From the Principal

A warm welcome back to you all! We hope your holidays were filled with happy times and memorable moments!

I was fortunate to spend some time at the Pt Elliot Caravan Park in Horseshoe Bay, enjoying some beautiful scenic walks and lots of swimming. A great way to switch off and start the New Year!

We are very excited to welcome three new Reception students in 2016. A warm welcome to Charlotte Hera-Singh, Zayd Minogue and Will Powditch. We wish Charlotte, Zayd and Will all the very best as they begin their schooling at Moorook.

We are also very happy to welcome a new family - Katie, Nigel, Kayla, Crystal and Emma Arnold to our school community. Crystal has joined the Upper Primary class in Year 4 this year. We hope you enjoy continuing your learning journey at Moorook Primary School, Crystal!

Our staff team for 2016 is as follows:

Principal: Sonya Warren
Upper Primary: Jacquie Pankhurst
Junior Primary: Paulene Dawe
Finance Officer: Brigit Frazer (Wed, Thu & Fri)
Admin/IT Officer: Jacey Koop (Mon, Tue & Thu)
Curriculum SSO: Chris Jantosik (Wed, Thu & Fri)
PSW: Brenton Poole (Thu)

ECW Playcentre: Betty Hedley (Mon and Wed)
CPAC for Loxton & Waikerie Partnership: Based at Moorook Primary School Cheryl Broughton

2016 TERM 1 CALENDAR
I have attached a Calendar of events for Term 1. Please put these important dates in your diaries. Please also remember that there may be changes and additions through-out the term but we will keep you updated. Thank you.

YEARLY CONSENT FORMS
Our yearly Consent Forms were distributed earlier this week. Please ensure that this information is returned to the school ASAP. Thankyou.

MATERIALS & SERVICES INVOICE
The invoices for school fees are being sent home today. There is also a payment plan form attached for your information. Thank you.

Sonya Warren

FRESH EGGS FOR SALE
Our chickens have been busy laying, and eggs are available for purchase for $3 per dozen. Please see Chris, Brigit or Jacey for payment, thank you.

Great place to GROW
## Moorook Primary School Calendar Term 1 2016

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**Caring Honesty Sportmanship Respect**
WELCOME

A special welcome to our new students:
Zayd, Charlotte, & Will who are in Reception
Crystal, who is in Year 4
We hope you enjoy your time at Moorook Primary School!

CUPPA & CHAT CATCH UP

Sometimes life can just get busy!
Take some time and catch up with other parents...
You are welcome to join a “cuppa and chat’ time next Thursday morning 12th Feb after school drop off in the Playcentre. This time is not a normal Playcentre day where the focus is on the kids (they are still welcome to come along!) But this is about YOU!

Hope to see you there.

MOOROOK PLAYCENTRE

The Playcentre operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-11am for 0-4 year olds. Come along for some fun and learning through play.
If you have any notices for our fortnightly newsletter, please email the details to:

jacey.koop182@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you.

Barmera Library

Baby Rhyme Time

Rhymes, Songs, Stories with your baby and toddler

Tuesdays 10.30am and now
New session time
Thursday 10.30am

For Babies 0-3
Older siblings welcome during school term

Library Lovers Week

@ the Barmera Library
85882872

FREE workshop for Library Lovers!
Love books?
Love being creative?
Love hearts?
Come to a “Folded Book Art Heart” workshop & morning tea on Wednesday 10th February @ 10am

ALSO A
FREE “kids” workshop
With guest tutors Chelsea & Megan
Make a folded heart
Friday 12th Feb from 3:30pm onwards

You are invited to a free informative and interactive Natural Resources Management Sustainable Ag Forum with a focus on our changing seasons - do we need to adapt?
at the Browns Well Football Clubrooms, Paruna on Friday 12 February 2016 at 1.30pm

Speakers will include:
• Peter Hayman - Managing climate risk of frost and heat, and appropriate nitrogen decisions for climate forecasts
• Bonnie Flohr - New farming strategies under changing rainfall patterns
• Gupta Vadakattu - Effects of herbicides on soil microbial diversity and biological functions
• Peter Boutsalis - Herbicide resistance & managing residues in low rainfall environments

Information on:
◊ Compendium of local sandy soils projects
◊ Mallee Seeps project
◊ NRM Farm – online mapping tool
◊ NRM Weather station network

Brought to you by the Mallee & Coorong NRM Group and the Browns Well Landcare Group

Who is the NRM Group?
The Mallee and Coorong NRM Group provide a link between local communities and the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board. They also help the community care for the environment and use natural resources sustainably by building awareness, skills and networks.

Free BBQ tea to be provided following the forum

RSVP by 7 February for catering purposes
to Helane Norman Ph: 8578 1493 or E: helane.norman@sa.gov.au or Lew Westbrook Ph: 8584 7811 or E: lrgwestbrook@gmail.com

Tacker Attack!

Kids obstacle course
Fun outdoor fitness!
Sun 7th February - 8am to 12pm
At Loveday 4X4 Adventure park at Barmera
Unlimited fun for only $15 per child
No need to book, all ages welcome
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Core Value
Fitness Centre
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child's school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

27/01/2016
Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year:  
  http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy:  
- An app to help you unlock your child’s learning potential:  
- Parent easy guides, including dealing with peer pressure:  
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas:  
  http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html
- Ideas for outdoor play in SA:  