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Principal's Newsletter Term 1 2019

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope you had a fabulous break spending quality family time doing things that make you happy. The school year has started smoothly and the leadership time have enjoyed visiting classes as they begin to learn routines, establish relationships and be introduced to the learning which will take place in Term 1. I would like to thank all of our Teachers and SSO's for the time and effort they put into ensuring that the start of 2019 was successful for students.

Term 1 Planner

Our Term 1 planner with important dates is attached to this newsletter.

Staffing

We have a number of staff new (or returning following leave) to Moana Primary School and I would like to welcome those staff: Jason King (Deputy Principal), Nicole True (Student Wellbeing Leader), Melanie Russ (Room 1), Taylor Gray (Room 1), Tahny Hicks (Room 5), Laura Barry (Room 10), Alina Dik (Room 14), Nicole Cann (Room 15), Kim Dowling (Room 19 and Resource Based Learning).



Jason King

Hi everyone, I hope you had a great break over the Christmas/ New Year period. I am really excited to have the opportunity to work at Moana Primary School over the next few years. Both the Staff and students have made me feel very welcome and I look forward to meeting many parents/families over the coming months. For the past 8 years I have worked at Woodcroft Primary School, initially as a PE teacher and for the last 5 years I have been working as an Assistant Principal in a student support role. In my spare time I try to keep fit by heading to the gym or going for a run. I say spare time loosely as I am generally transporting my children to/or involved in their sport. I have two boys Hayden - 10 and Layton - 7 and my wife Sarah is a midwife. I should probably mention I am a Crows fan and enjoy a bit of banter through football season.

Make sure you come up and introduce yourself if you see me in the yard. I am really Looking forward to the year ahead and having the opportunity to work with the whole Moana Community.



Nicole True

Hi, I hope you and your family have had a great start to the school year and that you enjoyed your holidays. My name is Nicole True and I am thrilled to be the new Student Wellbeing Leader at Moana Primary School. Previously, I have been the School Counsellor at Noarlunga Downs and in Whyalla. A few things about me; I have two children aged 11 and 8 and enjoy spending time with my family and travelling. I also love my sport including; playing and coaching netball and am an avid Richmond supporter. I am looking to getting to know you, your family and most importantly your child and supporting you all when the need arises to ensure a successful year!

Attached to this newsletter is a brochure outlining the role of the Student Wellbeing Leader and ways students and families can be supported here in school.



Melanie Russ

Hi everyone, thank you to those families in Room 1 who have already welcomed me so kindly to the Moana school community. I have been teaching for about 6 years now and have worked across Rec-Year 2. Last year along with my husband and little boy, I made the move to Moana from Port Pirie where I was teaching at Solomontown Primary School. We are loving the sea change and have been making the most of the beach, parks and all the activities Adelaide has to offer. I grew up in Quorn on a farming property so when we're not in Adelaide you'll find us back there getting stuck into rural life. I am passionate about play for our younger students and bringing as much of our beautiful environment into the learning environment. I look forward to making connections with families as the year progresses.



Taylor Gray

Hi, I'm Taylor and I'm the teacher in Room 6 on Monday, and Room 1 on Thursday and Friday. I graduated from Flinders University in 2017 and then packed up my bags and travelled around South East Asia for 3 months. I began relief teaching in schools at the beginning of last year and quickly became one of the 'regular' relief teachers at Moana Primary School. It is a wonderful school and I am proud to be a part of the teaching team here.



Alina Dik

I have been teaching at Goolwa Primary School for the past 2 years. I taught a range of subjects including Health and Digital Technology to Year 5 students.

I look forward to starting my new adventure here at Moana Primary School and creating new memories being a part of this school community.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and that 2019 is fantastic year for all.



Laura Barry

My name is Laura Barry. I started teaching in Whyalla in 2004. Since then I have taught in a variety of schools in the Northern Territory, Victoria, and Queensland due to my husband's military career. I now live permanently in Aldinga Beach with my family. I have two children, William aged 10 and Kaitlyn aged 6. I love learning and teaching about health and wellbeing.



Tahny Hicks

I'm excited to be back at Moana Primary School after two years helping my Mum in her business. It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces and also to meet so many new people in my first week back. Tahny Hicks



Kim Dowling

Hi my name is Kimberley, Mrs Kimberley to students. I have been a relief teacher at Moana Primary School for the past five years. In the middle of 2017 I had a year off to bring my own little bundle of joy into the world. This year I have joined the staff at Moana Primary School as the Librarian four days a week and I am sharing a year 6/7 classroom on a Friday. Looking forward to an exciting year and catching up with old and new Moana families

We have started the year with 490 students, 65 of them being new Reception students. A very warm welcome is extended to all families new to Moana Primary School in 2019.

All staff are looking forward to working in partnership with families to ensure the best outcomes for all children in their learning lives. In order for this to happen communication will be key and I ask that families communicate regularly with teachers and/or the leadership team if they have any concerns about their child. This will ensure we can resolve concerns in an effective and timely manner.

Communication

From the start of 2019 there will be some changes in the way we communicate with families. We are going to trial a Principal's Newsletter at the start of each term which will also include a Term Planner with important dates. This will replace our fortnightly newsletter, however, the information and sharing usually done through this will be through the MGM School Star App. This will assist us to share student learning, upcoming whole school events and good news stories in a timelier manner. Please register if you have not already done so. You can also message us via this app. We will survey parents at the end of Term 2 to get feedback on the ways we are communicating.

Other methods of communicating with school are via the school's phone number which is 8386 1144 and you can leave a message for teachers. You can also email dl.1071.admin@schools.sa.edu.au and your email will be passed on. Alternatively you can text 0428 937 348.

Many teachers will be using Class Dojo and will forward the access details for this to you.

If you have any feedback on the way we are communicating with families please email; Kelly.patch178@schools.sa.edu.au

School Values

Thank you once again to those families who took the time to feedback to us through our schools vision and values review process. The three values which were consistently important to children, staff and families and will become Moana Primary School Values were; **Respect, Integrity and Kindness**. Staff are currently working with their classes discussing ideas around what our values look like in action throughout school and as digital citizens. Once these ideas have been collated into a matrix I will share this with families.

A group of staff are going to get together and collate the feedback on our school vision. Updates will be provided as we work through the process.

Reading Initiative

Every child at Moana Primary School this year has been provided with a Reading Diary as part of a whole school reading initiative. Through this initiative we aim to celebrate reading success, work in partnership with families, further build our school culture which values reading and also help our students to become better writers as they increase their vocabulary and experience of text types.

When a student reaches a milestone in their reading efforts the following will apply in celebration;

- **25 signed reading diary entries**
 - Students will visit leadership for a photograph with their certificate which will be shared with their family
- **50 signed reading diary entries**
 - Students certificate will be laminated for take home
- **75 signed reading diary entries**
 - Student will choose a stationery/literacy item from the prize box
- **100 signed reading diary entries**
 - A reading award will be presented at the nearest assembly
- **125 signed reading diary entries**
 - Student will choose a stationery/literacy item from the prize box
- **150 signed reading diary entries**
 - Student will receive a raffle ticket for a book voucher to be drawn at the last assembly of the term
- **175 signed reading diary entries**
 - Student will choose a stationery/literacy item from the prize box
- **200 signed reading diary entries**
 - Student will receive a raffle ticket for a book voucher to be drawn at the last assembly of the term

Assemblies

Our assemblies will continue to be on alternate Wednesday mornings from 9 am in the gym. This term our first whole school assembly will be in Week 3, Wednesday 13th February. Weeks 5, 7 and 9 will be half of our classes and Week 11 will be whole school.

NAPLAN Online

Students at Moana Primary School in Year's 3, 5 and 7 will complete NAPLAN Online in 2019. The only paper based test this year will be the Year 3 Writing. Parents/caregivers of children in Years 3, 5 and 7 will shortly receive a 'Privacy Collection Notice' which is required to be signed and returned to school. If you have any questions or concerns about this please let me know.

School Fees

Please note that School Fees are a 30 day account and are due to be paid by 28th February 2019. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Environment Good News Story

Over the holidays Moana Primary School featured in the Onkaparinga Now Magazine. The story highlighted the work we are undertaking here at school reduce waste to landfill and reduce our environmental footprint. Check out the story here; <https://www.onkaparinganow.com/summer-2019/school-excels-at-less-to-landfill-challenge/>

Kelly Patch
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