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Newsletter

Important Information

Week 3

15/5/23

NYP Netball
Carnival

17/5/23

Dressing the
Graves

17/5/23

9-A-Side Football

18/5/23

Encounter Youth
info session

19/5/23

Kernewek
Lowender



Principal's News



Samantha Schultz
Acting Principal

It's been a great start to the term. We began with a Pupil Free Day where staff engaged in Numeracy professional development, advanced our Positive Behaviour for Learning implementation and undertook a variety of online courses relevant to their positions, after which we farewelled Beth as she commenced her LSL.

During the holidays, our Student Leadership again represented Moonta Area School at the Dawn Service for ANZAC Day. Along with captains presenting a wreath, we provided the flag bearers for the ceremony and the parade. They and others who attended with their parents are to be congratulated for the way they represented us with pride and conducted themselves in a respectful manner at such an important community event.

It has been exciting for me personally to commence my five weeks as Principal, and I am deeply honoured to be filling in for Beth during her leave. I am fortunate to be working with a great team, and thanks must go to some of our part time teachers who have increased their time to allow for staff who have stepped up into leadership.

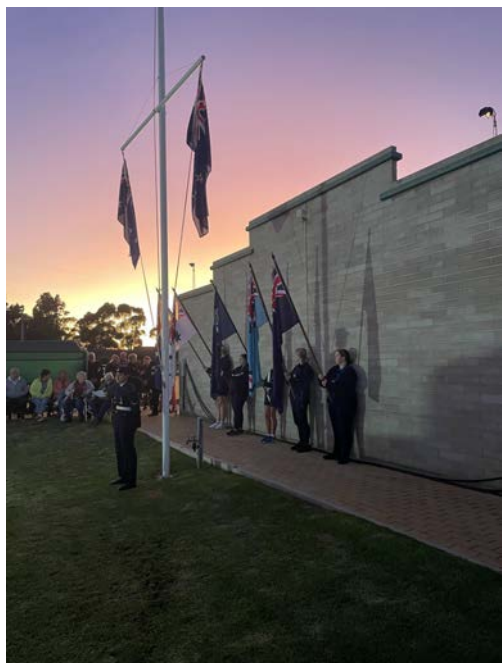
Among the buzz at the school are the preparations for Kerneweck Lowender. A big thank you must go to all involved in the preparations, which can often be taken for granted. The Community Links committee has been extremely busy ensuring that organisation and processes go smoothly. Many students have been excitedly preparing for the Maypole. It was heartwarming to see the team spirit of the staff who jumped in to give their time after hours to help Nicole Cross when a freezer packed up, destroying much of the produce for the Kernewek Stall. Just another example of the dedication and commitment to excellence by our school community.

This week has seen school interviews occurring which are an integral part of the learning progress of our students. In the Secondary School, our new format of round table conversations has received positive reviews from parents.

Also, this week we have been excited to have the canteen extend their trade to recess. This is great for students to have this service resume, and it is nice to see students gathered around the canteen again. We hope that this growth will continue.

ANZAC Day

Moonta Area School Student Leaders attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service to honour and remember those who served and continue to serve our country. Our captains proudly laid a wreath, and student leaders held the flags throughout the service and led the ANZAC March.



7/8 Basketball

Moonta Area School students participated in the SSSA Year 7/8 basketball carnival against schools across the Yorke Peninsula. We are thrilled to congratulate the boys who took out the boys' pennant in a comprehensive win over one of the Maitland Lutheran School teams.



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

Welcome to our new staff

Breanna Davison



**Well being
support worker**

What were you doing before you started at MAS?

I graduated with my Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) from the University of South Australia in 2021. When I finished my study, I started working as a therapy assistant and mentor with Just Therapy, working with children and adults and engaging with clients who had high complex needs and faced societal barriers. I then started my own business as an aged care and disability support worker through Mable. I worked one-on-one with clients with a range of disabilities and mental health disorders, with ages ranging from 7-65. I also became a volunteer with Anglicare SA, involved in the STAR Bear program as a mentor to children experiencing loss and grief. In this role, I am paired with a child on a camp and undertake different therapeutic sessions to help them through the loss of a loved one.

This year I look forward to providing the support necessary to help the school's wellbeing program succeed to its greatest potential.

Favourite quote:

"just because no one else can heal or do your inner work for you doesn't mean you can, should, or need to do it alone."

Georgia Spry



**Front Office
Trainee**

What were you doing before you started at MAS?

I went to Kadina Memorial School for ten years since 2010. I also completed a full year of schooling at Harvest Christian College in 2021. I used to work in the retail industry at Cheap as Chips in Kadina which taught me many different communication skills like answering phones and helping people/customers who need assistance. I also worked at the Weerona Hotel in Wallaroo in the hospitality industry, which taught me different skills also.

I look forward to meeting and making friendships with all the staff members and making positive relationships with students who walk into the office.

Favourite quote:

"the result will never betray your effort."

Kernewek Lowender Preparations in Full Swing!

Students have been practising their pasty making in preparation for the Cornish Pasty Bake-Off at the Kernewek Lowender. On the day, students will work with dignitaries and invited guests in a competitive bake-off making Cornish pasties.



Maypole practice has been ongoing for a number of weeks in preparation for the Kernewek Lowender. We appreciate the work of Rachel Fuss in her role of coach with our students and the hours of volunteering she has contributed to this.



PPEP Talk

On Wednesday, 22nd of March, Sarah Cossar, a clinical educator from the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia held a PPEP Talk at Moonta Area School for our female students in Years 9 to 12 and our male students in years 10-12. PPEP stands for Periods, Pain, and Endometriosis Program and is an initiative of the Pelvic Pain Foundation, funded jointly by the SA Department of Education, SA Health and the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The program educates students about endometriosis and pelvic pain to raise awareness and promote early diagnosis and support for those who are affected. This year we included a boys' group for the first time to help male students understand what girls go through and better support them as friends, brothers, co-workers, and potentially as a father in the future.

Sarah was a dedicated presenter, and the girls' and boys' groups were focused and respectful in the sessions. Sarah gave the following feedback,

“Your students were so amazing, engaged and an absolute pleasure to engage with.”

If you would like any more information about the PPEP Talk please visit, www.pelvicpain.org.au

Also, if you would like to discuss any issues your child may be experiencing at school, please contact me on 8825 2088.

Kind regards
Helen Moloney
Student Wellbeing Leader

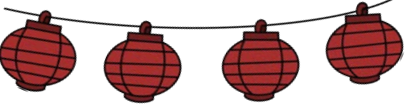


Art Attack



The Middle School and Senior Art Students have been super busy finishing their pieces for the Kernewek Lowender Junior Art exhibition. Come and check out what they have completed this May at the Moonta Gallery of the Arts (located at the Moonta Town Hall).

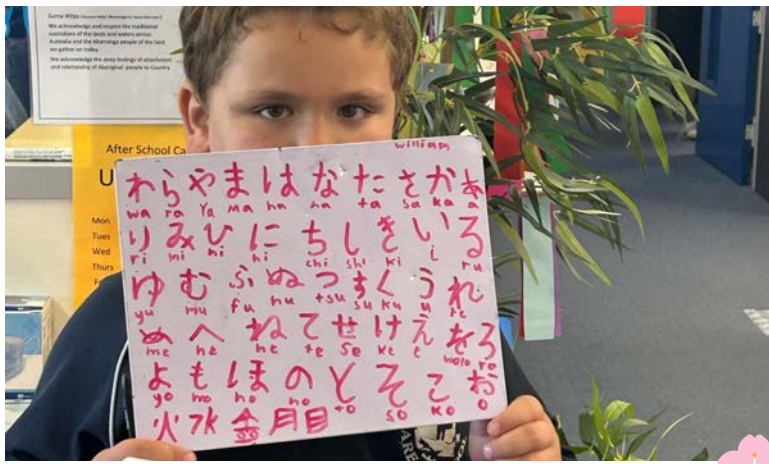




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Nihongo News! 日本語ニュース!

Students have enjoyed another busy term of language learning in Japanese! We all started the year rediscovering New Year's traditions such as mochi making and "Usagidoshi" (Year of the Rabbit). Then each group explored a different theme throughout the term: our new Receptions discovered "What is Japanese" and we looked at greetings, numbers and introducing ourselves; Yr 1/2s revised their greetings and learnt a variety of classroom-related instruction phrases; Yr 3/4s busily learnt all 46 hiragana and our Yr 5/6s had great fun exploring shopping in Japan! All our classes had a ball trying out some Japanese sports day games, and we finished the term with some learning about the Cherry Blossom Festival! ~Mrs Swan



Performing Arts



Mrs Swan's middle school performing arts classes are exploring the elements of music and what makes an enjoyable piece! We have learnt about song structures frequently used within the popular music genre and are beginning to play some basic patterns individually on various band instruments. This term, we are working towards being able to play together with others in small groups and to develop our vocals.





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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey

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 8 May to Friday 2 June 2023).

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

Samantha Schultz
Acting Principal



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Moonta Area School OSHC

We welcome children from all local schools.

Vacation Care

Wow! What an amazing Vacation Care period we have had at OSHC. We welcomed our new Director Joanne Watkinson, and some new and returning families to our service. A range of planned and spontaneous experiences were available on our Vacation Care program, and children were keen to engage, indicating the program's success.

During Week 1, the children had the opportunity to join their peers from St Mary MacKillop OSHC in the morning for a visit to Moonta Mines for a ride on the train and a quick stop at the lolly shop. StMM then joined us at Moonta Area School for lunch and a play.



Throughout Week 2, we engaged in some learning around ANZAC Day by making ANZAC biscuits and walking along the memorial trail. The children were curious and had plenty of questions regarding each war represented along the path. We also explored the Op shops in our local community, and children brought along an item to donate and some coins to purchase something for themselves. The children were excited by all the bargains they found. Our last excursion of the holidays was a visit to Redwing Farm, where the children had the opportunity to pat and feed the animals.

We celebrated the end of the holidays with an OSHC party, playing party games such as musical chairs and pass the parcel and finishing with a sausage sizzle.



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

School & Community News

Will you answer the call? Join the Moonta or Wallaroo Volunteer Ambulance Teams today. Come along for morning tea at the Moonta Community Library with local SA ambulance volunteers to find out more about our local service!

A short presentation, demonstration on how to use a defibrillator, and information on being part of our local service and career paths are all apart of this morning in the library.

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: ___/___/___



June 30th at 10:30am

Moonta Community Library

Read & Rhyme Time

Tuesday 10am

(during term time only)

Opening Hours

Monday 9-12

Tuesday - Friday 9-5.30

Closed Public Holidays

Term 2 - Upcoming Events

24/5 - National Simultaneous Storytime

25/4 - Year 12 Excursion

31/5 - Open Boys and Girls Basketball

1/6 - R-12 Assembly

13/6 - Pupil Free Day

16/6 - Casual Day Big Freeze

28/6 - R-6 Social

