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Newsletter

Important Information

Week 7

8/9/23

R-12 Assembly

Week 8

11/9/23

Pupil Free Day

14/9/23

PSMF Choir
Concert

Week 10

29/9/23

Last day of
Term 3 2:05
dismissal



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Principal's News



**Wendy Williams
Acting Principal**

Dear Families

One of the perks of being asked to write the principal's message for the newsletter is that I was able to read the draft copy, and what a pleasure it was to reflect on just some of the wonderful learning and community events that take place here at Moonta Area School. As you read I hope you enjoy reflecting on the many smiling faces of our fantastic students, at school and out representing MAS in the community. I know you will join me in acknowledging the hard work of our teachers, support staff, families and community members as well.

A few weeks ago, I attended the South Australian Area School Leaders Annual Conference. Listening to discussions led by Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, and Martin Westwell, CEO Department for Education, assured me that country education and area schools like Moonta are highly valued. You may have heard about the Country Education Strategy, which is designed to support continual improvements in the educational opportunities available to country students. We heard about successes of the program so far and along with secondary students from across regional South Australia, were invited to offer local feedback to inform the strategy's progress in 2024 and beyond. I also attended the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Alliance last week, and there I learned about how our local public schools are working together to provide the very best curriculum offerings for our secondary students across Yorke Peninsula.

We have received wonderful feedback from visiting teachers this term – each and every one has let us know how they have felt welcomed and have enjoyed teaching our students.

All staff at Moonta Area School are committed to continual development. Staff have recently completed or are currently involved in professional learning around Applied Learning Literacy Projects, Early Literacy Coaching, Early Career Teacher Mentoring, Positive Behaviour for Learning, Primary Spelling as well as site-based Professional Learning Communities where we as a whole school continue to develop our learning about Reciprocal Teaching.

In closing, thank you to the entire school community for your support this term. I am very lucky to be on long service leave from next week. Mrs Samantha Schultz will be Principal until the end of term, and Mrs Adele Keleher continues with us in the Executive Leadership Team.

Story Dogs

Students from Year 3/4 Mrs Crosby's and 5/6 Miss Clarke's classes have been having a fabulous time reading to Mrs McCauley and April (Story Dog) on a Friday afternoon.

Students from Year 3/4 Miss Timms' and Year 5/6 Mrs Kirkwood/ Congdon's classes have enjoyed reading to Sally and Archie (Story Dog) on Tuesday.

April and Archie are totally loving their visits to Moonta Area School, all the extra attention, pats, stories being read, and the yummy dog treats for being such good listeners.

The Moonta Lions Club proudly sponsors April, and Archie is proudly sponsored by the Moonta & District Progress Association.



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

Vietnam Veterans Day

Friday, 18th August, marked 50 years since Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War ended.

Our school captains and vice-captains, along with Mr Hewitson and Ms Stringer, proudly represented our school and laid a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Service held at the Moonta War Memorial.



Casual Day

On Friday, 11 September, to show our support for the Flaming Dragons and the Variety Bash NT!

Thanks to students and their families' generosity, we raised \$284.75 to contribute towards a wonderful cause. A big shoutout to Student Leadership for organising the event, the Flaming Dragons for bringing their car and speaking with students, and lastly to all the students and staff who took part and rocked their colourful outfits and hero costumes.



Music in the Air! Copper Coast Show Performance

On Sunday, August 20th, MAS choristers combined with Kadina Memorial's students for a performance of four of their songs on the Kadina Show stage. Talicia Crocker and Gabrielle Skinner performed the solos in "Proud Mary" in front of a nice little crowd. It was a great little outing, and students enjoyed KMS music teacher Mr Graefe's energetic conducting!

Our choristers were followed by performances by Ada Bowd and Gabrielle Skinner and members of our school band: Azalia Hickman, Lataya Stephens & Gabrielle.



Magic Million's PSMF Choir Rehearsal

On August 18th, eight of our Year 5/6 choristers were driven by Mrs Swan to Adelaide to attend the Public School's Music Festival rehearsal at Magic Millions in Morphettville. It was their first taste of singing with the 300 or so other students, who will perform at the Festival Theatre together on September 14th. Our choristers did an absolutely stellar job throughout the day - very proud! ~ Mrs Swan & Ms Kay



Book Week Science Week Public and Proud

On Wednesday, 23rd August, MAS was thrilled to share three celebrations in one day with families, friends, and community members.

The Public and Proud, Science Week, and Book Week events showcased MAS students' incredible talents and achievements.

The weather was superb, and the surroundings were ideal for our shared reading morning and Book Week Parade. There were so many colourful and imaginative costumes on show and a special congratulations must go to our best-dressed winners: Liana, Xander, Vada and Skylar

After recess, families, staff and students explored creative, vibrant and innovative displays in the STEM, Library, Arts and Humanities areas.

'What Inspires You?' competition winners were announced in the afternoon, and the posters are still proudly exhibited in the library.

MAS staff and students would like to thank you for making our PUBLIC and PROUD, SCIENCE WEEK and BOOK WEEK events extra special!







Moonta Health & Aged Care Visit

Mrs Crosby's class visited Parkview Aged Care to run a NAIDOC session with the residents. The students sang the Winda the Owl song, shared the meaning behind the story and then discussed the four Nharangga Totems and their location on the Yorke Peninsula. The students then showed the residents cultural activities, including friendship bracelet making and dot painting the Nharangga totems. The residents and students enjoyed the experience and made new friends, and the residents were very pleased with their unique presents. Thank you for having us! Moonta Health & Aged Care Visit.



Nharangga Artwork

Year 7 student Azalia Hickman has been exploring her Nharangga culture by creating artwork that celebrates the four Nharangga Totems.

See below for her artwork of the Garrdi (emu), Wawi (female red kangaroo), Widhadha (shark), and Wildu (eagle) which are the Nharangga totems



MASA Quiz Night

On Wednesday, the 9th of August, students from Moonta Area School and Kadina Memorial School participated in the MASA Student Quiz night. Students answered questions on General Knowledge and Mathematics.

The Year 7 team consisting of Lataya Stephens, Casey Thomas and Jayden Mobbs won the Mathematics component, and the Year 8 team consisting of Tobey Braley, Bradley Tuckwell, Teejay Russ and Jack Christian won the General Knowledge. Well done to all involved.



OUR SAAY Public Speaking Competition

OUR SAAY Public Speaking Competition empowers Aboriginal youth to address vital issues in Aboriginal affairs. Aaliyah Weetra participated in the first round of the public speaking competition on March 23rd at the Kadina Education Office, speaking about her cultural background and family. She advanced to the finals during NAIDOC Week. Despite not attending due to illness, Aaliyah submitted a 5 minute recorded speech on the theme 'For Our Elders' to April Lawrie, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People. Aaliyah secured second place in South Australia's junior primary category, earning a \$250 ultimate gift card.



STEM Aboriginal Learners Congress

Kye, David and Castelle had the opportunity to be a part of the STEM Aboriginal Learners Congress. Over the two days, the students engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, including a walk through the Botanic Gardens (learning the science and engineering behind the Aboriginal tools), rocket making and bridge building, as well as listening to a variety of different presentations by successful Aboriginal people in the STEM field.

The congress was inspiring, engaging and packed full of learning. Thank you to the YASTSA team for organising - we look forward to continuing to give our students these opportunities.



Nihongo News! Japanese Homestay

On Thursday, August 10th, we bid farewell to a fantastic group of Meiji Hachioji's high school students. Our visitors had a truly wonderful time experiencing our Australian country, school, and family life and were very sad to leave. They all commented on how kind and welcoming everyone had been; it has been an experience they will cherish forever. A huge **ありがとうございました** to everyone who has been involved in getting our homestay program back up and running - to our amazing homestay families for welcoming students to your homes, to our shining buddy students who did a terrific job showing them around, to our accommodating MAS staff and my right-hand woman, Tamra Stringer. Thank you all. It was a big, very worthwhile undertaking ~ Mrs Swan.





Japanese Festival 日本のぶんか祭り

On Friday, the 4th of August, our Japanese homestay visitors and their MAS buddies helped put on a special “matsuri” (festival) event for our R-6 classes to celebrate Japanese culture! We had a perfect morning for students to socialize with our visitors and try various modern and traditional festival activities and games! A great time was had by all! たのしかったよ! ~Mrs Swan





From the Wellbeing Hub

Late last term, we were fortunate to have Rachel Downie, Stymie's founder and director, visiting Moonta Area School on Tuesday, the 20th of June. She was awarded the Queensland State Recipient Australian of the Year in 2020 and has been a contestant on Survivor Australia 2021. Rachel spoke to staff and the students in Years 5-12 about how and why Stymie is so impactful.

What is Stymie?

Stymie (an old-fashioned word for stop) is an online, confidential messaging service for students needing help or concerned about someone else. It provides a proactive opportunity for students to reach out for help when experiencing or witnessing harmful behaviours such as bullying and violence. It is accessible 24/7, anonymous, and easy to use, and messages are delivered in a few seconds to approved notification recipients who are leadership team members.

Stymie was launched at Moonta Area School in 2021. We asked Rachel to return to MAS in 2023 as we recognise the importance of giving students a safe and confidential way to reach out and seek assistance when they feel unsafe or see other students experiencing harmful behaviours.



We receive weekly Stymie focus posts from the Stymie Team. The focus posts act as subliminal messages to keep the Stymie message of 'say something' in our minds. These are shared with students and staff at the beginning of each week.



The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence occurred on Friday, 18th August. The MAS Leadership team wore Stymie t-shirts to remind our students to 'say something' if they are concerned about the safety of themselves or others.



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



If you would like to know more about Stymie, please contact the school on 8825 2088 or search the following website about.stymie.com.au



Senior School News!

Congratulations to Year 12 students Emma Nicholls and Julian Williams on successfully completing their required SACE components and securing employment! Your dedication and hard work has truly paid off. Wishing you all the best for this next chapter of your lives.



Sports News

NYP Basketball Carnival



Our girls played so well all day, winning all their pool games, only going down in the grand final. Our boys also played very well, going undefeated all day and winning a nail-biting grand final.

NYP Basketball Regional Finals



On Friday, our Year 5/6 basketballers played in the Regional Finals in Kadina. Another terrific display of teamwork and sportsmanship, putting their skills to the test against the top teams from other regions. Huge congratulations to our boys' team, who have now qualified for the State Country Championships in Adelaide next term. A wonderful achievement!

Girls 7-9 Football



Well done to Bree, Imogen and Charlotte, who played in the next round of the 7-9 Football with the Yorke Peninsula team. They played two games at Riverbank College, Angle Vale and won both games. This places them in the top six, so they will play again in a couple of weeks. Congratulations

SAPSASA Soccer



Congratulations to Bede Mackereth on being selected for the NYP SAPSASA Soccer team.

MAS Out of School Hours Care

We welcome children from all local schools.

OSHC is having a Pizza & Pyjama Party on the Moonta Area School pupil-free day on Monday, 11th September. We still have spaces available!

Please contact our team on 0439 817 475 or email dl.1488.oshc@schools.sa.edu.au for further information.



What's on in the Library?

The library is a wonderful place to read, relax, study or work. We have dedicated children's and adult's areas - there's something for everyone!

Current Programs:

Read and Rhyme Time - Tuesdays 10am

Crafter's Session - Wednesdays 10am-12pm

Bookchat - Fridays 10am

Justice of the Peace - Tuesdays 3pm-3.30pm.



School and Community News!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Dear parents and caregivers,
You are invited to a special exhibition of your child's learning.

Over the last 2 terms students from across 5 schools - Central Yorke School, Harvest Christian College, Mary MacKillop School, Moonta Area School and Wallaroo Primary School, have been involved in a project with EdTech company, Makers Empire, to learn about the history of the Moonta area community and the magic and mystery of life on the mines.

Using Makers Empire learning programs and 3D design software, and inspired by historical collections and stories, the students were presented with the challenge to design something that could help a family living and working on the mines.

Don't miss their creative and innovative prototypes on display:

Place: Moonta Mines Museum

Dates: 1-27 September, 2023

Times: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 1-4pm
Wed, Sat, Sun: 10-4pm

See [website](https://moontaheritage.com.au/moonta-mines-museum/) for further details about opening hours and entry fees.

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State Library of South Australia, B 19609
Young boys sorting ore on tables at Moonta Mines, approx. 1913



Reminder

Pupil Free Day

Monday 11 September



2023 School Magazine

To secure your copy, please fill out the tear off section and forward to the Front Office with \$26.00 (inc GST) per copy. FULL Colour pages. There will be limited spares. If you don't order and pay, you may miss out on this terrific offer.

Orders are due back to school by Wednesday 22nd November, Week 6.



2023 School Magazine Order Form - \$26.00 (INC GST)



Name: _____ Class: _____

If you are a **community member**, please write down your contact number: _____
We will ring you when the magazine is ready for collection.

I would like to order _____ copy/copies of the 2023 School Magazine.

Pay by CASH/ EFTPOS

I would like to setup a payment plan to cover the magazine cost, please meet with the Business Manager

Signed: _____