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Thursday November 29 2018

Japanese Day

Yesterday we celebrated all things Japanese across the school.

- GKR Karate studio put on a karate demonstration.
- Jarrad Hoare, performance artist, held an interactive performance / workshop that included
 - Rakugo (Traditional Japanese comic storytelling), - Kyogen (Traditional Japanese comic theatre) Kamishibai (Traditional Japanese artwork storytelling) interactive games and advocacy for studying languages - especially Japanese (stories of his own adventures and career opportunities!)
- Sumo suits
- Playing with Kendama (traditional Japanese toy)
- Sushi lunch for those who wished to participate.
- Year 6/7 students from Room 18 taught a Japanese lesson to the Junior Primary students.
- Origami bookmark making, Japanese traditional dancing and chopstick games

It was a massive day and an exciting way to show how Japanese lessons are an important part of the curriculum here at Moana Primary.

Thanks to our Japanese teachers Meryl Perks and Hanh Parton for their enthusiasm and passion to bring Japanese language and culture to our school.



DATES

Monday December 3

Footsteps - Years 6 and 7

Tuesday December 4

Governing Council Dinner
Cardijn College Transition

Wednesday December 5

Whole School Assembly 9am -
Room 3 and 12 hosting,
Rooms 13 and 5 showcasing

Thursday December 6

Footsteps - Years 6 and 7
Tatachilla College Transition

Monday December 10

Footsteps - Years 6 and 7

Wednesday December 12

Footsteps - Years 6 and 7
Student Reports and Class
Placement letters
Graduation Dinner 5.30pm
and Ceremony 7pm

Thursday December 13

Yr 6/7 Adelaide Aquatic
Centre
Rec - Yr 5 Beach Games and
Special Lunch

Friday December 14

Last day of Term
Whole School Assembly 9am
SRC hosting - 2.05pm
dismissal

Notices Distributed this Week

Graduation information
notes - Ceremony, Dinner -
\$20

End of year activities Year
6/7 Aquatic
Centre - \$18



Respect, Friendliness, Caring, Responsibility, Tolerance and Cooperation

End of the Year

We notice some students have increased anxiety at this time of the year as they worry about next year; a new teacher, new room and different experiences as well as holidays, Christmas and family life.

Overall, children are amazingly resilient but each child has varying abilities to cope with change. Having small successes gives them skills to build for the next challenges in life.

Support from parents as their children learn to cope with change is critical for success. As adults, we know that change is inevitable. Sometimes, as parents, we think we can protect our children from the worry of change by trying to keep everything the same. Realistically this is impossible and really not beneficial to children.

If your child is feeling overly anxious about school matters please make a time to talk with their class teacher. If they are still worried then the teacher can organise a time with a member of our leadership team. If over time this anxiety does not reduce we can put families in touch with professionals who specialise in this area.

At the beginning of next year teachers will support all students to settle into a new environment, make more or different friends and set them up for a successful year of learning.

Kelly Patch, Principal

Reading and Library books

Thank you to all of the students who have returned their reading books and library books. All library books need to be returned by December 3.



Can you please check for any school books and reading books at home. You may find some under beds, in the boot of the car or in the toy box and they can be returned to the library, classrooms or the front office.

Overdue notices will be sent out early next week for library books.

Each reading book costs about \$10. We have nearly 300 students using these. It does not take long for many thousands of dollars in resources to go missing.

If you find any more in the next two weeks please drop them in so that we can finalise our stock take and clean up.

Many thanks,

Amy Ross—Teacher Librarian

Judy Ramm—Student Services Library



Graduation

Year 6 and 7 students moving to secondary school next year are getting ready for their graduation.



The Graduation Dinner, with staff supervision and a ceremony in the hall attended by family members (ticket entry only) will be held on December 12. The ceremony includes speeches, presentations and performances.

Tickets for graduation ceremony will be sent out late next week. On the last day of the school year the graduating students perform their graduation song to students at the final assembly.

Assemblies Wednesday Dec 5 & Friday Dec 14 in the Hall at 9am

Rooms 3 and 12 are hosting a whole school Christmas theme assembly on Wednesday Dec 5. Rooms 5 and 13 will be showcasing.

On Friday Dec 14 the SRC will be hosting a whole school end of year Assembly. We hope you can join us for this farewell to the 2018 school year.



Canteen

Thanks to all of the families who support our canteen during the year.

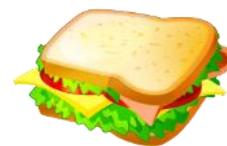
All school canteens must return a profit or they are closed. Without families supporting our canteen we would not be able to offer this service.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who give up some time each week to help in the canteen serving, cleaning and making lunches.



In the run up to the end of term we are winding stock down in the canteen and will not be re-stocking some items.

It would be helpful if students put a 2nd choice on their lunch orders in case we can't fill their first preference. If there is any difference in the cost we will let you know via the lunch bag.



Vanessa, Canteen Manager

**The school term finishes at 2:05pm on
Friday 14 December.
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays**



Congratulations

We are very happy to announce that Jason King will be our Deputy Principal for the next five years. Jason is currently Assistant Principal – Student Support at Woodcroft Primary School.



We are also very happy to announce that Jenny Jupe will be our Literacy and Numeracy Coach for the next three years.

We are currently working through the process of finalising our teaching staff for next year and will update you once positions are confirmed. *Kelly Patch, Principal*

Moana Primary School Vision and Values

Thank you to all families who have taken the time to let us know what is important to them for inclusion in our school vision statement and also their top three values.

It is not too late to have your say. Please keep returning the vision and values sheets to school.

Kelly Patch, Principal

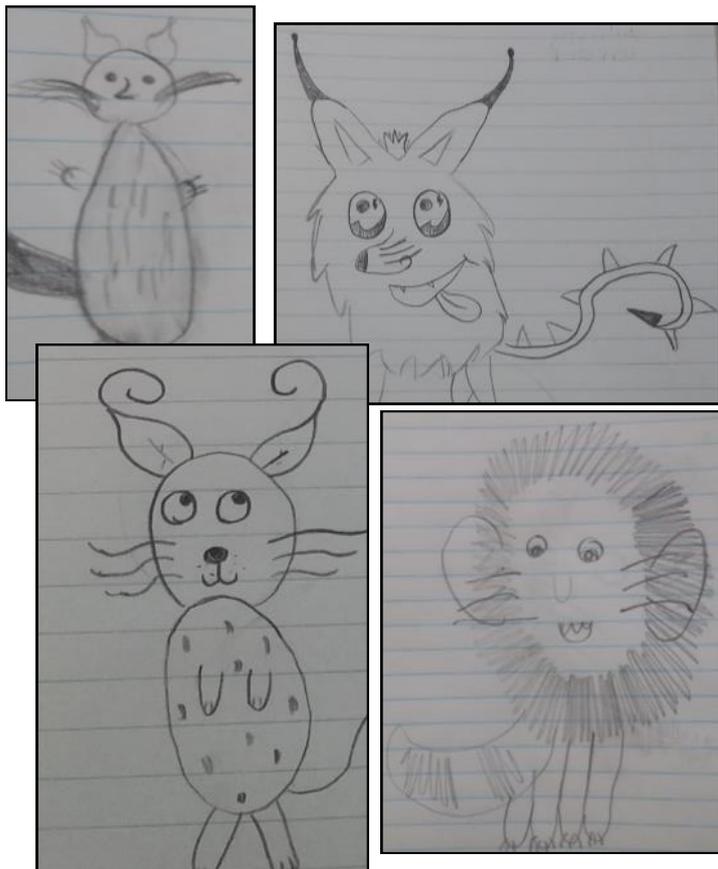
Imagery

The Year 4 and 5 students in Room 10 were working on pieces of imagery as part of the literacy component of the Australian Curriculum.

Students were asked to take out a blank piece of paper and a pencil. Then Ms Pascoe read out a simple description.

‘This animal has a body covered in fur. It has a tail. It has four legs and four feet. It has two ears and eyes. It has a nose and whiskers.’

They then compared the drawings. It was amazing how everyone came up with something different!



Room 7 Diorama Fun

In Term 3, we learned about the difference between wants and needs. We discovered through many discussions that our needs and wants change in accordance with where we are in the world at any given time.

To help us understand this concept, we read the novel *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulson. This novel focusses on a 13-year-old boy whose plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. The boy is forced to depend on his wits to survive for months in the forest alone.

As a follow up activity, our class created dioramas to depict how we pictured the boy’s surroundings from the descriptions provided in the writing.

Vicki Jones, Class teacher



Flag Presentation

Thanks to Amanda Rishworth M.P. for the new ATSI and Torres Strait Islander flags for our school.

Our Moana Mob and flag monitors were very proud to accept these flags on behalf of Moana Primary students.



Holiday Office Opening Hours

The Front Office will be closed from December 14 until January 18.

We will be open on January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 from 9am to 12pm for the purchase of uniform and general enquiries.

We will be closed on Monday January 28th.

The Office will be open from 8:30am on Tuesday January 29.

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 Jan 29—April 12

Term 2 April 29 —July 5

Term 3 July 22 —Sept 27

Term 4 October 14 —Dec 13

Free Fish Tank

We are giving away a large fish tank from the library.

Please leave a message for Julian our groundsman if you are interested. 8386 1144

SRC Christmas appeal!



Please bring your donations of dry food in packets and canned food to put under the Christmas tree in the library. Donations will be presented to the Ecumenical Centre in assembly Friday 14th December.

End of year Christmas Casual Day!

Friday December 14

Please bring a gold coin donation.

We are raising money for Seaford Ecumenical Mission.

Dress up with a Christmas theme/casual.

Thanks for your support.

S.R.C.

