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Newsletter

Important Information

Week 3

14/2/23

Welcome Evening

Week 4

22/2/23

Governing Council
AGM at 7:30pm

Week 5

3/3/23

Leaders Induction
Ceremony

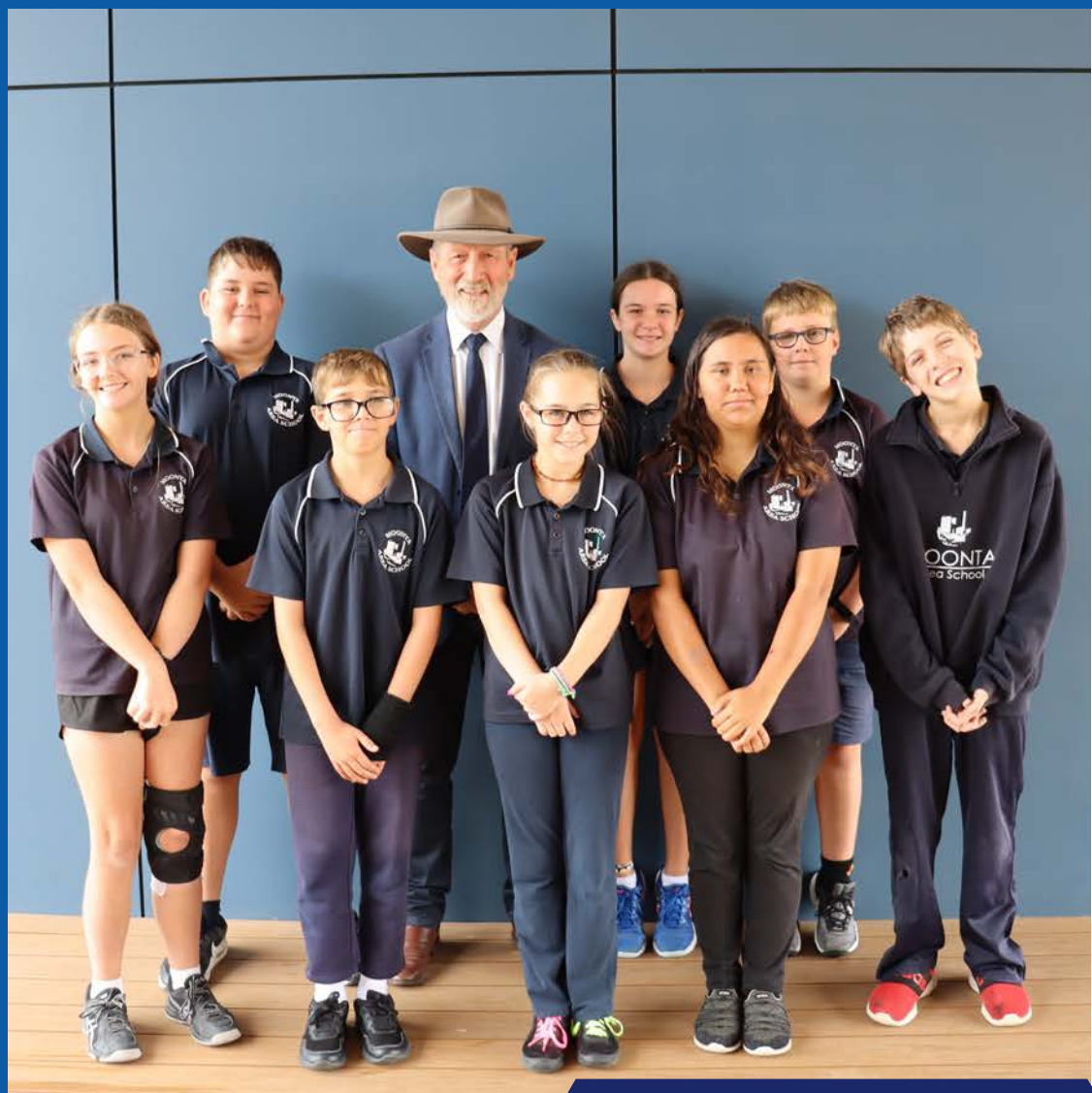
Week 7

16/3/23

Sports Day

17/3/23

School Closure



Issue: 1



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Principal's News



Beth Hector
Principal

Welcome to the 2023 school year. It has been a fabulous start with many new families joining our school community, not only due to Reception class enrolments but through the movement of new families into Moonta. Staff have created welcoming learning environments and we have plans for further improvements to grounds and facilities.

We are pleased to have Sally Hackett back from leave teaching middle years Maths and taking on the role of Autism Inclusion teacher, an initiative which aims to build educator understanding and knowledge around supporting students with autism. New staff who are settling in well and already making their mark at MAS are Kloe Timms in Year 3 /4 and Jacob Grinter as a secondary English and Humanities teacher. They are joined by Bella Congdon in her role as Aboriginal Education teacher and Year 6 Maths and Elyse Atkinson sharing the Reception class with Gemma Smith. This term Dave Steele has taken leave and Naomi Miettunen is with us teaching middle years humanities. Along with every other staff member at Moonta they will be working to address our 2023 Site Improvement Plan Goal :*To increase the number of students achieving in the higher bands for reading and maintain those students already there.*

Last year we were unable to have a Welcome Night and so it is wonderful that this important event on our school calendar is able to go ahead for 2023. I encourage all families to take the opportunity to view classrooms and meet the teaching staff. Please refer to the details shared in this newsletter. A flyer will also be going home to all families.

On Wednesday February 22nd at 7:30pm The Moonta Area School Governing Council will be holding its Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be distributed this week.

You may be wondering, What does a Governing Council do?

Governing Councils work with the principal to help set and monitor the direction of a school. It meets regularly, usually twice per school term. Our Governing Council meets in the evening of the 2nd Wednesday of each month, where possible, or on other dates negotiated.

*"We acknowledge the Nharungga Peoples the Traditional Owners of this land
and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging."*

Meetings are part of Governing Council but it's not only that. In your role on the council you might be on a committee with Community Links, Grounds and Facilities, Sport and Rec or Out of School Hours Care [OSHC]

You do not work alone when on the council. We work together to involve the local community, develop and approve local policies, set the broad direction and vision of the site, monitor and review the Site Improvement Plan and as the employing authority of the Out Of School Hours Care service.

Thank you to everyone for your understanding that we were unable to commence the year with a canteen service. I am hopeful that this will be remedied soon, but in the meantime we are appreciative of your understanding and have observed some terrific lunch boxes being packed. A new initiative this year has been supervised lunch eating time for Reception to Year 11 classes, with the added bonus of an even cleaner than usual school yard. This Friday we have a treat day with many Subway orders having been made. Staff members Anne Bock and Nina Penna have organised this – thanks ladies!

I look forward to a strong year of learning and student success at Moonta Area School, especially as we embark upon a whole school commitment to Positive Behaviour for Learning.

New Teaching Staff



Elyse Atkinson



Jacob Grinter



Kloe Timms



Bella Congdon

2023 dates for your calendar

Pupil Free Days:

Monday 1st May

Tuesday 13th June

Monday 9th September

Friday 1st December

Twilight Sports Day

Thursday 16th March

11am start

School Closure:

Friday 17th March

Welcome to our little learners

Welcome to our new Receptions! They have had a fantastic transition to school and are beginning to learn to read, write and count. They are developing their resilience everyday when they come in and independently unpack their bags and put their belongings away. Well done Receptions, we are so proud of you!

Mrs Smith



Learning about politics in HASS

On Friday, the 3rd of February, the Middle School students had the fantastic opportunity to hear Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast Council Mayor), Federal MP Mr Rowan Ramsey, and State MP Mr Fraser Ellis talk about their role in local, federal, and state politics. Each guest speaker presented an engaging and interesting look at their level of government and provided a great introduction to how the political system in Australia works. Students were also encouraged to voice their concerns, interests, and opinions on what they would like in our local area as the up-and-coming next generation of voters.



Student Wellbeing

Welcome to Term 1 at Moonta Area School. The MAS community is committed to working together to create a learning community that is safe, inclusive, conducive to learning and free from harassment, bullying, racism and violence. All students and staff have the right to feel safe and be respected to achieve their personal best.



In Term 4 2021, Stymie was launched at MAS. Stymie is an old-fashioned word that means to stop or thwart. Stymie is an online, confidential messaging service for anyone needing help or concerned about someone else. Stymie provides a proactive opportunity for students to say something about harmful behaviours or anything they are worried about for themselves or someone else.

It works, because it is accessible 24/7, anonymous, easy to use and messages are typically delivered in a few seconds to leaders at the school.

Stymie equips our students with the tools to be an upstander- someone who supports their peers in times of need.

Stymie helps combat the bystander effect by enabling students to report incidents of bullying and harm safely and anonymously.

Stymie is a web app that delivers encrypted, anonymous and confidential notifications and, where possible, uploaded evidence, including screenshots, to the Leaders of MAS about abuse, harm and unacceptable behaviour. Providing Stymie goes a long way in reducing the stigma associated with reaching out for help.

In Term 2 this year, MAS conduct another full-day Stymie launch with staff and students as we are committed to processes and procedures that provide student safety. We are fortunate to have Rachel Downie, the founder and director of Stymie, presenting on this day.

To access Stymie notifications, please use the QR code. This will take you to the notifications page.

Helen Moloney
Student Wellbeing Leader



Back to school happy snaps!



Materials and Service Charge

M&S and Performance/events invoices have been posted to families and are now due. Please contact the Business Manager to arrange a payment plan or apply for School Card. Payments can be made at the front office or online.

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ni hon go e yo u ko so
日本語へようこそ!

Welcome back to Japanese for 2023!

2023

Why do we offer a second Language?



- Good for the brain
- Future travel opportunities
- LEARN from others, SHARE interests
- The bigger your world is, the bigger your heart
- Access to new hobbies – Manga, anime, music & pop culture
- Increases work opportunities
- Language skills – Improved listening, concentration and understanding of native language
- Expands problem-solving skills and creativity
- Social skills! Make friends with new people
- Improves self-discipline
- Increased empathy for others
- APPRECIATE new perspectives, ideas and foods!
- Learn how to show RESPECT in different cultures
- Australian Curriculum

Why Japanese?

Knowledge of an Asian language is becoming an increasingly desired skill in graduates. Japanese offers an interesting, challenging and widely applicable language to start learning. Moonta Area School has been offering Japanese lessons to its students for many years. It has a long history of hosting groups of Japanese High School students from Meiji Nakano Hachioji High School (outside of Tokyo) as a part of the annual Homestay program. Before COVID, MAS offered its middle and high school students the opportunity to participate in cultural experience trips to Japan. Students of the 2017 & 2019 trips visited Meiji School as a part of their itinerary and caught up with previous years' homestay students.

Supporting Your Child with Language Learning



Explore Culture from TV

Explore authentic traditional and modern Japanese culture from the comfort of your home by watching documentaries, TV shows and movies about Japan (in English or Japanese!) with TV channels such as SBS and ABC or the NHK channel on Foxtel. Stream shows via the internet with Netflix, Amazon Prime or YouTube.

Attend Cultural Events

Keep an eye out for upcoming events in your local community or the broader region. Share a family outing to the annual Children's festival (Kodomo no Hi) or visit the annual Anime and Video Games Convention (AvCon), or you may consider finding a Japan-related Fringe Festival show to enjoy different aspects of Japanese culture in South Australia.

Try Japanese Food

Experience a taste of Japan with snacks like 'Hello Panda' or 'Pocky' from the Asian food aisle of your supermarket or visit a Japanese restaurant. A 'Sushi Train' will deliver your food by conveyor belt! There are many restaurants in Adelaide worth a visit: 'Sushi Planet', 'Wasai Japanese Restaurant', or 'Ginza' (All-you-can-eat BBQ!).

Celebrate the Process!

Language proficiency develops slowly over time. Regular practice each day is more powerful than one big practice each week. Encourage your child to share what they are currently learning, and encourage them to speak a few Japanese words around the house. Invite them to practice their speech for you or show off their writing skills. Have them teach you what they learned.



Support their Interests!

Encourage your child to read manga (Japanese comics) to support their English literacy while seeing some Japanese culture. Enable them to watch award-winning anime (TV) from creators such as Studio Ghibli. Encourage listening to Japanese music via the internet, this will improve your child's recognition and pronunciation skills.



Music Opportunities 2023

Moonta Area School has a range of musical opportunities for our students to participate in. Our music students have opportunities to perform at school and community events. In 2022, students performed at the Copper Coast Show, MAS annual Music Concert, Public and Proud, assemblies, Port Pirie Festival of Music and Moonta Christmas Carols, to name a few.

Choir:

Our year 4-7 students are invited to join the Moonta Area School choir, choir conductor Mrs Sharp! Our year 5 & 6 students work towards a performance in Adelaide during September at the Festival Theatre. Students who participate can purchase their books and have access to the app. This year, the choir will have the privilege to perform at 'Dressing the Graves' as part of the Kernewek Lowender - Cornish Festival. Students will be invited to a 'Come and Try' session in Week 4, Term 1.

Senior School Band:

Our MAS Band continues in 2023 with band teacher Mrs Swan. Students interested in joining the band are encouraged to see Mrs Swan. Rehearsals are Thursday's lesson 6. Students learn a repertoire of popular songs and have opportunities to perform at school and community events.

Piano Lessons:

Expression of interest, enrolment forms and information for piano lessons with Mrs Giesecke will be out in upcoming weeks.

Woodwind:

From Year 5, students can learn: alto saxophone, trumpet, clarinet and flute. Mrs Schwartz offers lessons on Monday. Continuing students have had their classes this week. Instrument hire can be arranged through the school. Enrolment forms and instrument hire agreements can be collected from Mrs Sharp.

Performing Arts:

Reception to Year 6 students will focus on Music in Term 1 with Mrs. Sharp.
Year 7-9 students will focus on Music in Term 1 with Mrs Swan.



Nharangga Totems Mural

Last year in Week 9 during Activities Week, students in years 6-11 had the opportunity to help Mrs Sims paint a series of murals. An Indigenous artist and Zentangle inspired them. The four animals represent the four Nharangga totems. Wildu, the eagle, is the totem for the west, including Moonta. Each animal was placed in a position closest to where it represents. Students should be very proud of what they achieved in just a week.



MOONTA AREA SCHOOL

WELCOME EVENING

2023



We invite our families to the Welcome Evening on

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Teachers will be in their classrooms from

5:15PM – 6:30PM

This will be a great opportunity to view students' classrooms and get to know the class teachers. Specialist subject teachers will also be on site.

As well as being available to answer questions, each class teacher will be speaking about class routines and goals at the following times for approximately 10 minutes.

- 5:15pm Year 12, Year 7, Year 3/4 Timms and Wildu classes
- 5:30pm Year 11 and both Year 5/6 classes and Reception class
- 5:45pm Year 10 and Year 1 /2 Goody
- 6:00pm..... Year 9 and Year 1 /2 Hettner
- 6:15pm Year 8 and Year 3 /4 Crosby/Sharp

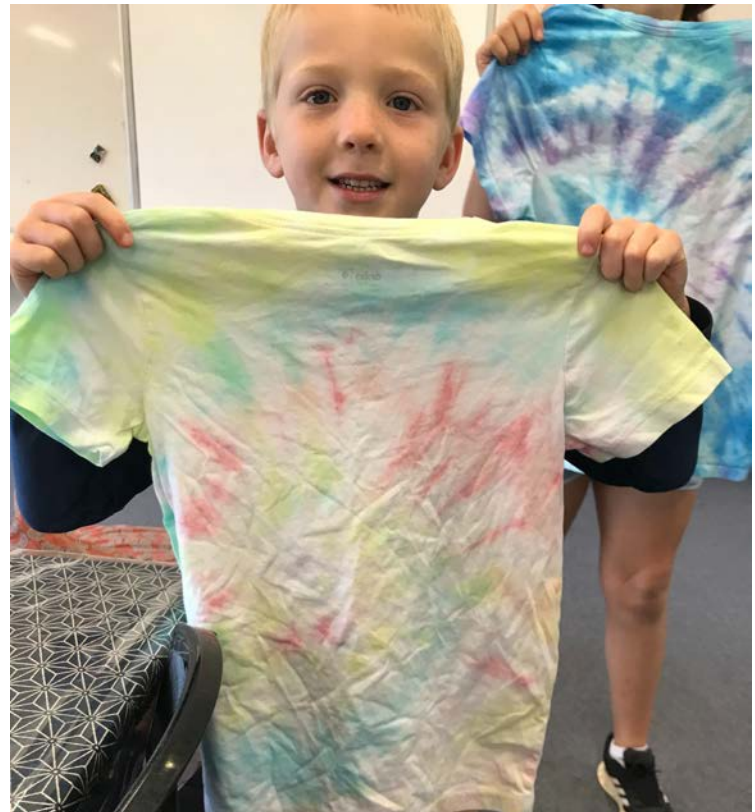
A complimentary sausage sizzle will be available on the evening from 5:30pm

Moonta Area School OSHC

We welcome children from all local schools.

OSHC Educators would like to welcome children to the 2023 school year. We are excited to provide children and their families with a flexible learning environment where they feel safe and can develop a sense of community. This term, we have new enrolments, including four pre-school age children. Older children have made them feel welcome as they transition into the OSHC setting.

Our Vacation Care program was successful, with children engaging in various activities. We began with a Silent Sounds Disco where children danced and found their rhythm as they sang loudly to their music. Children had two excursions to Splashtown, where they participated in water play in a social community environment with an opportunity to practice social rules and develop new friendships. We went by bus to Kadina for a game of Putt Putt at the Copper Coast Information Centre. Children moved through the holes in groups, supported by educators taking turns to putt their balls. The week before school returned, we had an Intervac excursion to Wallaroo Primary School OSHC, where children interacted with others and participated in messy play. For each vacation care period, educators plan an Intervac incursion /excursion with other services where children can catch up with old friends, develop new friendships and make connections in the community.



Educators and children also visited the YP Gem & Mineral Club in Moonta, where they listened to a talk about how gems and rocks are formed and where they can be found. Children passed around various samples before having a tour of the cutting and polishing rooms. They moved around the displays in pairs and small groups, looking for the names of gems and minerals to complete an A-Z worksheet. Educators and children were delighted at the club's generosity in providing every child with a specimen of colourful polished rocks to take home. Other activities included Karaoke, Painting and Potting Day, Tie Dye Thursday, Backyard Cricket and Science Day.

**We still have vacancies for Before and After School Care.
For enrolment's please contact Lisa Daddow 0439817475**

This term is off to a great start, with children completing 'All About Me' pages to share information about themselves with educators. Through this process, educators will program activities to include children's interests. One of our focuses will be on group games where children can become involved in a team and learn to collaborate and negotiate with others. They can take on different roles within a team to develop an awareness of others and become aware of fairness.



Children are becoming familiar with the After School Care routine, where they can predict transitions as they settle into care. We begin with mat time, where children take turns reading our Acknowledgement to Country and are reminded of OSHC rules before moving off to activity time. Educators then support children with homework while afternoon tea is prepared, and bus children are collected. After afternoon tea, educators encourage children to participate in a group activity before moving to play with various available resources. Children are expected to help pack up the room at 5.15 pm before quiet time and get ready to go home.



CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE HOMESTAY FAMILIES!!!



Once again MAS plans to host a group of **students from** Meiji Nakano Hachioji High School, **Japan in Early Term 3!!!**

Our visitors will stay for **2 weeks** from the **27th of July**.

We are looking for **families of year 7-11 students** to host! It is a terrific opportunity for families and students to learn, share cultures and build international friendships.

During the day the Japanese students will attend a school program to improve their English. The family's role is to provide the after-school **experience of Australian family life**. Those who have done this in the past have really enjoyed the experience.

There is a simple accreditation process which will happen next term. Please call us at school on 8825 2088 if you would like more information or fill out the reply slip and return to Mrs Swan via the front office.

Thank you,
Jane Swan & Tamra Stringer

JAPANESE HOMESTAY 2023 - 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 the end of July for 2 weeks as a part of this year's homestay.

Parent Name/s Student Name/s & Class Daytime Phone No.

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___



Term 1, 2023

Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

For more information and to register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Here are some simple ways you can **connect. reflect. protect.**



Connect safely

- **Keep your personal information private** on apps and games
- Only **share passwords with trusted adults**
- **Be kind and caring to others online** like you are in person

Reflect before you act

- **Think of others' feelings** before you post, like or share content
- **Ask someone if it's OK** before you take or share a photo or video of them
- **Be curious and ask questions** about what you read or watch online



Protect yourself and others by taking action

- **Be a supportive friend** if you see someone who needs help online
- **Ask a trusted adult for help** if something doesn't feel right.

Find more tips at
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School & Community News



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Welcome to the 2023 Netball Season.

Registration and sign up Thursday 9th February, 5pm – 6.30pm at the Moonta Netball Club on Milne Tce.

Senior Trials this year will be held on Thursday 9th, 16th and 23rd February, 6.30pm – 8pm.

Juniors Trials, **if needed for E and F grade** will be held on Thursday 16th February and 23rd February from 5pm – 6pm

All coaches will let players know when trainings will start, following trials.

A grade – Kara Rendell
B grade – Adele Keleher
C grade – Narelle Williams/Mel Appleton
D grade – TBA

E grade - Sally Hackett/Libby Adams
F grade - Narelle Koch/Tam Lodge
G grade – Kayla Marchetto
H grade – Sara Gray/Tammin Hughes

NetSetGo – Kayla Marchetto and Kara Rendell – Dates to be notified



Moonta Area School Choir

Choir

Year 4-7 students are invited to join our Moonta Area School Choir with Mrs. Sharp!

Stay tuned for details.
Come and Try session will be held in Week 4.

Messy Church

Kadina Uniting Church Hall

Friday 17th February 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Family Time

- Creative activities for Children
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated

For more information call
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0428 218 255