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SRC Executives

We had 23 students apply for positions on our 2017 SRC Executive. They had to provide a written application addressing their skills and what they could bring to the school community and 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 : Nik Farrugia
Vice President : Maya Reid
Liaison Officer : Clayton Cook
Treasurer : Angus Augustin
Secretary : Paige Castle



Acquaintance Night

There was an excellent turnout of families on Acquaintance night. Families visited classrooms and met their children's teachers. We find this night 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.

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

I am very excited to be working with our 2017 Governing Council members

Governing Council Chair Person: Penny Smith

Vice Chair Person: Katie Patterson

Treasurer: Kari Chandler

Secretary: Katherine Loney

Committee members : Simon Truman, Laura Ryan, Darren Macklin

Staff member : Jenny Jupe, Hayley Bird, Jason Hall, Luke Remfry.

Many thanks to our retiring members Tim Seidel, Kelly Culbertson, Rita Roberts, Vicki Gohl and Jesse Bennett for their contribution to Governing Council. *Cindy McGarry,*

Pupil Free Day - Staff T and D Friday March 10

Public Holiday Monday March 13

DATES

Wednesday Feb 22

Aquatics Year 6 and 7

Swimming Year 5

Thursday Feb 23

Aquatics Year 6 and 7

Swimming Year 5

Tuesday Feb 28

District SAPSASA

Swimming trials

Wednesday March 1

Assembly 9am

Room 15 hosting

School fees are due

Friday March 10

Pupil Free Day

All schools in the local area will be at Staff T and D

Friday March 24

Sand Sculpture Moana

Beach in the morning

Notices Distributed this Week

Expression of interest for Senior tops

Expression of interest Zoo Snooze rooms 4, 5 and 6

School fees are due on February 28.

See Deb in the Finance Officer if you need to make arrangements for instalments or get a school card application.



Respect, Friendliness, Caring, Responsibility, Tolerance and Cooperation

Moana Districts Soccer Club

Registrations will soon be open to all primary school boys and girls who want to play soccer, regardless of experience.



Our soccer club hires the grounds at Moana Primary School. We are not a school team but an affiliated team of the Noarlunga District Junior Soccer Association.

Before you register come to the information session about the Moana Districts Soccer Club Inc. at Moana Primary School, Schooner Rd, Seaford. The information session will be held on Tues 28 February at 4pm in the Focus Room (next to office). There will be a second information session on Wednesday March 1 at Seaford Rise Primary School at 4pm in the library.

We invite students from any school to play. Games are played on Saturday mornings. Training days will vary depending on individual coaches and most trainings will be held at Moana Primary School. This will be our home ground for games.

We are also looking for coaches, so if you are over 16yrs and happy to volunteer a few hours a week come along to find out more! We look forward to seeing lots of families there!

If you are keen to play or coach, but are unable to attend the information night, please text or call Rob McEwan after 3:30pm on 0448 873 367.

MoDSoc
Committee Members



MGM School Star App

Have you signed up yet? Thanks to the 249 of our parents who already have.



- Receive school news immediately, via news feed.
- Receive important messages from the school through School Star, instead of by SMS.
- Reply or send your own message to the school for free, day or night.
- Find the phone number to call the school, quickly and easily.

iPhone users:

- * Open the App Store on your iPhone by tapping its icon.
- * Search the App Store for "MGM School Star".
- * Tap the button that says "+GET", then "INSTALL".
- * If asked, enter your Apple ID password.
- * The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.
- * Once the download has finished, tap "OPEN" to launch School Star.

Android users:

- * Open the Play Store on your Android Phone by tapping its icon.
- * Search the Play Store for "MGM School Star", and tap the search result in the list.
- * Tap the button marked "INSTALL".
- * The "INSTALL" button will turn into an indicator that shows the progress of the download.
- * Once the download has finished, tap "OPEN" to launch School Star.



After you register a new account, School Star will automatically detect your school and configure your news feed.

School Uniform Sale

We have a number of microfibre track pants on sale for \$20 instead of the usual price of \$25.

See Deb in the Finance Officer between 8:30am and 3:10pm.

We also have a large number of 2nd hand jumpers in various sizes to give away. Come and see Di or Natasha at the Front Office who can help you.

Slowly, slowly

Please drive slowly around the school, especially before and after school.



We have 497 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 after
8:45am

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

Returning library books.

Thanks to the families who have found a school library book during the holidays and returned it to us.

There are still a few of our books outstanding. In particular, I note there should be 7 copies of Hatchet in the library, but in our stocktake at the end of last year only 2 were on the shelves. This is worrying because I purposely bought extra copies because of its popularity, and already I have turned away students looking for a copy to borrow.

Students are able to borrow two books at any one time. The borrowing period is two weeks. Students are able to return the books through their classroom monitors each day. If they have finished reading only one of the books they borrowed, it is returned through the monitors. The student then can borrow another book.

Our library budget is funded from part of the school fees you pay. A soft cover novel costs around \$12.50. Hard cover books from \$24 - \$30. You will understand how quickly a few mislaid books takes a chunk out of our budget.

Whilst we aim for our kids to develop independence, they still need a *reminder* to return their library books. Can I please ask you to help us in this way?

Oh, by the way....you can return any book that you find - no questions asked - at any time. We are always pleased to get our strays back.

Coni Tan, Librarian



Assemblies

Assemblies are held in the school hall on alternate Wednesdays at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

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	March 1	Room 15 (1/2 school)
Week 7	March 15	Room 13 (1/2 school)
Week 9	March 29	Room 14 (1/2 school)
Week 11	April 12	Room 7 (whole School)



Adult Toilets

If you need to use a toilet when you come to pick your children out 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.

PE and Sport at Moana Primary

SAPSASA: In term 1, students born in 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 have the opportunity to participate in Onkaparinga South District swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals.

Their performances at these events can then earn them 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.

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

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. These competitions are also dependent on student's behaviour at school.

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

Next term the Aussie Rules, Soccer and Netball competitions begin. These are the events that our school has competed in historically. Teams will be entered based on student interest.

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, constructive group work and planning 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 at school if they do not demonstrate the qualities mentioned above.

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)

Monster Truck

It is always pretty exciting when the Monster Truck comes to school to visit.

Jaida and Ella, Reception students in Room 1 did some great drawing and colouring after the visit.



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 or SSO there to organise and supervise this area at every play break and 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. At the moment 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. *Cindy McGarry, Principal*

