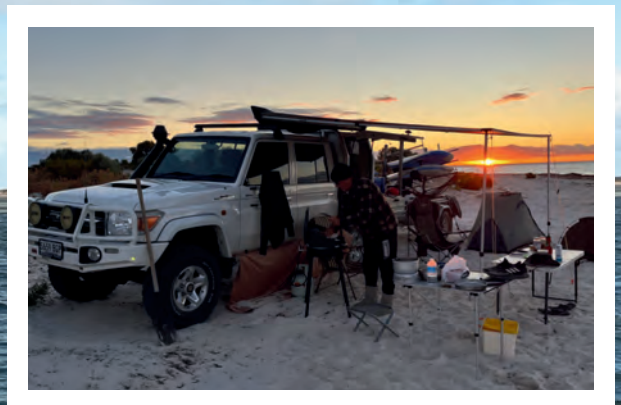
Stage 1 Outdoor Ed Kayaking Camp

In Week 10 of Term 1, the Stage 1 Outdoor Ed class participated in their kayaking camp. Throughout the span of three days the Year 11s were able to push through the cold weather as they kayaked to the campsite and surrounding areas!



Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Windsurfing Camp

In the last week of Term 1, the Stage 2 Outdoor Ed class attended their four-day camp along the coast. Throughout this camp, the Year 12s had the opportunity to go windsurfing and use the windsurfing skills that they had been perfecting over the course of Term 1 during Outdoor Ed lessons!



SAPSASA Athletics

In the last week of Term 1, our primary athletes went to Kadina Memorial School to compete in the NYP Athletics Carnival. All students gave 100% and represented the school with pride. They should all be very proud of themselves! We did come away with some ribbons. Congratulations to the following students who placed in their events.

12 year old girls

3rd Place (Discus) - Lilly Haskett

12 year old boys

1st Place (Discus) - Jack Keleher

2nd Place (200m run) - Jack Keleher

3rd Place (100m run) - Jack Keleher



11 year old boys

3rd Place (800m run) - Jylah Trott

10 year old girls

2nd Place (High Jump) - Lexi Gray

3rd Place (High Jump) - Liana Johnstone



10 year old boys

1st Place (Discus) - Richard Daniels

3rd Place (100m run) - Leo Barber



The following students were also selected for the NYP Track and Field SAPSASA team, who will compete in Adelaide later this year.

Jack Keleher

Scarlett Crocker

Richard Daniels

Congratulations to all of our students! - Miss Downard





Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

Dear Families

Our students have been invited to take part in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The survey will be open in weeks 2 to 5 of term 2 (Monday 6 May to Friday 31 May 2024).

Purpose of the survey

Young people's wellbeing is an important part of how they learn at school. The survey seeks students' views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Students in years 4 to 12 across the state will be invited to participate and the information collected will help the education system and broader community to support young people's health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?

The survey asks students about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, engagement and learning in school, physical health and wellbeing and after school activities.

How will students complete the survey?

Teachers will arrange for students to do the survey during class time. They will be asked if they would like to participate and are free to withdraw at any time. ***If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school as soon as possible after receiving this letter.***

Will students' information be kept confidential?

Students' personal information and identity will remain anonymous. Survey responses are confidential and no one (including school staff) can use the results to identify individual students. Participating schools with fewer than 5 students undertaking the survey will not receive a report of results, to protect the confidentiality of students.

What will happen if a student is distressed during or after the survey?

The survey includes some questions on topics such as student happiness and bullying.

Teachers will inform students that:

- if they find the survey uncomfortable or distressing, they should leave the survey immediately
- it is not compulsory to take part in the survey as a whole
- students can skip individual survey questions if they wish.

Students who would like to speak to an adult about any concerns they may have will be supported to do so.

Where can I get more information?

More information on the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au (search: wec) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the questions, please email Education.WECSA@sa.gov.au

Sincerely

Beth Hector

PRINCIPAL

1 May 2024



Moonta Area School OSHC

We welcome children from all local schools



As we wave goodbye to another wonderful Vacation Care and say hello to the new term at Moonta Area School OSHC, we'd like to share some memories of the April Vacation Care period.

We are excited to highlight our "Wacky Wednesday" event, generously sponsored by Variety, The Children's Charity. The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and endless wackiness as our children embraced the spirit of imagination and play. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Variety for their support in making this day possible and their ongoing commitment to enriching the lives of children in our broader community.

We also ventured into the great outdoors for a memorable day in the scrub! Our children had the opportunity to connect with nature, explore their surroundings, and engage in hands-on learning experiences, it was a day filled with adventure and discovery.

One of the standout events from our program was our Silent Disco! Children danced, grooved, and sang along to their favourite tunes, while sporting colorful headphones and lighting up the dance floor with their infectious energy.

On Mad Scientist Day the children embraced the challenge of constructing their own solar ovens using simple materials. With guidance from our educators, they explored concepts such as solar energy absorption and reflection. We then attempted the delicious task of melting smores. Although the sun may not have been on our side that day, we watched and waited and discussed the different variables before eating our unmelted creations!

We are still accepting enrolments on a permanent and casual basis for our Before and After School Care programs, please contact us on 0439 817 475 or email dl.1488.oshc@schools.sa.edu.au for more information.



Moonta Community Library

Library Corner

Children's programs for ages 0 to 4 are:

Read & Rhyme Time - Tuesdays at 10am

Rhyme & Play Time - Thursdays 10.30

NEW Parents & Cherubs Yoga Fridays 9:30 am (cost \$15)

Adults programs include Crafter's & Bookchat

Ring the library on 88251511 for more information!

Library Opening Times

Monday 9-12

Tuesday to Friday
9-5.30

Closed Public Holidays



Moonta Community Library

Join us for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

\$5 PER PERSON
Wednesday May 15, 10am -11am
RSVP 8825 1511

Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea

Moonta Area School is registered, and we are looking forward to participating in the 2024 National Simultaneous Storytime event.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Australian Library and Information Association

SCHOLASTIC

LIANZA

AURA PARKER
*BOWERBIRD
BLUES*

22 May 2024 • 12pm (AEST)

Notices

IMPORTANT

All the windows in the Admin Building and Library are being replaced. The removal of windows will be on weekends in May and June.

As there is lead based paint involved, for your own safety, there is to be **no one on site** from Friday night until Monday morning on the following weekends:

- 18-19 May
- 25-26 May
- 1-2 June
- 15-16 June
- 22-23 June
- 29-30 June



PUPIL FREE DAYS

Tuesday June 11

Monday September 9

Friday November 29



REGISTER *for term 2*

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Tiny Tots up to Adult Classes available
All ages welcome!



Dance Education on the Yorke Peninsula

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Contact us: klda@dodo.com.au

@karen_lee_dance_academy
 Karen Lee Dance Academy

Sports teachers accepted



CHEERLEADING, ACRO, DANCE & TUMBLE

WHERE FAMILIES THRIVE AND CHAMPIONS RISE!
TRAIN WITH US ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:05PM AND DISCOVER THE YP MID NORTH ALL STAR DIFFERENCE.
WHERE EVERY DREAM TAKES FLIGHT!

AGES 5YO - ADULT

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR A TRIAL CLASS

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