

Weekly Newsletter



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**WELCOME
BACK
TO
2009**

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From the Principal

Welcome

In this first newsletter of 2009 I would like to welcome all our new families and staff and welcome back all existing members of the School community. I hope that everyone is ready for the new school year. This year we have just over 300 students across Years 5 to 11. It is exciting to see all the new faces and the whole place buzzing with activity once again.

STAFFING

We have 10 new members of the teaching staff this year, a new person in the Office and teacher assistants in Food Technology and the Library.

Our new teachers are:

Ms Amy Barnes	English and HSIE
Mrs Michelle Downie	Food Technology
Mr David Fenwick	Information Technology
Mrs Monique Fruewirth	Music
Ms Fiona Gass	Year 6
Ms Hayley McAllister	Mathematics, Science
Mr Bryan Malone	Economics, Commerce and HSIE
Mr Adam Snow	Mathematics, Science
Ms Jenni Wood	PDHPE
Mr Michael Zweck	Mathematics, Science

Ms Jenna Anderson will be working in the School Office, Mrs Odelia Cobden will be the Library Technician and Mrs Deena Prid-

ham is our new Food Technology Assistant.

BUILDING RENOVATION

Over the holidays Room 1 was converted into a Science Laboratory. It was part of the Master Plan to build the Science Wing in two stages as we did not need a second Laboratory in 2007-2008. As the School grows further specialist rooms will of course be added, including more laboratories.

ANGLESEA CAMP

Years 5 and 6 have been on camp this week to Anglesea (from Wednesday to Friday). They return today and early reports have been that the weather has very wonderful given the nature of the camp and its location.

INFORMATION SESSION

We are running a series of year level based Information Evenings over the next few weeks. Each evening has been planned out so that parents of that year level are provided with a succinct summary of information relevant to that level this year. The sessions will run for no more than an hour and will be followed by supper. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Students need to wear their school uniforms.

Best wishes to everyone for 2009

Andrew P Pullar

Student drop off, collection and parking.

Thank you to all our parents who have delivered and collected their students yesterday and today due to the Victorian bus situation which was further complicated by Murray Shire's working on Brick Alley (which are delighted to have sealed!).

With Vic buses running from next week, the congestion should ease. Even so, we request that the area directly outside administration building be used as a DROP OFF ZONE ONLY, and if parents need to park, they should do so on Kirchofer Street or on the Northern side of the Library building where staff are currently parking.

When we get back to normal (Brick Alley scheduled completion date is Wednesday of next week) our procedures are as follows:

- The area in front of the administration

building is intended for buses only before and after school.

- Enter carpark and drive all the way to the end, executing a U turn at the velodrome end
- PARK your vehicle in car park and after collecting children, take great care reversing out!
- Students are instructed to wait at the end of the concrete path until their parents are parked, then walk in front of parked cars to get to their vehicles.
- Please be patient and courteous in the interest of safety and our students.

Ron Couchman

Electronic Newsletters

This week's newsletter is distributed by hardcopy to each student. Future newsletters will be generated by our website (once training is undertaken). In an effort to reduce the amount of paper used (and because it looks better in color!) we like to email newsletters to as many of our families as possible. If you would like to be included in our distribution list, please email your details to: reception@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au

CoCurricula Music Tuition

Cocurricula Music Tuition lessons will commence from Monday 9 February. Monday & Tuesday Guitar; Friday—Flute; TBA—Voice; Friday—Piano; TBA—Percussion.



Students have been surveyed to ascertain their level of interest in our instrumental and cocurricula music program. We are looking forward to expanding these programs in 2009. Updated forms may be collected from the office next week.

Monique Fruewirth—Director of Music

Uniform News

TUESDAY 8:45—9:15 AM

Uniform Shop hours of operation:
THURSDAY 2:45—3:15 PM

Secondhand Uniform Bulletin

- School bag, including sports bag—\$40
- 2 1/s shirts, size 16—\$12 each
- 1 tie—\$7
- 1 kilt, size 16—\$40
- 2 summer dresses—size 10 \$40 each
- Sports hat—\$7
- Jumper, size 12—\$30
- Chanter (blue) sport shirt, size 16—\$12
- Calculator—\$15

Contact Collette—0428 303 075

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ITEMS INCLUDED IN SECONDHAND UNIFORM BULLETIN PLEASE SEND DETAILS TO reception@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au OR DELIVER DETAILS TO THE OFFICE BEFORE WEDNESDAY 4PM.

Year 10 Blazers

Invoices have been sent home today for blazers ordered for our Year 10 students. These are in stock and may be paid for and collected from the Uniform shop on Tuesday morning (8:45–9:15am) or Thursday afternoon (2:45–3:15pm).

SHOP VOLUNTEERS—Thanks to the following parents who will operate our shop on
Tuesday 3 February: Chris Jasiewicz and Sandra Carey, and
Thursday 5 February Michele Perry and Kaye Sutton

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR JOLLY CREW OF UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BY NEXT WEDNESDAY MORNING TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR ROSTER.

Swimming Program

Swimming permission notes are to be returned to Tudor Group teachers ASAP. All students in years 5—10 will have swimming in their PDHPE double lessons over the next 4 weeks. Please check your timetables in your diaries to be sure to bring your bathers and towel on the correct day.

Gregg Cadd—PDHPE Coordinator

Booklist supplies

Several students have not received their art folios ordered with their books collected from School on Wednesday 21 January. Please collect these from the office next week, as any items not collected must be returned to the supplier.



Kirsty Eddy—Administration

SPORTS REPORT

Friday 30 January



A BIG welcome and welcome back to our new readers and old respectively. This year the Sports Report will continue to report the important issues each week, on what has been happening in the Sporting and PDHPE sides of the school.

This year we have a few new changes that both Parents and Students will be interested in.

Firstly, we have a change in the way age groups are calculated. This has just come through so many students will be unaware and find they have changed age groups. This year it will be calculated from December 31st. Whatever age you turn this year will be your age group. For example Mr Couchman turns 37 this year so he would be in the 37 Years age group. If you turn thirteen on the 4th of Feb you would be in the 13 Years age group and so on. This has been brought in to align with the sporting groups we compete with.

Secondly, our students now have the opportunity to compete in a range of sports in the New South Wales Combined Independent Schools competitions. Dates will be published in the Sports Report when Nominations are required and when and where tryouts are on and students will be able to register. As this is extra sport students who nominate must be able to show they are up to date across all areas of their work. This will be very exciting and will give a number of students the chance to compete beyond zone level.



On Monday all students will again get the opportunity to meet their House Captains at assembly. In 2009 Meninya will be led by Caitlin Meyer, Martin by Britenie Power, Perricoota by Zach Couchman and Chanter by Ben Pearson. All will have a big role to play in organising their Houses this year so please assist them if they ask for your help.



Tuesday the Tenth of February will be the first House Sporting Carnival for the year. On Monday students will get the chance to sign up for Swimming Events in their new look age groups. This year, similar to last years Athletic Sports, we have tried to have maximum participation whilst also rewarding excellence. We will also be holding a couple of Novelty events for these people who don't want to compete over 50 metres, these being the Cork Scramble and the Lilo Race. All are run over a couple of age groups.

The big challenge ahead will be if **Martin House** can win their Fourth consecutive swimming carnival or whether they will give another House a chance to stand up and collect the trophy. Mr Davidson is keen to see the Red colours salute again but with an influx of new students the trophy could be anyone's.

This year at the swimming sports there will be an extra trophy up for grabs, The Spirit Cup. This will be awarded to the House that shows the greatest team spirit on the day and will be judged by a number of impartial judges.

Parent assistance and attendance is again most welcome. If you want to help just call the office or fire an email through (address below). Any assistance is gratefully received as it makes the day run so much smoother. If you are not sure about holding a stop watch or judging a tight finish please still come along, and take the opportunity to watch our great athletes compete in the pool.



Also each week we love to hear about what our students have been up to in their chosen sports. Unfortunately this week with only one day at school I do not have all results to hand. I have heard that our students did exceptionally well at the Country Champs in Swimming at Sale and also in Athletics and Skiing. I will have these reported in next weeks Sports Report. Remember if you have anything that I can report or photos, email me gcadd@moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au

Diary Dates–Terms 1 & 2 2009

TERM 1	Thursday 29 January — Friday 3 April		
FEBRUARY	Tues 3	Yr 7 depart for Borambola (Wagga Wagga) camp	8:45am
	Tues 3	Board Meeting	
	Thur 5-Fri 6	Yr 11 Study Skills Camp	
	Thur 5	Year 5 & 6 Info Evening (Yr 5&6 Classrooms)	7.30pm
	Fri 6	Yr 7 Borambola campers return	
	Mon 9	Induction of Leaders	
	Tue 10	Interhouse Swimming Carnival – all day	
	Wed 11	Year 7 Information Evening	Room TBA 7:30pm
	Thur 12	Impact Leadership - Melbourne	
	Thur 12	Year 8 Information Evening	Room TBA 7:30pm
	Mon 16	OMISSA Interschool Swimming Carnival	
	Wed 18	Year 9 Information Evening	Room TBA 7:30pm
	Thur 19	Year 10 Information Evening	Room TBA 7:30pm
	Sun 22	Moama Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking	TBA
	Tue 24	Moama Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Comp Final judging	
	Thur 26	Senior Summer Sports Day—Yrs 9 & 10	
	Fri 27	Beacon Leaders Day - Melbourne	
MARCH	Fri 6	Zone Swimming—Shepparton	
	Mon 9	Labour Day Public Holiday	
	Tues 10	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Thur 12	Open Day at School	11:00am - 2:30pm
	Thur 12	Information Night (2010 Enrolments) RRG	7:30pm
	Mon 23-Fri 27	Year 9 Camp – South West Adventures	
	Mon 30	Easter Service	
APRIL	Thur 2	Interhouse Cross Country	1:30pm
	Thur 2	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Years 5, 6, 7, 11	4:00pm
	Fri 3	Last Day - Term 1 (Easter Fri 10 - Mon 13)	3.05pm finish
TERM 2	Tuesday 21 April – Friday 19 June		
APRIL	Mon 20	Staff Day – pupil free	
	Tue 21	Term 2 commences for all students	
	Thur 23	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Years 8, 9, 10	4.00pm
	Tue 28	OMISSA Cross Country	
	Sat 25	Anzac Day	
MAY	Tues 5	Foundation Day	
	Wed 6	Year 10 Career Wise Student Assessment	12.00-2.00pm
	Mon 11	Shepparton Cross Country	
	Tue 12	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Tue 12-Thur 14	NAPLAN Testing Yrs 5,7,9	
	Mon 25-Tue 26	Year 10 & 11 Exams commence	
	Wed 27	Year 7-9 Exams commence	
	TBA	Year 10 Career Wise – Staff Info Night	6.00-7.30pm
	TBA	Year 10 Career Wise - Parents & Students Info Night	7.30-9.00pm
JUNE	Thurs 4	School Photos	
	Tue 9	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Wed 10	UNSW Science Competition	
	Wed 17	OMISSA Winter Sports - Yr 7&8, 9&10	
	Fri 19	Last Day – Term 2	3:05pm dismissal

Diary Dates—Terms 3 & 4 2009

TERM 3		<i>Tuesday 14 July—Friday 18 September</i>	
	Mon 13	Staff Day – Pupil Free	
JULY	Tue 14	Term 3 commences for all students	
	Tue 21-Fri 24	Year 10 Careers Camp	
	Tue 28	OMISSA - Yrs 5-8 Sports Day – Yarrowonga	
AUGUST	Tue 4	UNSW English Competition	
	Fri 7	Parents/Staff/Board Dinner – RSL	7.30pm
	Tue 11	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Tue 18	Interhouse Athletics	
	Wed 19	UNSW - Maths Competition	
	Thur 27	OMISSA Inter School Athletics – Wangaratta	
SEPTEMBER	Tue 8	Shepp Zone Athletics	
	Tue 8	P& F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Tue 15-Fri 18	Exams - Year 11	
	Thur 17	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Years 8, 9, 10	4.00pm
	Fri 18	Last Day - Term 3	
TERM 4		<i>Tuesday 6 October—Friday 11 December</i>	
OCTOBER	Mon 5	Staff Day – pupil free	
	Tue 6	Term 4 commences for all students	
	Tue 6-Thu 8	Elmore Field Days (School represented)	
	Thu 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Year 5, 6, 7	
	Thu 8-Fri 9	School Certificate Trial Exam	
	Tue 13	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Mon 19-Fri 23	Year 8 Camp – Grampians	
	Wed 14	OMISSA Junior Summer Sports – Yrs 7 & 8 Shepparton	
	Fri 30	OMISSA Summer Sports – Yrs 7-9 Wodonga	
NOVEMBER	Mon 2	Exeat Holiday	
	Tues 3	Exeat Holiday	
	Mon 9-Tue 10	School Certificate Exams – Year 10	
	Tue 10	P & F Meeting	Room 16 7:30pm
	Wed 11-Thur 13	EXAMS Yrs 7-10	
	Mon 16-Fri 20	Work Experience – Year 10	
	Fri 20	Year 6 Celebration Dinner RRCG Tatalia Room 1	
DECEMBER	Mon 7	Christmas Service	1.30-2.30pm
	Tue 8	Orientation Day	
	TBA	Year 10 Celebration Dinner – Radcliffes	
	Fri 11	Last day of Term 4 – 3.05pm	3:05pm dismissal
	Fri 11	Presentation Evening – Fronterra Centre	7.30pm
	Mon 14	Staff Day	
	Tues 15	Staff Day	
	Wed 16	Staff Lunch	
	Wed 16	Office Closed for Christmas Vacation	12 noon

Community Billboard

ECHUCA SOUTH UNDER 12 CRICKET training commences Wednesday 11 February from 4:30pm—6:00pm at Echuca South Cricket Ground. First game for season will be on Friday 13 February, commencing 4:30pm. Contact Craig Dyson 0419 576 491 for further info.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL Practice Tuesday Afternoons 4pm - 4.45pm @ Echuca Basketball Centre Cost is \$3.00 with all boys & girls to bring a basketball & drink

AUSSIE HOOPS TERM 1 For boys and girls aged 5 - 7. Registration on Wednesday February 11 at 4pm Program starts on Wednesday Feb. 18th at 4pm For more details please call Adam Tarr on 54806903

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A letter to all parents from Mathematics Faculty

Dear Parents,

As students embark on their Mathematics this year I thought it would be helpful to give parents some information about the expectations of Mathematics students at Moama Anglican Grammar School. Students will have already been given this information by their teachers.

Students are expected to bring all relevant equipment to every lesson – this includes text book, workbook (A4 Exercise book), calculator (for Years 8 to 11 only) pens, pencils, rubber, glue stick, scissors, ruler, mathomat, Maths Mate pad and plastic pocket book (for worksheets and to keep Maths Mates in).

All written maths work is to be completed in the student's workbook including ALL working. Working must be set out clearly and neatly with date, topic and question numbers clearly labelled. Liquid paper and white out is NOT to be used on workbooks, Maths Mates or tests. If students make a mistake in their working they are to put a line through the incorrect working and continue on new working.

Mathematics students will have regular weekly homework which includes the Maths Mate worksheets (that must be signed by parents) for Years 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Teachers will also set relevant topic home work and the occasional assignment for students to do. Due dates for homework and assignments must be respected and parents will be informed if this is not happening via the diary. Students will always have weekly maths homework whether it is teacher set work or revising maths work covered earlier in the year (constantly revising maths work – e.g. completing extra revision exercises – is a very good way to prepare for exams coming up at the end of each semester).

The Maths Mate work sheets are designed to complement class work and are done WITHOUT the use of a calculator. They also contain challenging problem solving questions at the end of each worksheet to extend those students who require extension. **This year students are expected to hand in a working page with their Maths Mates to show how they have worked out the answers (not all questions on the Maths Mates requiring working but many of them do).**

The Maths Mate worksheets will be purchased by the School and handed out to students by their teachers. If a student loses the Maths Mate booklet then it is the student's responsibility to purchase another booklet of worksheets at a cost of \$10.95 from Educational Advantage Meninya st Moama.

Extra Maths Mate support material for students having difficulty with some questions can be found at www.mathsmate.net and follow the prompts to download the appropriate Skill Builder.

Parents are encouraged to help their children with Maths Mates or other maths work whenever they can. This could be as simple as creating an environment where students feel supported, able to concentrate and confidently tackle set maths homework.

Time management is a very important skill in Mathematics. A focus of all our Mathematics courses is the continued development of this skill. Students have particular opportunities to measure their abilities in this area through the self-paced units.

At Moama Anglican Grammar School students have the opportunity to get extra help with their Maths work if needed and to tackle some Extension Mathematics work. Teachers have developed Maths programs so that individual students can be supported, encouraged and challenged depending on their mathematical abilities and needs.

Moama Anglican Grammar School has a Maths Room (Room 13) that will be open on Mondays at lunch time where all students are welcome to bring their lunch and do some Maths (e.g. homework, catch up after an absence, revision, get help with set maths work or do some Extension Maths work). A Maths teacher will be available if students need to ask any questions about their work.

Parents please fill in the return slip below and students are to hand this in to their Maths teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Kemp

Mrs Kathleen Kemp - Mathematics Coordinator

Maths Program Return Slip

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

As parent/guardian I have signed this form to indicate that I have read the above and understand the expectations of my child studying Mathematics at Moama Anglican Grammar School.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____