



# MOANA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Sports Day

We had the perfect day for Sports Day last Thursday. It was great to see so many family members attend and support our students' participation. All the students looked amazing with their colours displayed from head to toe! Thank you to parents for sending students in sun safe t-shirts, hats and with lots of zinc and sunscreen. The grounds were in top condition due to the hard work put in during the weeks leading up to the big day by our groundsman, Julian.

Well done to the Year 6/7 Health Hustle team for teaching the students a variety of warm up exercises to start the day. The captains worked hard preparing their teams with chants which were sung with passion and pride.

The relays after lunch are always a highlight as the whole school community gathers on the oval to watch the big races. The Red Sharks won the R-7 relay and the 5-7 relay.

Congratulations to the Red Sharks who were our overall winners of the School Sports Day Trophy followed by Blue Octopus. The Green Dolphins and the Yellow Stingrays came equal third.

Thanks to Sybil Johnson who presented the trophies to the winning team's captains of the Red Sharks. Sybil volunteered at Moana Primary School for many years before retiring and it is always lovely to see her here.

Thank you to all the helpers on the day. Vanessa in the canteen and her team did an amazing job. Thanks to the McLaren Vale Lions Club for cooking over 1000 sausages.

*Luke Remfry  
and  
Helen Pillen*



## DATES

**Tuesday November 20**  
Kindy Transition 1:15 to 3:00  
Footsteps Years 6 and 7

**Wednesday November 21**  
Kindy Transition 1:15 to 3:00  
Assembly Room 1 hosting,  
Rooms 11 & 18 showcasing

**Thursday November 22**  
Kindy Transition 1:15 to 3:00  
Parent Info evening Seaford  
Secondary College 6pm

**Monday November 26**  
Seaford Secondary College  
Transition full day

## Sports Day Feedback

We would love your input.  
Please return this slip or email  
dl.1071.admin@schools.sa.edu.au  
if you have any feedback you  
would like to give us.  
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# Sports Day 2018

**Thanks for a great Sports Day 2018. Well done to all our students.  
Thank you to all of the adults who came and supported students and staff on the day.**



## Parent Opinion Surveys

Each year schools survey their community to gain feedback in relation to levels of satisfaction and the quality of service being provided by the school. At Moana Primary School we are currently in the process of seeking this feedback.

A copy of the survey was sent home with the youngest family member yesterday. All families should have received an opinion survey to complete. Information gained through these surveys will be used to identify further areas for school improvement.

To ensure that we gain a comprehensive representation of families, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents take the time to complete the survey. You can return it to a class teacher or the Front Office. The collection period for surveys finishes on Friday 23 November.



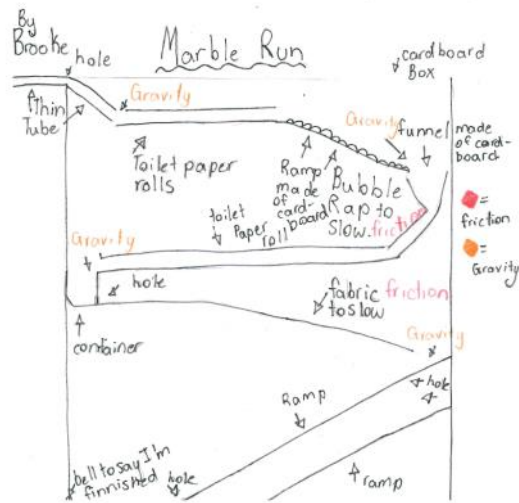
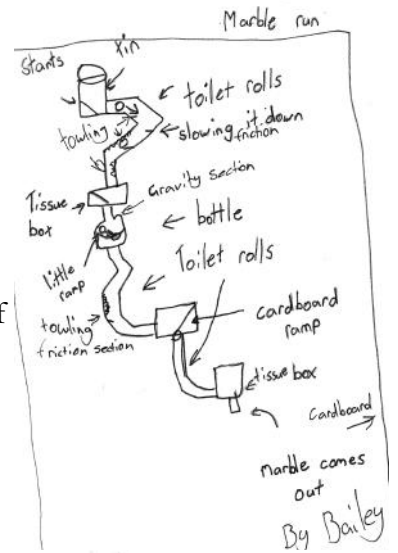
*Kelly Patch, Principal*

## Marble Runs in Room 9, Year 4/5

The students in Room 9 have been learning about the 5 forces. Pulling, pushing, magnetic, gravity and friction.

They are making marble run models from a range of free materials.

The task involves creating a track that keeps a marble rolling longer than any other teams does.



## Composting Monitors

Ryder and Coby are the compost monitors for Room 12 (Year 2 and 3). They do a fantastic job by taking their bucket and the staff room bucket around to the compost bins. Thanks to this great initiative we are significantly reducing the amount of waste that we are sending to landfill.

Items in the compost bin include food scraps, egg shells, torn up lunch bags, tissues, paper towel, pencil sharpening's and cup cake wrappers.



## Junk Food before school

We have very recently noticed a small number of senior students walking into school grounds in the morning with a variety of items from local fast food outlets, Hungry Jacks and McDonalds. The items have included hot drinks, icy slushies, hot chips and burgers. There are a number of reasons we are requesting that this does not continue including;

- Hot drinks in the school yard are a safety risk to others
- We are aware that some parents are not aware that their child is visiting these outlets before coming to school
- We have worked very hard this year to reduce the waste we are sending to landfill and having the cups/ wrappings from these items in our bins is not working towards our environmental goals

Thank you for your support in discouraging your child from bringing these items into school.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*

## Tree Safety at School

I have overheard a number of conversations recently with families expressing concern regarding the recent removal of some trees from our school grounds.

This is the result of an annual tree audit which is designed to identify unsafe trees and which every school is required to complete.

Whilst I know this is disappointing it is preferable to a tree limb falling on a student or community member.

We have a program for tree replacement for any that have been removed as part of our ongoing grounds upkeep.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*



## Pick up and Drop Off Zone (Kiss and Drop Facility), Schooner Road

Pick up and Drop Off Zones provide parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school by car. These areas are convenient for drivers and improve children's safety.

They are not for parking, drivers must remain in their vehicle and wait for no longer than two minutes to drop off or pick up.

Over the summer break the stretch of Schooner Road between the entrance and exit to the staff car park will be clearly marked to identify this area as a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone.

Please see the attached Fact Sheet produced by Onkaparinga Council with more information on this development.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*

## Running Late for Pickup?

Please teach your children to go to the office if they can't find you at the end of the day. That way we can give them telephone messages left for them in the afternoon.

With 500 students moving around the school it is very hard to find students near the end of the school day to relay pickup instructions.

By teaching them to go to the office if they can't find you then we can ensure they are safe.

## School Fees 2019

In the past we have offered a \$10 discount for families who pay their school fees within the 30 day account period.

We do not charge monies above the Standard Fee and therefore a decision has been ratified through the Governing Council that this \$10 discount will not apply from 2019 onwards.

School fees next year will be \$241.00 per student.

*Kelly Patch, Principal*

## Sammy D True Colours Program

On Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October The Minister for Education, John Gardner (MP), acknowledged and opened the Sammy D True Colours Showcase at the Department of Education building in Flinders Street.

The Minister recognised the importance of Bullying Awareness and Prevention programs within schools as shaping and educating young people's views around the issue.

As Moana was a pilot school for the program our students work was on display within the building for a week for people to view. The session was opened by Jasmine and Jordi, from Room 17, singing their own song to raise awareness of bullying and being strong.

Thank you to all the students for your research and solutions to problems that relate to you and our school. The display looked fantastic. Thanks to Lauren Buswell (former Rm 17 teacher) for her work with this programme. Also, a big thank you to the teachers in years 4/5/6/7 for facilitating this into their programming.

*Kym Steele,  
Student Wellbeing  
Leader*

