



# MOANA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Farewell Mrs McGarry

On Tuesday we said farewell to Mrs McGarry. She is taking up a role in Regional Office for the next few weeks. She will then retire at the end of this term.

There was singing, dancing and a presentation of a card from every class at a student assembly. We also managed a flash mob dance on the oval in the afternoon, much to her surprise. Thanks to Mrs Moore who taught all of our students a great song and a dance in a week!



## SRC Executives

We had 36 students apply for positions on our 2018 SRC Executive. They had to provide a written application addressing their skills and what they could bring to the school community. They were then interviewed by members of our Leadership Team. We would like to thank all of the students who applied and commend them on their community spirit.

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining a position on the SRC Executive:

- President: Logan Jakabovic
- Vice President: Shante Yon
- Secretary: MacKenzie Kerr
- Treasurer: Kaitlyn Jones
- Liaison Officer: Liam Edwards



## Acquaintance Night

There was an excellent turnout of families on Acquaintance Night. Families visited classrooms and met their children's teachers. It is an excellent opportunity for teachers to have an informal chat with parents and learn more about the students and their families. It also assists us to tailor the program more to students' needs and to seek the best possible outcomes.

The Acquaintance Night was a further opportunity for parents and families to become more familiar with the students' classroom routines and programs.

Thanks to everyone who attended.



## DATES

**Wednesday Feb 21**

Aquatics Year 6 and 7  
Swimming Year 5

**Thursday Feb 22**

Aquatics Year 6 and 7  
Swimming Year 5

**Monday Feb 26**

District SAPSASA  
Swimming Trials

**Wednesday Feb 28**

Assembly 9am  
Room 5 hosting  
School fees are due

**Friday March 2**

Clean up Australia Day

**Monday March 5**

Seaford Secondary  
College Open Night 5:30-7:30

**Pupil Free Day**

**Friday March 9**  
Staff T and D

**Friday March 16**

Sand Sculpture Moana  
Beach in the morning

**Notices Distributed  
this Week**

Aquatics Year 6/7  
Swimming Year 5  
Totally Wild Aquatic  
Consent


**Pupil Free Day  
Staff T and D**

**Friday March 9**

**Public Holiday**  
Monday  
March 12

*Respect, Friendliness, Caring, Responsibility, Tolerance and Cooperation*

**Room 16**



*\*They eat fruit, insects, frogs and reptiles.*

*\*Their beak is 19cm long!*

*In Room 16 we have begun our science unit around living things. We have started off by learning about the Toco Toucan.*

*\*Sometimes they eat the eggs of other birds.*

## AGM and Governing Council

After Acquaintance Night a number of parents and staff met in the library for the AGM and Governing Council elections.

As representatives of the parent community, the Governing Council holds a very important role in working with the school to set future priorities and directions.

There were several positions available and we were really excited to have parents nominate for Governing Council. We look forward to working with the Governing Council in 2018.

**Governing Council Chair Person:** Katie Patterson

**Vice Chair Person:** Katherine Loney

**Treasurer:** Jo Moreau

**Secretary:** Simon Truman

Committee members : Darren Macklin, Kari Chandler, Nick Buswell

Staff members : Jenny Jupe, Jason Hall and Jac Hocking

Many thanks to our retiring members Hayley Bird, Luke Remfry and Penny Smith for their contribution to Governing Council. *Kelly Patch, Principal*

Seaford Secondary College

# Open Night



5:30pm-7:30pm

Monday, 5th March 2018

## School fees are due by February 28

See Deb in the Finance Office if you need to make arrangements for instalments.

**School Card online** You can now apply for School Card online. The Application form A is on the [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) website at

<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>



## Neighbours matter

We have lovely neighbours here at Moana Primary School. Please remember that they need to get into their driveways and they have every right to park in their own street. There is no need for anyone to be rude to other members of the public in regard to parking around the school. Patience and kindness please.

Drive slowly around the school, especially before and after school. If children are in the zone then 25km per hour.

We have 509 students on site and that means lots of families walking and lots of traffic on the roads around our school. We want all of our school community to arrive and get home safely and rely on you to help us with that.

We ask families not to walk through the staff car park as this can be very dangerous when cars are on the move.



### LATE

This has been recorded in the Front Office



Arriving between 8:45am and 9:15am

Library first, get a late slip then classroom

Arriving after 9:15am  
Office first, get a late slip then classroom

### Early Departure

This has been recorded in the Front Office



Leaving before 3:05pm

Office first, sign out your child, get a departure slip, then classroom

## Pets in School

We understand that being a pet owner is exciting for children. It is also a time for children to build their skills and knowledge of being a responsible pet owner.

Sometimes your children may ask you to bring their pets into school to share with their classmates. This can be accommodated, however, we request that you ask your child's teacher first and negotiate a suitable time for this to happen.

We have children here at school with allergies and prior notice will allow us time to minimise any risks for them.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*



## Assemblies

Assemblies are held in the school hall on alternate Wednesdays at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend. Thanks Room 8 for hosting our first Assembly yesterday. It was lots of fun.

Assemblies are hosted by one class with several other classes contributing items.

Assemblies are an excellent forum for students to show-case learning and have real life practice at presenting to a large audience, as well as an opportunity for families to be involved in the school.

### The hosting classes for this term are:

Week 5	February 28	Room 5	(1/2 school)
Week 7	March 14	Room 13	(1/2 school)
Week 9	March 28	Room 16	(1/2 school)
Week 11	April 11	Room 9	(whole School)

## Adult Toilets

If you need to use a toilet when you come to pick your children up at the end of the school day then there is a toilet block between the library and the Year 6/7 unit. You can use these toilets.

## Cardijn References

We are happy to help families with the required reference for Cardijn College applications.

If requested we will provide one for each student (it can either be from the Principal or the class teacher).

Students need to provide the Front Office with a list of activities that they have participated in so that we can organise a letter of reference.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*

## PE and Sport at Moana Primary

**District SAPSASA:** In term 1, all students born in 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 have the opportunity to participate in Onkaparinga South District swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals.

Their performances at these events can then earn selection on the district teams to compete against other SAPSASA districts later in the year. Information regarding selections and practices for these events will be relayed to students throughout the term.

Selections for other SAPSASA district teams will be available throughout the year for students in year 6/7 only. Sports such as softball, soccer, cricket, netball, tennis and football are involved in week long state carnivals where Onkaparinga South teams are entered. Selections for these teams normally take place after school at a range of different local venues. Students will be provided the information and nomination forms when available.

We actively encourage all eligible students to participate in SAPSASA events however it is dependent on their behaviour at school and we can remove permission for them to participate.

**SAPSASA knockout competitions:** Schools can enter teams of year 6/7 students in a variety of sports to participate against others in state-wide knockout competitions.

Due to student interest, for the first time in many years we have entered a boys' year 6/7 cricket team. The first rounds of this competition will be played in term 1, with the concluding rounds completed during term 4. Based on student interest, for the term 2 competitions, we have entered a boys' year 6/7 soccer team and a girls' year 6/7 netball team. All matches, training sessions etc. for these teams will take place during school hours.



**PE lessons:** PE lessons at school are not "sport lessons". Although some lessons may focus on a particular sport, assessment throughout the R-7 grades focusses on fair and safe play that enables all to participate, constructive group work and planning skills and the demonstration of ball and movement skills in a variety of different contexts.

Being a strong and successful player at local club level or higher does not guarantee students will achieve high grades in Health and Physical Education. It is important that students can distinguish between the more competitive organised sport environments and their PE lessons and alter their behaviour and attitudes accordingly. This also then means that those students who are not involved in community sports teams and may not be seen as a "sporty kid" can still achieve success in this learning area.

*Luke Remfry, PE teacher*



**If your child is not coming to school**

**Text 0428 937 348 or use the School Star App.**

**Students name, room number and reason (i.e sickness, family)**

## School Banking on Friday

Our volunteer parent, Kerrie, has jumped right in to school banking! You can register with the Commonwealth bank at Seaford.

**Please note that banking day is on FRIDAY.**



## Dress Code

Short shorts are not acceptable. The school dress code, as ratified by the Governing Council, states that shorts must be *'no shorter than mid thigh length. No frayed edges'*.

Students will be asked to put on some of the spare clothes we have in the office if they come in items that do not meet the dress code.

Seniors Uniform is now available from the Uniform Shop. \$30 for polos, \$55 for Jumpers. Available for all of our Year 6 and 7 students.

The new school dress is proving very popular. It is available for \$23.

*Deb Robins, Finance Officer*



## Reception - Room 1

In Room 1 the children have been settling into their morning routine really well, with the focus on getting ready independently.

We have also been learning to read and say the sounds s, a, t, i, p, e, n and r. Using the Jolly Phonics Program we read a story about each sound, learn the hand action that goes with it and make a different craft activity.

We have also been talking about our brains and our ability to learn new things if we keep trying. This is called having a Growth Mindset.

*Alice McHenry, Room 1 teacher*



## Lunch and Recess Time

At Moana we have excellent facilities and structures to support successful play during breaks.

Junior and Primary students have separate sandpits and playgrounds which are very popular. Mastering the monkey bars, taking turns on the slide and sharing sandpit toys are important skills.

All classes have class equipment that students can take out to play. The swings and oval play equipment are rostered for class use.

Each day construction toys, water play, dress ups or play props are organised under the verandah of the library. There is a teacher there to organise and supervise this area at every play break. Students of all ages enjoy having things to play with and an adult to chat to.

The library is open every recess time and a teacher is on duty. Chess, Uno, board games, drawing and a quiet, cool spot make this a great place.

At each play break there are 5 teachers on duty with vests, walkie talkies and first aid bags. Their role is to encourage safe play and support students.

They wear fluoro vests so students can see them easily.

Students requiring more than a band-aid for first aid are sent to the Front Office by teachers on yard duty.

*Kym Steele, Student Wellbeing Leader*

