UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 2
Thursday 4th August
Tennis Clinic
Friday 5th August
Science Alive

Week 3
Tuesday 9th August
Early Closure – 2pm
For Partnership
Wednesday 10th August
Year 11 Adelaide Research Project Expo

Week 4
Wednesday 17th August
Op Flinders Debrief
Thursday 18th August
Vietnam Veterans Day
Friday 19th August
Pupil Free Day – SIP

Week 5
Tuesday 23rd August
Choir - Magic Millions
Friday 26th August
R-12 Assembly
Casual Day - Daffodil Day

Week 6
Friday 2nd September
Science Week Open Morning
Welcome to Semester 2! This semester is shaping up to be very exciting with two initiatives that have been offered to Moonta Area School recently.

**STEM funding**

Our school will have $3.5 million invested at our site to improve our Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) facilities.

We’re one of 139 schools across the state to benefit from this $250 million state government investment. Planning for these facilities will start immediately with construction to be completed before the end of 2018. We are in the first round so expect architects to be here within 6 weeks. All staff members have been asked to contribute their ideas which we will develop further over the coming weeks to maximize the benefit for all.

Contemporary facilities and learning approaches will help to engage our students and prepare them for future jobs in this ever changing world!


If you have any ideas you would like us to consider which will improve our facilities, please write me a letter or call me to make an appointment.

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**Parents in Education Week 2016 - 12th to 16th September**

On Friday 16 Sept 2016, DECD has provided the Northern Yorke Partnership with the opportunity to host a two hour professional development workshop for parents.

Parents in Education Week is a commitment by the Minister and focuses on helping parents to support their child’s learning, and supporting parent engagement in the public school system. The keynote speaker for our partnership is Jodie Benveniste, a psychologist, parenting author and TEDx presenter, will share a workshop for parents of babies, toddlers right through to teenagers which covers:

- ★ The science of raising kids – What the research tells us about what actually leads to good outcomes for kids
- ★ The art of raising kids – How to apply the science to your unique family and your unique situation
- ★ A framework for raising your children – How to create the family life you really want and your kids really need

Watch this space for the time and venue (likely to be the Wallaroo Community Sporting Club). You are all invited – the first 150 parents to RSVP will be able to participate.

We are very lucky to have this resource in our region as we have been chosen as 1 of only 3 locations to be awarded this opportunity. I hope many of you will be able to access this session.

**Homework Program**

We have been successful in accessing some funding for a Homework Program. This term the library will be open for students who want a quiet space and a friendly adult to help them with their homework on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:05 until 4pm. Parents are also welcome to attend with their children. I hope this service will be helpful to many.

**Pupil Free Day – Friday 19th August**

On Friday the 19th of August all staff will be involved in professional learning all day. Our main focus will be on our Site Improvement Plan – progress to date and where to from here...

As always we appreciate parent and caregiver support for our pupil free days where professional learning time is used to continuously build our professional practices.
Pokémon Go! What a craze!

Beats just about any fad I’ve seen including Yo-Yo’s, swap cards and the original Pokémon Gameboy way back in the old days – remember the 90’s.

While Pokémon Go is geared toward adults and teenagers it’s taken off among primary aged children – even some pre-school kids – as well. Both genders are playing the game, but a rough count among colleagues and friends indicates that it’s boys more than girls that are hooked on the game.

How can we approach this craze?

Many parents have asked me how they should approach the Pokémon Go craze, particularly when their children are besotted by it.

Start by accepting that Pokémon Go, like all fads, has captured your child’s interest. It’s hard to fight against or even stop your child from being involved in games that ‘everyone is playing’.

That leads to two parenting requirements. First, find out all you can about the game so you know what you are up against. Ask your child to explain what it’s all about. Figure out which parts of the game are age-appropriate and which parts are going to present you with headaches. Once kids are old enough to have their own phones and transportation, they’re certainly old enough to play the game without help. Pokémon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

Keep your Pokémon Go player safe

Pokémon Go gets kids outside roaming and exploring their neighbourhoods, which on the surface, is a good thing. However as one mum told me, her son’s Pokémon Go experience was leading them to a local quarry, which had some obvious risks attached. So if your kids are old enough to have their own phones and transportation, they’re certainly old enough to play the game without help. Pokémon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

Pokémon Go has plenty of psychological hooks to make boys love it. The roam and search nature of the game appeals to the hunter-gatherer that exists in most boys. There are plenty of things to collect which appeals to a boy’s fundamental need to put order and control in his world.

Lures, an aspect of the game, can present tricky situations for parents. A player can set out a lure to attract Pokémon, but because these lures can be seen by any nearby player, you’re not sure who they are attracting. Revisit those Stranger Danger lessons with your kids.

Second, you need to meld your existing family technology rules with the expectations and opportunities that Pokémon Go presents. These include, how much time children are allowed to spend on technology; consider what activities Pokémon Go takes kids away from (including homework); and be aware that’s is not healthy for your child to be hooked on one activity at the expense of everything else.

So my advice for parents is to approach Pokémon Go positively and intelligently. Discover about it as much as your time, your current circumstances and your kids will allow. Join them if possible. Remember, it’s a lot of fun; it does get kids exercising more than their thumbs and there are some great learnings (maths, nature and even history) built in to the game. On the other hand, ensure that kids keep a balance in their activities so that a fun craze doesn’t become an absolute, all or nothing obsession- which can so easily happen with boys.
In addition to regular classwork, students from Years 3-8 have been working hard in order to achieve a ribbon. It has been an exciting term with the following students achieving their hiragana (hiragana) goals:

**White Ribbon**
Hayley Durdin-Dodman
Bridget Perkins
Shae Van Duin

**Yellow Ribbon**
Addison Crocker
Kennie Dunlop
Dakota Edwards
Khloe-Mae Graham
Hailey Halls
Hannah Halls
Tammin Hughes
Tania Mason-Reid
Bella Osborn
Charlotte Wiltshire

**Green Ribbon**
Montana Gregory Halls
Hannah Halls
Ziyu Yang

**Red Ribbon**
Kloe Appleton

**Brown Ribbon**
Louanna Bagshaw

**Black Ribbon**
Louanna Bagshaw
Emma Prout
Maddison Shields

よくできました (Yokudekimashita), well done to all of our award winners and special おめでとうございます (omedetou gozaimasu), to those students who have worked very hard to achieve multiple levels!

ありがとうございます (arigatou), thank you, to all of the students who had a go, keep up the practice & がんばって (ganbatte), good luck, for the rest of the term.

Mrs Swan
Each year Middle School students plan and run a Market Day which is enjoyed by our visitors from Early Childhood, Primary and Senior School. We were very happy to see quite a few staff members and community members come along to enjoy the morning as well.

This year, Year 7 created a brilliant array of arts and crafts, Year 8 cooked up a storm (the vegan pasties sold out quickly) and set up a very scary Haunted House. Year 9 set up a great variety of games, activities and face painting. Year 9 also ran the administration, marketing and ticketing.

Market Day was held inside the Middle School for the first time, as we weren’t confident that weather would be kind to us. As usual, students adapted quickly to the change in plans and the morning went off without a hitch.

Once again Moonta Area School students demonstrated excellent co-operation, adaptability and care for others. It was a pleasure to host the Market and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Next week is Celebrate Canteen Week which is now in its third year nationally. The aim of Canteen Week is to promote and recognise the great benefits of having a school canteen and to say thank you to the staff and volunteers that are crucial to ensuring the smooth running of this essential service.

During the week, we will be running a colouring competition and a best new menu suggestion competition. There will be a $15 canteen voucher for first prize, $10 for second and $5 for third prize in both competitions.

Colouring in sheets will be sent to the junior primary classes, and other classes can collect a sheet from the canteen. Entry slips for the best menu idea are available at the canteen.

We also have a guess how many pieces of popcorn in the jar competition where the student who guesses the closest amount will win the jar of popcorn. View the jar of popcorn and enter at the canteen.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and caregivers to call in any time during Canteen Week to have a look at the Canteen and see how we operate. If you have the time, we will make you a free tea or coffee and a muffin.
**School Notices**

**BREakfast Club**
Open daily 8:15-8:45am (next to the Music room)
All students R-12 welcome.
Cereal, toast, juice and Milo available.
A donation of 20c or 2 (empty) cans is appreciated to help with costs.

Thank you to Gerry Bakker for raising money for Breakfast Club by busking at local events. Nick’s Bakery, Moonta, generously provides bread and their assistance is much appreciated.

We are very grateful to the many churches, organisations and other individuals who donate items, money and time to make this service possible.

**LOST Property & PRE-LOVED Clothing**
Second hand clothing is available from the Breakfast Club area every morning from 8:15-8:45am.

Unclaimed lost property is washed at the end of the term and offered for sale through our second hand clothing pool. Named property is returned to the owner so please label all clothes and hats.

There are some jumpers and a few tops and pants in the cupboard. Donations of pre-loved clothing in reasonably good condition are most welcome. Please leave at the Front Office.

**Moonta Area School Car Boot Sale!**
Blanche Terrace, Moonta SA
**Saturday! October 1st 9am-1pm**

Garage sales brought to you!
Breaky BBQ Coffee Bargains

Gates open for set up from 7:30am, Stall holders RSVP to school ASAP PH: 8825 2088

**Public Notices**

**Suicide Prevention Public Forum**
Monday 8 August, 6pm
Wallaroo Sailing Club
Stamp Out Suicide (SOS Copper Coast) is hosting a public forum in conjunction with the Copper Coast Council and SA Health. A free BBQ tea will be provided. For catering purposes, please RSVP to: Roylene Schild on 88281200 at the Council offices by Friday August 5
This term we are learning about Plants, Procedure Writing and much, much more. This term we have made Grass Heads and written a Procedure about how to do this. We need to remember to water our Heads and to put them in the sun light.

At the moment our Grass Heads are bald. We are hoping the grass will start to grow quickly. It will be good to give our heads a haircut.

**Road Crossing Monitors**

**Week 3:** Emily, Khloe-Mae, Misty (Reserve: Liana)
**Week 4:** Katlyn, Isabel, Hayley (Reserve: Montana)
**Week 5:** Sheridan, Liana, Shae (Reserve: Hannah)
**Week 6:** Will, Alex, Decklan (Reserve: Harrison)