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Newsletter

Important Information

Week 7

13/3/23

Adelaide Cup

15/3/23

NAPLAN

16/3/23

Sports Day

17/3/23

School Closure

Week 8

20/3/23 -

24/3/23

NAPLAN

24/3/23

Casual Day



Issue: 2



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Principal's News



Beth Hector
Principal

As many of you would have seen in the media the Department for Education's student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy has been updated.

The department's policy updates include:

- Students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices, such as smart watches, off and away for the whole school day. This also applies on school camps or excursions.
- There will be no change to the existing arrangements for schools to approve exemptions for students with extenuating circumstances, such as managing a medical condition.

A full copy of the department's updated policy and further information can be found on the department's mobile phones and personal devices at school webpage. Please scan the QR code to access the webpage.

For our school this means there will be very little change. We will be transferring our policy onto the department's new template and this will be updated on our website. I would like to commend our students on their continued compliance with our expectations. Phones are turned off and stored in in their bags, within lockers that are secured with padlocks.

The excitement as we prepare for Sports Day is very evident with the pre events causing much House pride and high student participation. I look forward to this twilight event on Thursday March 16 and the strong community presence. Please note that the following day, Friday March 17th is a School Closure day, as granted by our Governing Council.



DfE mobile phone policy

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

At the recent Governing Council Mr Ricky Mackereth was elected as the chairperson for 2023.

In newsletters to come we will be featuring profiles of our councillors. Mr Mackereth's first official duty was at the Leaders Induction Ceremony last Wednesday. Our Student Leadership group, House captains and SAATA team were presented to the school community and there was a strong sense of pride and commitment to our school values. Among many other plans evolving, I will be hosting business lunches on a regular basis with small teams from the student leadership group to hear from them about the ways we can grow a Moonta Area School that is supportive, inclusive and inspiring.

I am pleased to announce that our school canteen will be up and operational five days per week commencing March 20th. More details with menu options etc will be distributed next week.



Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)

Moonta Area School has been selected to be part of a pilot to implement the school-wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based framework that supports equity and improved learning outcomes for students.

The school-wide PBL framework will be piloted in 40 public schools in total over a period of 3 years.

You may hear updates from us about how we are implementing the PBL framework at our school and the outcomes and benefits for your child/children.



STYMIE

To submit a Stymie notification, please scan the QR code.



Leaders Induction Ceremony

It was wonderful to welcome our families and special guests to the 2023 Leaders Induction Ceremony on Friday 3rd, March.

We want to congratulate the many student leaders who proudly represent our school. Congratulations to the school captains, vice-captains and student leadership committee representatives.

Thanks to our special guests, Mayor Roslyn Talbot and Education Director Joann Weckert. Along with the Chair of our Governing Council, Ricky Mackereth, Governing Council Secretary, Janelle Phillips and guest speaker Gabby Morby.



School Captain Introduction



Ayden Aurisch

I have attended Moonta Area School for all my schooling life and am currently in Year 11. I feel deeply honoured to have been selected to represent the students of this school, and I will aim to voice your concerns and needs and raise issues are important to you. I plan to further my leadership skills, which will best prepare me for Year 12 and the future.



Kloe Appleton

I am pleased to have been selected as School Captain for this year, working alongside Ayden, as we have completed Kindy and our schooling together. I am excited about the opportunities it will bring, and being a part of the new Student Leaders Committee. My goals for this year are to prepare for next year and the future. I aim to be a great role model to my peers and all students at Moonta Area School.



Bede Mackereth

Moonta Area School has been a big part of my family. I am the 5th generation to attend this school, and I am very proud to be a Junior School Captain. I look forward to representing the school at ANZAC day, going on my last primary school camp and graduating at the end of the year. I look forward to being a good leader for my peers and the wider school community.



Alex Trenwith

I am proud to say that I have attended Moonta Area School since Reception. I look forward to learning different types of Maths methods, being with my friends and graduating from primary school. I look forward to doing my best to represent the school in a positive and energetic way.

Student Leaders for 2023

Senior Captains: Kloe Appleton & Ayden Aurisch

Senior Vice Captains: Sherdian Scott & Gabby Fawkes

Junior Captains: Bede Mackereth & Alex Trenwith

Junior Vice Captains: Xander Jarvis & Charlotte Keldermans



The 2023 Student Leadership committee members are:

Isabelle Badenoch, Brayden Groth-Champion, Mia Chamberlain, Ella Hinder, Liana Johnstone, Savannah Kelderman, Jack Keleher, Khyden Trott, Azalia Hickman, Imogen Phillips, Amber Wright, Abby Braley, Monique McGinley and Ashleigh Mobbs

2023 dates for your calendar

Pupil Free Days:

Monday 1st May

Tuesday 13th June

Monday 11th September

Friday 1st December

Twilight Sports Day

Thursday 16th March

11am start

School Closure:

Friday 17th March



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HOUSE
CAPTAINS



Students participating in the SAASTA program for 2023 are:

Akiesha Young, Jamelia Webb, Denzel Smith, Caden Young and Latrelle Jolly

Students participating in the SAASTA connect program for 2023 are:

Curtis Jolly, Yvette Smith, Leilani Gummow, Jordyn Houston, Azalia Hickman, Alina Gummow and Bradley Tuckwell

Materials and Service Charge

M&S and Performance/events invoices have been posted to families and are now overdue. 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.

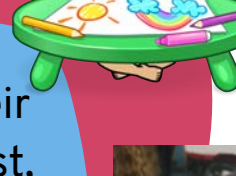
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Art Attack

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF ART ATTACK, WHERE I SHARE WITH YOU WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM

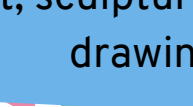
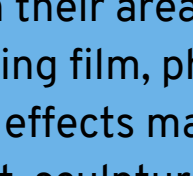
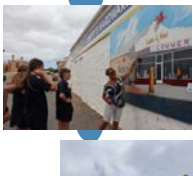
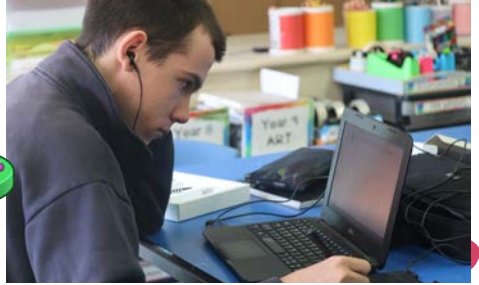
Year 7 & 8

Students are exploring clay this term intending to create a functioning clay whistle and 'piskie doors'. We are also using the pottery wheel.



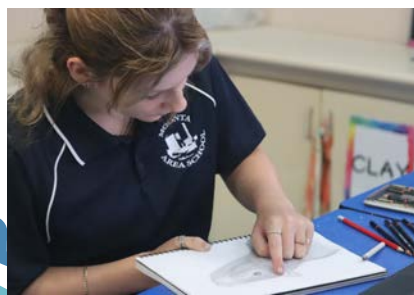
Year 9

Students are planning their murals to display around the school. Their planning has involved an excursion to critique local murals, painting ideas on canvas, and practising painting on the art room exterior.



Year 11 & 12

Students are developing their skills in their areas of interest, including film, photography, special effects makeup, music, digital art, sculpture, painting and drawing.



Clean Up Australia Day



Library News

Welcome to the Premier's Reading Challenge.

2023 is the 20th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge! To celebrate, students can read 20 books instead of the usual 12 to receive an additional 20th Anniversary Certificate. This is an optional, voluntary challenge. Students completing the 20-book challenge will have also completed the typical 12-book challenge and hence receive TWO awards.

Accepting the Premier's Reading Challenge is a chance for your child to enjoy reading 12 or 20 books in a year. The challenge concludes on the 8th of September. Once students have read their books, fill in a student record and return it to their teacher or a library team member. Then, in November, their awards will arrive at our school. PRC is an annual event, and students can earn all 14 awards by the time they have finished secondary school.

Ask your child's teacher or one of the library team members for more information. You can also scan the QR code to download the "20 Years, 20 books" student reading record.

Completing the Challenge is something to be proud of – it's quite an achievement!

Accelerated Reader Dashboard

Totals for our school to date.

100% of Year 3 students have completed their STAR Reading Placement tests for 2023



Books Read

151

Words Read

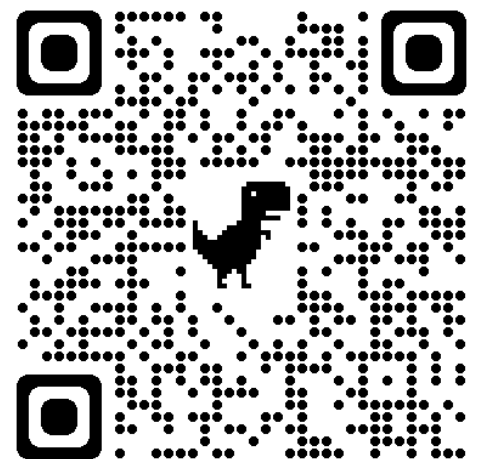
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(Based on Reading Practice quizzes passed)

**BREAKING
NEWS**



**PREMIER'S
READING
Challenge**



 **Accelerated
Reader®**

CELEBRATING

20 YEARS

OF PREMIER'S
READING CHALLENGE



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Reading for the Challenge finishes on 8 September 2023

For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email prc@sa.gov.au

www.prc.sa.edu.au



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Pre Sports Day Events

Congratulations to all the winners of our pre-Sports Day events.

Well done to Reef Mackereth, who broke the U13 800m record and Jack Keleher, who broke the U11 800m record.





MOONTA AREA SCHOOL

SPORTS DAY

THURSDAY 16TH MARCH

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11AM - REPORT TO CLASSROOM

3-12

11AM - REPORT TO OVAL TO SIGN IN

FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE

YP DONUTS & MORE

CHUNKY BOYS

TASTE THE YORKE

With no covid restrictions in place, there is no limit to parents, family & friend support!

Come along with your biggest cheer!

Moonta Area School OSHC

We welcome children from all local schools.

This term OSHC educator Tash is experimenting with themed days of the week for OSHC children. One of our focuses has been to engage children in STEM projects through programmed interactive engineering activities. Children watch videos of experiments and discuss the variables and controls with educators before following procedures to test for themselves. Through these activities, children can confidently explain concepts and have practised skills using mathematical thinking to measure ingredients and ratios.

‘Mad Mondays’ and ‘Make It Mondays’ include group games and child-led activities. Educators provide a range of materials for children to use to make games or props for their games. Children can practice their problem-solving skills to improve or change their designs.



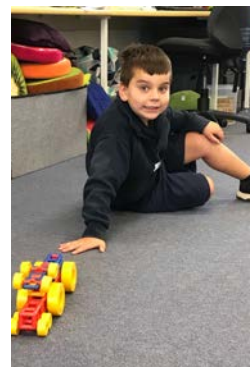
‘Talent Tuesday’ was popular with children engaging in role-play in small groups negotiating roles, and practising acts to perform to the whole group. Educators have observed children freely following their imagination to create spectacular performances with the audience being socially responsive. We have also planned activities around ‘Tell us Tuesday’ and ‘Technology Tuesday.’

On Wednesdays, we have tried ‘Walking Wednesday’ and ‘Weight Challenge Wednesday’, where we created awareness of force and gravity. ‘Why I love my Pet’ Wednesday is linked with National Pet Adoption Week from our ‘Significant Event 2023 Calendar.’



Other themed days include Technology Thursday, where children are given choices of educational websites to access, allowing them to explore a variety of STEM activities that we can then plan for.

Friday afternoons are very quiet at OSHC, and we have many spaces available, so if your child/ren would like to join us for a session of ‘Fairytale Friday,’ ‘Fun Friday,’ or ‘Friendly Friday,’ contact 0439817475.



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

School & Community News

@kidshelplineau

vaping

myths & facts

myth: vapes contain low or no nicotine

fact: nicotine in 1 vape can = 50 cigarettes

myth: vapes help you quit smoking

fact: vaping makes you 3x more likely to take up smoking cigarettes



myth: vapes aren't addictive

fact: nicotine is both a stimulant and depressant - which is very pleasurable for your brain, making vapes very addictive



myth: vaping aerosol is just flavoured water

fact: vapes contain harmful chemicals

myth: vaping isn't bad for health

fact: vaping has been linked to serious lung disease



CJ'S NETBALL CLUB

Are you interest in playing netball?
Would you like to have your weekends free?

CJ's are having a registration Day
Where: Netball courts on Milne Tce, Moonta
When: Tuesday the 14th of March
Time: 4pm
Training is held in Moonta with games played
on Tuesday nights at the Copper Coast
Leisure Centre Kadina.

PLEASE CONTACT NIKKI ON 0488 227 015 OR
EMAIL CJSNETBALLCLUB1@GMAIL.COM



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Story Dogs Needed!

Our school would love to have this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can't wait to read and the program works!

- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email Story Dogs so you can start helping children to become better readers.

info@storydogs.org.au
Phone: 0411 536 355
Web Site:
www.storydogs.org.au



Fun Reading Reading for Life



Do you have any
questions about the NDIS?
Are you looking for
support? Need help with
the paperwork?
Visit Moonta Community
Library and talk with a
NDIS Coordinator, here
every Monday 9am-12pm.