

# Weekly Newsletter



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6 November 2009

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9-	School Certificate
Tue 10	Exams – Year 10
Wed 11- Fri 13	EXAMS Yrs 7-10
Mon 16-Fri 20	Work Experience – Year 10
Fri 20	Year 6 Celebration Dinner RRGc Tatalia Room 1

### ORIENTATION DAY

Years 8, 9 and 10 will not be required to attend school on Tuesday 8 December. (Some student leaders will need to attend school)

### **OVERDUE FEES TERM 1 2010**

Please contact Tania Keenan in Finance to arrange payment if you have not done so already.

Many thanks to those who have already completed payment for their term or yearly fees.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move into the end of year round of exams and reports it is useful to focus again on why we do exams. One answer could be that the NSW education system has exams at Years 10 and 12 and our students need to be prepared. While this is a good answer it is not the only sound reason for having exams

Students need to learn how to make use of the knowledge and skills they have acquired over time. It is important that they can do this in a range of contexts. Exams are an effective way of testing across a number of topics in ways which require students to recall, recount, analyse and, at the higher grades synthesise what they have learned.

A well balanced assessment program involves a range of activities such as exams, assignments, group work, oral presentations. Exams at Moama Anglican Grammar School only constitute one aspect of a whole range of assessment items. None the less our students need to take them seriously and prepare for them appropriately. Summaries, tables, charts, lists, practice questions are all good activities to try. Reading through notes is only one way and often not the best.

Best wishes to everyone in Years 7 to 10 as you sit for your exams next week.

Thanks to those who attended our Leaders Induction today. It is exciting to see how our students have developed in terms of their leadership skills. I wish them all the best in their roles 2009-10.

**Andrew P Pullar**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I would like to focus on next week's exams and the preparation for these exams by our students. With exams less than a week away it is imperative that students revise their work and put the time in to studying for the exams. This can be achieved in a variety of ways. Firstly, for students to make summary notes of their work, this can highlight to the students areas that need addressing and areas that they feel comfortable with. It is in these areas that need addressing that the greatest improvement can come from and highlighting these areas and asking the teacher is crucial for maximum benefit. Secondly, many of our text books have chapter summaries in the back and these can be beneficial for students to complete to ensure understanding of the material. These summaries often come with questions so students can practice these questions or read the summary and go back to the text to the areas that are of greatest concern. Thirdly, students can study in pairs, with a friend or parent and they can take turns at questioning each other on the material that has been covered. In all cases, it is vital that students can identify what is clearly understood and what areas need more work with. Once this has been identified, students can ask for help. This is so important that they do ask for help if there is a concern. Please work with your children so that they perform at their very best.

Yesterday and today we had the grade 5 and 6 Jump Rope For Heart routines performed in the Under Cover Area. It was a pleasure to witness the amount of work and effort that these students have put into their routines as they performed them with pride and vigour. Congratulations to all students in grade 5 and 6 and I'm sure The Heart Foundation will greatly appreciate your work.

**Ron Couchman**

## YEAR 8 GRAMPIANS CAMP (PART 2)

Two weeks ago, most of the year 8 students attended Year 8 camp at the Grampians. We left on Monday the 19 October from Moama, at 8:00am and arrived at the Grampians at about 2:00 in the afternoon. As soon as we got there we had a short break, filled our drink bottles up, and climbed Mount Hollow, it was a long and hard climb, to get to the top. After looking at the great views from above, we got back on the bus and drove about half hour to our camp site. When we arrived, we set up our tents and made our beds. After we settled in, we all met at the van where the duty group would be cooking our dinner, the rest of us got free time until tea.

The next day we did rock climbing, some people found it a little bit challenging especially abseiling down the rock.

On day three we split up into 2 groups and went and did some more challenging activities, there was a 38k bike ride, and a 10k walk up mount Stapleton, climbing up the mountain was challenging especially flat rock which wasn't very flat at all, we also saw Taipan Wall and Bird Rock.

On day four we all split up into the same groups as the day before. We did canoeing and did the walks to McKenzie Falls. At McKenzie Falls we did various walks, we went down to the bottom of the falls and admired the beautiful view; we also got to fill our drink bottles with crystal clear water.

On day 5 we packed up all of our tents and suit cases, we loaded the bus and took off to the Pinnacles. When we arrived at the Pinnacles, we walked up to the top and rested until lunch was ready. We walked back down had some lunch and took off again. Class 8S stopped at McDonalds on the way home at Stawell, as the other class stopped at Ararat. We arrived in Moama at around 5:30 in the afternoon. We had a great time and would like to thank all the teachers for coming and all the students who made the camp fun.

**Chelsea Russell and Brittany Kreskas**



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# EXAMINATIONS

## Year 7-10 Examinations

In Semester 1 and 2, examinations range from 30 to 120 minutes in duration and will take place in a special exam week. During Week 6 of Term 4, Year 7-10 students will sit examinations in all subjects except Religious Education.

Supervised private study sessions are provided at various stages throughout the exam period. Exam rules apply during study sessions as well as for exams.

### Examination Rules

Students are required to observe the following rules relating to the conduct of Year 7-10 examinations at Moama Anglican Grammar School.

1. Students will obey and observe all instructions or directions given in the examination room by supervisors.
2. Students must ensure they arrive punctually for all examinations.
3. Students must line up quietly outside the room and may not enter the room until instructed to do so by their supervisor.
4. A student arriving late for an examination will be admitted to the examination room provided they arrive before half an hour has elapsed from the scheduled commencement of writing time. Students so admitted must cease their work by the scheduled finish of writing time.
5. No allowance will be made for a student who is absent or late for an examination as a result of misreading the timetable.
6. No student shall bring into the examination room any notes, books, equipment or other materials unless their use during the examination has been expressly permitted.
7. If reading time is provided then during that time a student may study the directions for the examination and the examination questions. A student must not begin to write or mark his or her paper in any way or use a calculator until the signal to write is given.
8. No student will be allowed to leave the examination room prior to the scheduled completion of writing time.
9. No student may communicate, in any way, with another student in the examination room while the examination is being conducted.
10. No student may, during the examination, act dishonestly or unfairly or cheat or conspire to do so.
11. No food or drink (other than a water bottle) is allowed in the examination room.
12. A student must cease writing when the signal to do so is given. A warning signal will be given five minutes before the scheduled completion of writing time of the examination and a final signal at the expiration of the designated time. No writing at all may be done after that final signal.
13. At the end of the examination, each student must remain silent and in his or her place until the supervisor gives the direction for students to leave the room.

**Students who breach any of the above rules will be excluded from the examination room and may have their examination result set to zero.**

**AN EXAM TIMETABLE IS ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR EASY REFERENCE.**

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## PRESENTATION EVENING AWARDS

The School is seeking sponsors for awards which will be given at our Annual Presentation Evening on Friday 11 December at the Echuca Fonterra Centre. Recipients of the awards will receive book vouchers for varying amounts (usually \$20, \$30 or \$50) depending on the type of award. Any individual, business or organisation who would like to sponsor such an award is asked to complete the slip below and return it with a cheque, cash or EFTPOS details. Sponsors are acknowledged in the program unless they would like to remain anonymous.

*Cut here and return to School office*

### PRESENTATION EVENING AWARD SPONSORSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Area Preference *(Optional and may not be able to be accommodated)* \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement requested in Program — Y / N *(Please circle)*

Payment Method: Cash  Chq  Credit  Amount of Sponsorship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Details: No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques should be made payable to Moama Anglican Grammar Ltd.

# THE Springtime Concert SERIES



Our annual Springtime Concert series offers a chance for many of our talented students to showcase the hard work and dedication that they have put into learning a musical instrument. This term, I was fortunate enough to watch and participate in both concerts as a performer and host.

One of the highlights of this concert series was the group items featuring our band and choir. A beautiful rendition of “California Dreaming” by the School Choir and the toe-tapping rhythm of our School Band featured students from Years 5-11 who had put in a lot of hard work during lunchtime and after school rehearsals. It was also great to hear performances by our senior students. Audiences were captivated by the stand-out performances of Caitlin Morona, Jayden Stapleton and Jack Young with their vocal/instrumental selections.

We were also fortunate to hear some excellent solo instrumentalists. Woodwind soloists such as James Waterfall, Nikki Purtill, Alexandra Humphrys and Lucy Gough performed well and Grade 5 student Tilly Keenan fascinated the audience with an energetic drum solo.

It was also interesting to hear different styles of performance: Rebecca Wright and Tara Pocklington performed a vocal duet from *Wicked*, and Tayla Davies and Olivia Watson performed a piano duet from memory! Many other talented solo performers also performed well including pianists Miriam Slatter, Nicholas Fruewirth, Kirby Weldon, Lucy Gough, Paul Wright, Courtney Perry, Jessica Gledhill, Christopher Gough and Zach Couchman. The vocal performances featured a wide variety of musical styles featuring a selection of theatrical and contemporary songs. Congratulations to Chelsea Sutton, Maddison McGill, Georgina Bish, Emily Lawrie, Ruby Jacobs and Brittany Santilla for their confident and well-prepared performances.

The concerts were well received by the audience and it was great to see so many family and friends there to support the students.

Many thanks to our Co-curricular Staff, Kevin Kiely, and Mrs Fruewirth and for all the hard work and organisation that took place in making these concerts possible.

**Hannah Martin**  
**Music Prefect**

\*\*\* For anyone wanting to check out some amazing music on the internet, this week’s theme is INSPIRATION! This link... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mlfTYAaUWc&feature=related>

Shows the amazing talent of an accomplished guitarist who was born with no arms and has learnt to play the guitar with his feet only.

**Monique Fruewirth**  
**Music Co-ordinator**

# THE SPRINGTIME CONCERT SERIES



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# NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

This term the SSJC would like our school community to consider the plight of many of the world's children who never have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas. War, famine, natural disasters and/or disease in some countries is rife and children are often the major sufferers in these circumstances. For this reason, we have decided to once again to support the Samaritan's Purse. This organisation provides physical relief in the form of goods and gifts and this assistance is given without regard to the race, creed, gender, religion or ethnicity of the beneficiaries. One of Samaritan's Purse's Projects is "Operation Christmas Child" and this is the project that Moama Anglican Grammar School will be involved in.

Each class will be allocated a couple of shoe boxes (one for a boy and one for a girl) and the idea is to fill them with Christmas gifts so that a child that normally misses out on Christmas altogether can, for once, have the joy of opening presents on Christmas morning! Australian boxes travel to places close to our home including the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam.

The little gifts we bring to school to fill the shoe boxes must follow the criteria below. As the boxes will be going into other countries there are strict Customs constraints so the conditions below are very important.

Think about what makes a child's eyes light up on Christmas morning and pick at least one item from each "something" to fill your shoe box. **Each shoe box will be labelled with a specific age group and whether it is for a boy or girl:**

**SOMETHING TO LOVE** (e.g. small teddy bear, soft toy, doll etc.)

**SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH** ( e.g. tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items))

**SOMETHING TO WRITE OR DRAW WITH OR ON** (e.g. exercise book, activity book, colouring book, note pad, stickers, pencil case, pens, crayons, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.)

**SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE** (e.g. soap (in sealed bag), face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (no toothpaste)

**SOMETHING SPECIAL** (e.g. carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note and photo of yourself.)

**SOMETHING TO WEAR** (e.g. t-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.)

## DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

**ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT** (including toothpaste, shampoo, playdough, batteries etc.)

**ANY FOOD OR LOLLIES** due to shipping regulations (of any kind, including medicines and vitamins)

**ANY USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS** due to customs regulations (includes any secondhand goods, toys, clothing etc).

**ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS** (including glass, porcelain, mirrors, etc.)

**ANY ITEM THAT CAN HARM OR SCARE A CHILD** (including knives, war-related toys, toy guns etc)

**ANY GAMBLING RELATED ITEMS** (including play money, playing cards, dominoes etc)

**ANYTHING OF RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE.**

Below are the class lists for the classes. We would greatly appreciate if you could follow buy suitable gifts for these age groups:

- <b>5D</b> 5-9 years old	- <b>7B</b> 5-9 years old	- <b>9Y</b> 10-14 years old
- <b>6G</b> 10-14 years old	- <b>8M</b> 2-4 years old	- <b>10W</b> 10-14 years old
- <b>6P</b> 5-9 years old	- <b>8S</b> 10-14 years old	- <b>10M</b> 5-9 years old
- <b>7M</b> 2-4 years old	- <b>8Z</b> 5-9 years old	- <b>HSC</b> 2-4 years old
- <b>7D</b> 10-14 years old	- <b>9M</b> 2-4 years old	



We would also appreciate a donation of \$1, by each student to cover freight costs.

We are giving these children a gift that they will treasure. It is normal for them to live in poverty, yet we can still make a difference by donating a simple gift that to us might mean little, but to them it could bring hope, joy and something they truly never forget.

Thank-you and we hope you will get behind this worthy cause.

Stacey Turner (for the SSJC)

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# SPORTS REPORT

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Final results for the OMISSA Summer Sports which was held on Friday 30 October, 2009 are as follows:

**7/8 Softball-** Equal 1<sup>st</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar and Christ The King

**9/10 Softball-** 1<sup>st</sup> Victory Lutheran College, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathedral College Wangaratta

**7/8 Cricket Girls-** 1<sup>st</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity Anglican College

**7/8 Cricket Boys -** 1<sup>st</sup> Victory Lutheran College, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar

**9/10 Cricket boys -** won overall

**7/8 Tennis Boys-** 1<sup>st</sup> Victory Lutheran College, Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> Victory Lutheran College and Moama Anglican Grammar

**7/8 Tennis Girls-** 1<sup>st</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christ The King

**9/10 Tennis Boys-** 1<sup>st</sup> Christ The King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar

**9/10 Tennis Girls-** 1<sup>st</sup> Moama Anglican Grammar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathedral College Wangaratta

**Greg Cadd  
(Sports Coordinator)**

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## Cinderella

Our Year 5 students were fortunate enough to attend the Echuca Musical Theatre Company Youth's production of Cinderella on Friday 30 October.

Georgina Bish, Hannah Crosbie, Emma Pocklington and Paul Wright from Moama Anglican Grammar School performed brilliantly in their roles as main cast and ensemble, Well done!



**JUNIOR BASKETBALL PRACTICE**

Tuesday afternoons from 4pm - 4.45pm at the Echuca FONTERRA Centre. For all under 10 and under 12 boys and girls. Skills training on the fundamentals of basketball. Cost is \$3 and all players to bring a basketball & drink bottle. For more details please

**ECHUCA PONY CLUB**

Echuca Pony Club are hosting a day of celebrations and walk down memory lane to be held at the Echuca Rotary Park on **Sunday 15 November**. A rally will be held at 10.30am followed by a barbeque lunch at 1.00pm. RSVP for catering purposes by contacting Marlene on 0416 288 767

**UNIFORM NEWS**

Uniform Shop hours of operation: **TUESDAY 8:45—9:15 AM and THURSDAY 2:45—3:15 PM**

Thanks to these volunteers who will operate our shop on

**Tues 10 November**— Robbi Wood & Louise Smith **Thurs 12 November** — Michele Perry , Kaye Sutton & Julie Purtill



**PARENTS & STUDENTS;**  
please note that **Sports Hats** are available from the Accounts Office for \$15.00 each at any time

**SECONDHAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE???**

Please email or deliver the details of any second-hand items you may wish to sell to the school office by Wednesday 4pm in order to be included in the newsletter. Please advise also, when you wish the item to be deleted!

**FOR SALE - SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

- Size 10 boys trousers ; Size 9 boys trousers  
**Please contact Sally—0418 551 941 or 5480 2428**
- 1 pair boys trousers, size 16 \$10; 2 size 16 l/sleeve shirts \$10.00ea  
**Please contact Viv—0437 520 528**
- WHITE L/S SHIRT Size 14 \$ 15.00
- KILT Size 14 \$ 50.00
- SPORTS WINDCHEATER Size 14 \$ 20.00
- SPORTS LONG PANTS Size 14 \$ 20.00  
**Please contact Sally— 0428 348 544**
- 2 x Mens Formal Shorts Size 5 \$10.00 each
- 2 x L/S Shirts Size 18 \$10.00 each
- 1 x Sports Shorts Large \$8.00
- 1 x Sports Polar Fleece Size 14 \$10.00
- 1 x Red Jumper Size 16 **\$20.00**  
**Please contact Kylie 0417 800055**

**Second hand uniforms continued.....**

- 2 x Shirts Size 20
- 1 x Dress Size 22
- 1 x Winter Kilt Size 22
- 1 Tie
- 1 Blazer  
**Please contact Wayne for more information 0419 161 873**
- 3 x boys formal trousers. Size 12 \$15 each.  
**Please contact Nat - 0418 598 743**
- 1 Blazer Adult Size 90 \$110.00  
**Please contact Jill- 5881 8373 OR 0409 233 635**

**WANTED TO BUY:** Any girls uniform (summer and winter) items **Size 12** for next year Summer and Winter (no jumper needed). Boys Formal Shorts Size 14 needed also. Phone Odelia—0400 872 911



**BLAZERS FOR 2010—YEARS 9 -12**

**REMINDER:** If you have not returned your order, please do so as soon as possible to ensure your Blazer will be included in the next delivery, which is expected to be in February 2010 (or possibly March).

# Go Sailing Day

The **Bendigo Yacht Club**, in conjunction with Yachting Victoria, is hosting a 'Go Sailing Day' at the **Bendigo Yacht Club**, Sunset Drive, Lake Eppalock, on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.**

Come out to the lake and try sailing! Bring a picnic lunch, or a sausage sizzle will be available. Also bring a change of clothes (just in case you get wet), suitable footwear, a hat or cap and some SPF30. Safety gear will be provided. Pre-register by contacting Ian Wallis on 0408 102 272, or Rowan Gillies on 5442 4164, or just come on the day!



**Diary Dates—also available at [www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au](http://www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au)**

TERM 4 Tuesday 6 October – Friday 11 December		
NOV	Mon 9-Tue 10	School Certificate Exams – Year 10
	11-13	EXAMS Yrs 7-10
	Mon 16-Fri 20	Work Experience – Year 10
	Fri 20	Year 6 Celebration Dinner RRG Tatalia Room 1
DEC	Mon 7	Christmas Service 1.30-2.30pm
	Tue 8	Orientation Day
	Wed 9	Year 10 Celebration Dinner – Radcliffes
	Thurs 10	Whole School Celebration Day
	Fri 11	Last day of Term 4 – 3.05pm
	Fri 11	Presentation Evening – Fonterra Centre 7.30pm
	Mon 14	Staff Day
	Tues 15	Staff Day
	Wed 16	Staff Lunch
	Wed 16	Office Closed for Christmas Vacation 12 noon

## ECHUCA SOUTH CRICKET CLUB:

### MILO Have-A-Go CRICKET

For boys and girls aged 5 to 7 who are just learning to play cricket. Each participant receives a plastic bat, ball, hat, T-shirt, CD ROM, water bottle and more. Cost is \$50.

### MILO Have-A-Game CRICKET

A new program for boys and girls aged 8 and above who have mastered the skills and are now ready to play the game! Each participant receives a wooden bat, ball, hat, T-shirt, CD ROM, water bottle and more. Cost is \$55.

Both programs will run concurrently.

Registration night Friday 6 November 4.30-5.30pm

Commences Friday 20 November 5.00-6.30pm

Christmas Break Friday 18 December and return when School returns in 2010.

Echuca South Oval, High Street South.

For further information please contact Chris Hinks (AH) 5482 5557 or Mobile 0407 646 034.

## TERM DATES - 2010 (subject to confirmation)

- Term 1 Monday 1 February - Friday 26 March  
Office Open from Monday 18 January Australia Day Tuesday 26 January Staff Development day (office closed) Labour Day Public Holiday is March 8  
Good Friday is April 2
- Term 2 Tuesday 13 April – Friday 25 June  
Anzac Day Public Holiday is April 26  
Queens Birthday Public Holiday is June 14
- Term 3 Tuesday 13 July –Friday 10 September
- Term 4 Tuesday 5 October – Friday 10 December  
Exeat Holiday is 1 & 2 November



## UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Please complete and return this cut-off slip if you wish to confirm how you would like to receive your Newsletter. If you have registered for email distribution in the past or if you have not been receiving yours at all, your email address may need updating.

YES, I would like to receive my Newsletter by email - my current email address is:

.....@.....

NO, I would prefer to receive my Newsletter in a hard copy (distributed to each eldest child in the family or by mail if you are a new family)