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Newsletter

Important Information

Term 3

Week 1

24/7/23

First day of
Term 3

Week 2

31/7/23

Student
Pathways info
evening

4/8/23

NYP basketball
Carnival

11/9/23

Pupil Free Day



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Principal's News



Beth Hector
Principal

As we embark on the mid-year break I would like to acknowledge recent events that have given us cause to be very proud of our students.

In multiple sporting ventures our students have represented our school showing determination as well as great sporting behaviour.

On Friday June 23, along with four other staff I attended the Industry Immersion Day at Ardrossan where our students learned about future employment opportunities with companies such as Rex Minerals. Students were able to try driving heavy vehicles, within a simulator, and to talk with representatives from TAFE, aligned mining companies and council staff, plus visit the Hillside mine site. Along with our students, I learned much.



It is NAIDOC week and units of work studied in classes plus visiting service providers were on display in our gym on Wednesday.

What a fantastic day it was with a highlight for me being our young people sharing their learning with their peers. The week began with some school based excursions, referred to as “incursions”. There were sessions on the care for our environment and native life as well as some fabulous boomerang throwing lessons. A huge thanks must go to AET Bella Congdon and ACEO Dee Whitehead who worked alongside staff and students to make all these experiences possible.

Twice per term I meet with a small team from our Student Leadership Group for what I refer to as a business lunch. I truly value this time where students share with me their concerns, but more importantly their ideas to grow Moonta Area School as a school of excellence.



Morning tea in the library on June 29th was a special occasion to thank our amazing volunteers. Though National Volunteer week was in May we know that Kernewek was in full swing then and many of those who volunteer at MAS were also busy in community at that time. The staff and students of MAS are extremely grateful for the generosity of our community and the time so many give freely to support us. The delicious morning tea was both prepared and donated to us by Café Moonta – thankyou!

You may have seen Country Times articles about recent funding provided or won through grants for Moonta Area School. Plans are afoot for upgrades to our toilet facilities, playgrounds and a redevelopment of an area leading from middle school. Watch out also for a new electronic sign to be erected on the Blanche and Verran Terrace corner.

As we plan for 2024 we welcomed the families of future reception students on a tour and information evening on Wednesday 28th June. It is always exciting to promote and share all we have to offer with prospective parents. On the same night our R-6 students enjoyed a fabulous “disco” themed social and I think our school captains may have future as DJs!

With the end of term we are farewelling Mrs Stephanie Sharp who is taking leave to spend time with her family that is due to increase by one very soon. Best wishes Steph, Jon and Jaymee – we look forward to meeting baby Sharp.

The beginning of Term 3 will see the implementation of the Department for Education’s Mobile phone and Personal Device policy. There is very little change to the policy we have had in place at MAS for the past two years. Please refer to our school’s website plus QR code for our policy document.



Please have a happy and safe holiday time. We return on July 24th, eager to host our Japanese exchange programme guests, continue our culture of powerful learning and join in times of celebration such as Book Week and Science Week.

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

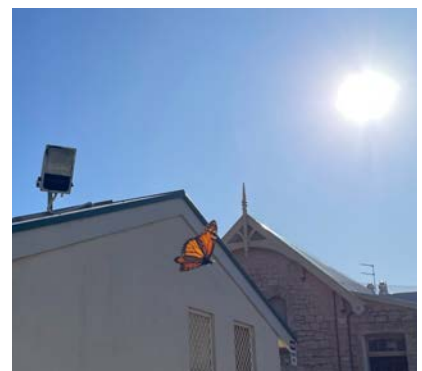
2024 School Starters

We are lucky to have a strong relationship with Moonta Kindergarten. Moonta Area School Starters for 2024 have started their Transition Program. In weeks 3,6 & 9 during Term 3, Moonta Area School Starters will visit the Reception Classroom after they visit the Library. Students will participate in hands-on experiences and learn new school routines ready for their first school day. In Term 4, the School Starters will participate in several transition sessions, which will occur throughout the school day.



Science in Reception

This term, we have been learning about Living and Non-Living Things. Students have learnt that living things need air, water, food and the sun to grow. Over the term, we have watched the life cycle of a butterfly. We watched the caterpillar form a chrysalis and turn into a beautiful butterfly. When the butterflies came out of the chrysalis, it was amazing to see them stretch their beautiful wings. We planted 'butterfly friendly' plants to encourage butterflies to come to our area.



Australian Bush Buddies

Junior Primary and Wildu classes had a Cultural Incursion on Monday 3rd of July. Louise, a wildlife demonstrator from Australian Bush Buddies, visited and brought along Spooky Dookey Dookey Do - the black-headed python, Tiger - the Western Australian lizard, Taylor - the tawny frogmouth, Lockdown (Locky) - the saltwater crocodile and squirrel gliderxs - Eric who is seventeen years old and Goldie who is one year old. It was a fantastic interactive learning experience for all involved.



NAIDOC Week Cultural Day

Such a special day celebrating NAIDOC week. This years theme "For Our Elders" ensures the community respect our elders for their experiences and knowledge and continue to learn from them. The students were fortunate enough to learn from elders and locals in the Nharangga community in the build up to the day. The Cultural day started with a smoking ceremony to cleanse the event and the land. The gym was filled with student learning, a variety of organisations, bush tucker food and cultural art activities. Finished with a BBQ lunch for all attending. We thank all involved and contributed to the day to make it a huge success.



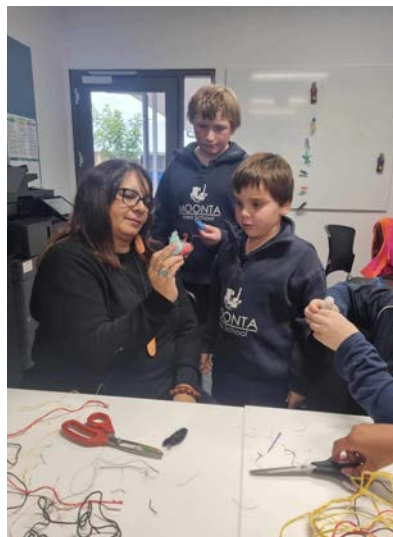
Nharangga Cultural Tours

As a part of NAIDOC Week learning and celebrations, the school was fortunate enough to have a local Nharangga man, Shane Warrior, to talk to us. Students engaged in the talk about Nharangga culture and history and involved themselves in the cultural activity of throwing a boomerang. Shane taught the students about the history of the land they live and learn on. We thank Shane for coming to share his culture and stories and appreciate him for teaching the students how to throw a boomerang.



Sonya Rankine Weaving Workshop

The primary classes were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to participate in a workshop from a local Nharangga, Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri woman, Sonya Rankine. The students learnt about the life lessons that the "Thukeri" dreamtime story told and created their own Thukeri (Bream) and a scale to put on a larger Thukeri. The Young Mob exhibition at the Adelaide Festival Centre starts on August 19th and will show the work the students completed.



Primary School Social

Our R-6 School Social was a hit! Our Senior School Captains Kloe and Ayden were our DJ's for the night and did a fabulous job with the tunes and games. Thank you again to Jaimi Pridham from Kadina & Moonta Flowers, who donated the balloons and disco themed backdrop for our event. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.



Big Freeze & Casual Day

Thank you to our special mystery guests for attending, and well done to those who braved the Big Freeze. What superstars you all are! Our Student Leadership Team organised a fantastic event, and we raised \$423 to help Fight MND! We would also like to thank Jaimi Pridham from Kadina & Moonta Flowers, who donated the balloons and backdrop for our event.



Sports News

YP Zone 7/8/9 Girls Football

Well done to Charlotte, Bree and Imogen, who were selected for the very first YP Zone 7/8/9 Girls Football Team. They performed exceptionally well, especially given the wet conditions. Congratulations on your win! They will now progress to the next round, played in early Term 3.



Year 7/8 State-Wide Basketball

Amazing results from the Year 7/8 Div 3 State-Wide Basketball Finals held in Adelaide. Reef, Jack, Ethan, and Liam were a part of the silver medal-winning team, and Imogen's team finished in 3rd place, an incredible effort against some big city schools.



YP Zone 7/8 Boys Football

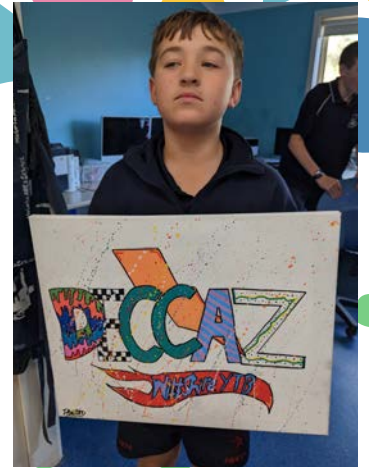
Congratulations to Reef, Ethan, Liam, Bohdie and Toby, who were selected for the YP Zone 7/8 Boys Football Team. They played in Kadina on Thursday, 22nd June and performed exceptionally well, despite the crazy weather!

Community Sport Achievement

Jack Christian plays U14 Div 1 basketball for the Forestville Eagles in Adelaide. Over the June long weekend, he went to Melbourne to participate with his team in the National Junior Classic, where they played against teams from South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. They played really well against some strong competition and finished 6th overall. They have been invited to participate in the U14 Australian Club Championship in Melbourne this coming September. Only the top 24 teams (in their age group) are invited to this Championship.



Art Attack



The Middle School students have started a new semester, and a fresh batch has begun exploring with clay and paint. Daniel Stone has completed his product, a gore themed beartrap inspired by the Saw movies. He used cardboard to create the headpiece. Aboriginal Art and relics have been placed in the Moonta Community Library for a NAIDOC Week exhibition - works from the private collection of Stephen Stock and daughter, Mrs Sims. Be sure to check it out.



School & Community News

There is still time to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. It closes on Sept 8th. Next term, the library will celebrate Book Week and Science Week with lots of fun, inspirational and innovative activities.

Library opening times in the holidays.

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There are a range of great activities on at our Copper Coast Libraries for the School Holidays! Moonta, Wallaroo and Kadina all have activities on, so be sure to check out what is on close to you.



MOONTA

10am-12 noon

Tuesday 11th July: Play Baby Play
(soft play for families with children birth to preschool)

10am-2pm

Wednesday 12th July: Games for all ages
Thursday 13th July: Scratch Art

10am-12noon

Tuesday 18th July: Play Baby Play
(soft play for families with children birth to preschool)

10am-2pm

Thursday 20th July: Pop Stick Puzzles

