



# Newsletter

Important Information

Week 3
31/10/23
SAPOL Cyber
Bullying
Prevention
Workshop

3/11/23 Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Week 4
6/11/23
School Starters
Transition

7/11/23 -10/11/23 Library Book Fair



# **Principal's News**

I am so very pleased to return from my time at Central Yorke School and wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to both Wendy Williams and Samantha Schultz for taking on the role of principal in my absence. Also, we are all very appreciative of the support and guidance provided by Adele Keleher over those weeks.



Beth Hector Principal

The end of Term 3 proved as always to be a time when we could come together through both sports and off field achievements at MAS and once again showcased the myriad of things that happen across the school. There are some great reports included in this newsletter.

The Middle School Market Day was a successful way to finish off Term 3, and was once again a showcase of the 7s, 8s and 9s displaying their entrepreneurial skills with a variety of food and craft items and sports events for younger students in the school to enjoy.

I would like to thank Vaughan and Emma Hatcher who have presented our school with beautiful stitch a cross commemorating the centenary Moonta School in 1978. This exquisite piece was handcrafted by their mother Noreen Hatcher, who has recently passed away. We are very appreciative of this lovely piece of our history coming into our possession and it will be displayed for all who visit our school to enjoy.



REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday December 1st 2023

Have you seen our new court fencing? The black mesh looks great and enhances the look of our school. Keep your eyes peeled in the next couple of weeks for something big coming to the George Street corner. There are plans in place for further improvements to our facilities over the Christmas break and as always we welcome community access to our school. Our stadium, ovals and of course Community Library are often in use out of school hours and we welcome visitors. Have you done the ANZAC walk around our perimeter? I know we often see tourists enjoying it.

This term has begun with increased enrolments from other areas of the state and a very positive vibe as we prepare for end of year and look into the future. In the weeks ahead we will celebrate 2023 as a school community, continue to support our Year 12s as they prepare to move onto the next phase of their lives and plan for a strong and happy 2024.

### **Formal**

Late in Term 3, Year 11 and 12's attended the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Alliance (YPSA) Formal hosted by Yorketown Area School. We loved seeing students rom across the YP unite to celebrate their successes. We are looking forward to the upcoming graduation dinner to celebrate with staff, students and families.



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

# **School Mental Health Practitioner**



We would like to welcome Kirsty to the role of Student Support Services – School Mental Health Practitioner. Kirsty comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in working with young people and their families around the many challenges that face them in current times. Kirsty will be with us 3 days a week, is a qualified Social Worker and has a passion for supporting young people and their families to achieve their best and reach their full potential, however that may look.

Kirsty will be available on site to provide brief, time-limited intervention for students with emerging or mild-moderate mental health concerns.

This service adds extra mental health support to our school, in addition to the range of existing mental health and wellbeing programs.

To access support from the School Mental Health Program, please contact the school and request to speak with our Student Wellbeing Leader Helen Moloney who can put a referral through. This service is available to secondary students only.

We hope the new service will have a positive impact on our students' mental health.

You can also find more information on the Department for education website <a href="https://www.education.sa.gov.au/SMHS">www.education.sa.gov.au/SMHS</a>

# Casual Day - Anything but a School Bag

On Tuesday 24th of October, Student Leaders held their final Casual Day for the year. The theme was Anything but a School Bag, students showed their creative side and used various items as a school bag, including, a dolls pram, tackle box, Lego box, beach bag, small esky and so much more. To increase the fundraising efforts Student Leaders sold Freddo Frogs and Soft Drink Spiders at lunch time. The total money raised was \$637.95 and all proceeds will go directly to purchasing new basketball nets and extra basketballs for lunch time play.





























# **Work Experience**

I had the incredible chance to take part in work experience with SAPOL (South Australian Police) in week one of the Term 3 school holidays. I learnt many things and participated in a variety of interesting activities during this time. My interest in joining the police force has been absolutely confirmed by my participation with SAPOL Police Academy. Whilst at this placement, I was introduced to mounted operations with police horses, water operations with boats, general patrol, and my favourite, - observing two court cases. I would have stayed longer if I could have! I fully recommend this work experience opportunity for anyone considering a career in SAPOL or using it to determine what area of SAPOL you could work in. The options are opportunities and numerous. I had a great time overall. - Shae Van Duin (Year 12)







TUESDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

OPEN 2PM - 5PM

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE LIBRARY!

### Reynella Music Tour Performance

After recess on Thursday week 9, R-6 & middle school band students enjoyed a music performance by Reynella East College's touring band and choir students. Our school was one of several stops on their 2023 YP tour. Their talented middle/high school musicians shared an exciting program of music, offering our students an opportunity to hear a range of instruments and styles.







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Friday 27 October 2023









Our teachers play a crucial role in educating, inspiring, and supporting our students day in and day out, working with our families and celebrating successes together.

### **Mission to Mars**

During Term 3, Ms Crosby's Year 3/4 Class embarked on an exciting journey exploring the mysteries of Mars, a unit of work that seamlessly integrated multiple curriculum areas and ignited the students' motivation.



Students read articles and interpreted information to learn about the environment of Mars. This includes the challenging environment, characterised by very little atmosphere, weak gravity, cold temperatures, lack of water and oxygen.

Their exploration extended to researching various facets of Mars and understanding why the scientific community is so keen on Mars exploration and colonisation over closer neighbours like Venus.

In Science, they delved into the reasons why we have day and night, simulating this phenomenon in a dark cube with torches, while also making comparisons between the length of a day, night and a year on Earth compared to that on Mars.

The class used Makers Empire program and the solution fluency design process, to enter the Commissioner's 'Space to Dream' competition. Whereby they did detailed research, viewed videos, and listened to astronauts to design a toy or gadget that someone their age could use whilst travelling for seven months in a spaceship and when on Mars. Students then used the program to print 3D models of their design.

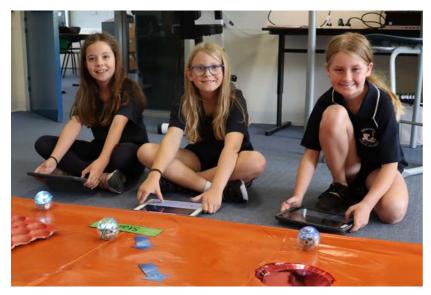


The 6Ds of Solution Fluency



During design and technology the students researched their ideas for a Mars landscape as a class, made a landscape and as a class made a model which represented the features on Mars.

Digital technology introduced the students to Spreo robots, where they honed their programming skills by navigating these robots across a simulated Mars landscape to reach a specific destination.





Students particularly enjoyed learning about the five rovers that have been sent to Mars with missions and about NASA's Ingenuity Mars Helicopter.

By weaving together these diverse elements of the curriculum, the students not only gained a profound understanding of Mars but also learned how to apply their newfound knowledge in innovative ways.









# **Story Dogs**



Moonta Area School is excited to be running Story Dogs again in Term 4.

Sally and Archie will run the program on Tuesday and Thursday with Miss Timms Yr3/4 class and Miss Congdon/Mrs Kirkwood and Mrs Williams Yr5/6 class.

Sadly April has had an operation (cruciate ligament surgery -TPLO) and will not be able to participate in Story Dogs this term. Fortunately, Mrs Mccauley was very lucky to have her second Labrador Marley trained and Marley and Mrs McCauley will run the program this term. Marley is almost 9yrs old, loves being with people 24/7, loves food and going to the beach. Marley and April look very much alike and both love coming to MAS to be part of the Story Dogs program.

Mrs McCauley and Marley will run the program on Friday afternoons with Miss Crosby's Yr3/4 class and Miss Clarke's Yr5/6 class.

Where time permits Mrs McCauley and Marley will try and squeeze in a yard visit at lunch time along with a Junior Primary and Wildu class visit and read a story with Marley to the whole class, so everyone has an opportunity to be part of Story Dogs.

Mrs McCauley and Sally are grateful to our sponsors the Moonta Lions Club and the Moonta & District Progress Association.









### **Breakfast Club Term 4**



Our Breakfast Club was success during Term 3 and we loved having students call in for a hot piece of toast and a chat. Breakfast club is open to all R-12 students and is a welcoming place where students can pop in for a piece of toast to help set them up for a good start to the day and to be successful learners. Breakfast club is a great opportunity for our students to sit at a table, have a some nutritious food and enjoy a friendly conversation together.

Breakfast Club will again run during Term 4 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 8:30-8:45am.

We are extremely grateful to Kickstart For Kids for their support and donations to help facilitate our breakfast club.

KickStart for Kids was founded in 2011 by Ian Steel, a builder by trade and father of three, on the belief that every child, regardless of their social or economic background, should have an equal chance to succeed. Hunger has a major impact on kids' learning ability, self-esteem and overall health. With food in their bellies, kids become happier, friendlier, better able to concentrate and had a much greater ability to learn. Ian knew this was the start of something meaningful, so he founded KickStart for Kids. Today, KickStart for Kids supports over 360 South Australian Schools, provides around 60,000 breakfasts and 10,000 lunches per week, and is supported by over 1000 volunteers.



# **Sports News**

#### SAPSASA Golf

Congratulations to Levi who participated in the School Sport SA 12 & Under Golf Country and State Championships last Thursday and Friday.

Levi placed 3rd in the Country Championship and 19th in the State Championships.

It was some incredibly difficult conditions to be playing in - cold, rain and up to 70km hour wind gusts both days. Even in such trying conditions he improved 4 shots on his score from last year which was in very favourable conditions. Top effort Levi!!



#### **SAPSASA Athletics**

Congratulations to Bede and Jack who participated in the SAPSASA Athletics Championships in Adelaide. Well done to Jack who won a silver medal in the 100m sprint and a gold medal in the relay.



#### Year 9/10 YP Zone Basketball

Congratulations to Bree, Makayla and Charlotte who were selected in the Year 9/10 YP Zone Basketball Team. They won both of their games in Kadina. Charlotte and Bree went on to play in the Year 9/10 Div 3 State Basketball Championships. They displayed great skill and sporting behaviour, and finished the day in 3rd place overall.



#### 5/6 Boys Basketball

A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Team who came home with a silver medal from the State Country Div 2 Championships.

They played so well, only going down in the Grand Final by 2 points. They all showed incredible sporting behaviour and determination all day, and played so well as a team.

Huge thanks to our supercoach, Tamika Mackereth, who once again gave up her time to coach the boys. Thank you as well to Reef for coming along to help out.



### **Community Sport Achievements**

#### Benji Jarvis Football

Congratulations to Benji Jarvis who was awarded Junior Club Person of the Year at the Moonta Football Club. He coached the under 9's side this year, played for junior colts, filled in for senior colts, ran water or did boundary umpiring of senior colts, A or B grade. He also volunteered at a few club events. Some weeks he was involved in most if not every game of the day.





#### Jack Christain Basketball

Congratulations to Jack Christian who plays for the Forestville Eagles Basketball Club. His team won silver at the Australian Under 14 Club Championships in Melbourne in September.

### **Festival of Music**

In week 7, 6 of our Year 5/6 students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music, accompanied by Mrs Swan & Nathan.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, and custodian of an iconic South Australian tradition, engages our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

During the concerts there were a number of Guest Artists from public primary and secondary schools, choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra. It was a spectacular event that our students and staff enjoyed being a part of. Our students did a wonderful job representing our school.



### Hats are compulsory in Term 1 & 4

A reminder all students are required to wear a navy bucket-style hat when outside as part of the school's Sunsmart Policy. Hats are available for purchase from the Front Office for \$8.50.



# MAS Out of School Hours Care

#### We welcome children from all local schools.

What a great Vacation Care period we have just had! We had several opportunities to explore our local community with excursions to the cinema, Moonta Sports Park, Queens Square and some local op shops. Our friends and peers at St Mary Mackillop visited us at Moonta and engaged with our incursion from Mobile Junk and Nature Playground where the children had opportunity to get creative and collaborate with loose parts play.

We are looking forward to an exciting and engaging Before and After School program this term, following and extending on children's interests and abilities.

Like our Facebook page to keep updated!













### **School and Community News!**



Uni Hub Spencer Gulf is inviting parents/guardians/carers to come along to a free information night to ask questions about the transition from secondary school to university.

The night will be a perfect opportunity to discuss the sometimes overwhelming options and information that comes with study after school. What subjects are needed? Is an ATAR important? What pathways are available? What's the difference between online vs on campus study?

This session will be useful for any parents/guardians/carers with children considering studying after school.

Where: Copper Coast University Centre, 1A Doswell Terrace, Kadina
When: Thursday, 9 November 2023, 4pm to 6pm
More info: Copper Coast Centre Manager Sue Barry, 8828 1220

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