



Modbury West Schools

Developing a quality learning community through our values of:
Tolerance, Honesty, Trust, Co-operation, Respect and Care

Newsletter

Diary Dates

Issue No. 2

Term 1 2018 Week 2

Dear Families and carers,

Welcome to all new students and their families! As the new Principal for Modbury West School I also welcome new staff to our education team. I hope to profile them in future newsletters. It has been an excellent start for 2018, with students engaged in the **"Laying the Foundations" program**. This program develops an understanding and opportunity to practice the values and strengths of our school. We aim to establish culture, tone and routines for a successful year. Teachers have been sending introduction letters home and overviews of **the year's learning**. We believe in establishing strong communication and there are many ways we facilitate this process. Students have communication books/diaries, newsletters are fortnightly and teachers are available by request to meet and discuss **your student's learning**. I am keen to look at other ways of effective communication and your feedback is welcome.

Last **night's Acquaintance evening**, was a great opportunity to have a look around our school, meet teachers and other families and I look forward to further opportunities to meet with our community. Families and students are keen to see our new STEM facility and we are hoping for access to this redevelopment in a few weeks.

Please remember, if you need to discuss **your child's learning make a time through our front office/communication book with your child's teacher**. The leadership team are also available through the front office procedure

In my greeting to families I reiterated our core purpose as improving the learning outcomes of all our students. We expect to see growth in all students and are developing a rigorous Site Improvement plan with 3 Priorities: Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing. We will be presenting our plans to Governing council and then our wider community. I believe in collaborative effort and developing a sense of belonging, so we can work together to achieve positive outcomes. Student voice is essential to this and we will be investigating student leadership teams as part of this process.

Please note, our Annual General Meeting is scheduled at this stage, for **Tuesday, 27th February from 6:00 for a 6:15 start**. We will have a Governing council meeting after the AGM. We welcome all families and carers to call for nominations to be part of this dynamic and important group.

Kind regards,
Sue Wirth

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument there are lessons available at school through Learning Through Music. Enrolment forms and information is available from the front office.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

We are involved in the Coles sports for Schools program. If you shop at Coles you can collect vouchers which go towards free sports equipment for our school. If you collect vouchers please drop into the collection box which is in the front office.

SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day

8.45am

End of day

3.05pm

Term 1

February

21st

Assembly

27th

Governing Council AGM
6.00pm

March

1st

District Swimming
Carnival

7th

Assembly

12th

Adelaide cup Day –
Public Holiday

13th

PUPIL FREE DAY

21ST

Assembly

22nd

SAPSASA Swimming
Carnival

30th

Good Friday



Every day counts: school attendance

When your child goes to school every day they will achieve their best. Here are some tips for helping your child turn up, achieve more and maintain a good attendance habit:

- ❖ Let your child know it is important to go to school every day. One of the best ways to encourage your child to go to school every day is to talk about school in a positive way. Tell your child it is important that they go to school, even on special days like their birthday or the last day of term. Occasionally, your child may need to stay home from school—they might be sick, or there might be serious family matters you have to attend to (such as a funeral). While these kinds of events are unavoidable, other events such as shopping trips, holidays, visiting family and friends, or appointments such as haircuts can be scheduled out of school hours.
- ❖ Create routines for your child. Help your child get organised and prepare for their school day. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Encourage them to lay their school clothes out the night before and pack their bags in advance so they can get to school on time.

How can you help?

- ❖ Talk positively about school with your child.
- ❖ Create and maintain a routine.
- ❖ If possible, make appointments out of school hours.
- ❖ Avoid taking your child away for holidays during the school term.



Are you the parent of a 5 - 12 year old?
Want fewer behaviour dramas at home?

Hear psychologist, parenting author and commentator Jodie Benveniste talk about:

- dealing with challenging behaviour in ways that bring out your child's strengths and true character
- alternatives to discipline and punishment
- encouraging cooperation rather than conflict.

Wednesday 21 March

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide
Riverbank Room 7 & 8
(easy access via West entrance)

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Presented by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children visit
www.parentingsa.gov.au or
www.cyh.com

For the benefit of all participants we request no babies and young children.

Helping parents be their best



Para Hills Football Club

GIRLS COME AND TRY !!

We look forward to seeing all past players and welcoming all new players to PHFC.

Thursday 08th February

Where: The Paddocks, Bridge Road, Para Hills

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Come meet our new Under 16 coach Bill Fuller.

**** Free sausage sizzle for all players after training ****

We are looking for players to fill the following teams;

**Under 16, Under 14, Under 12,
Under 10 & Under 8**

*** NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY ***

For more information please email; parahillsfc@gmail.com

PE @ Modbury West with Miss Melanie Arnold



Term 1 Diary Dates

Week 5
Thursday 1st March
District Swimming
Carnival

Week 7
Monday 12th March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th March
Pupil Free day

Week 8
Thursday 22nd March
SAPSASA Swimming
Canival

Week 9
Friday 30th March
Public Holiday

Week 10
Monday 2nd April
Public Holiday

Tues 3rd – Fri 6th
Year 3-5 Swimming
lessons Waterworld

Wednesday 4th –
Sunday 15th April
Commonwealth
Games

Week 11
Mon 9th – Fri 13th
SAPSASA Softball
Carnival Boys & Girls

Turn over for the 2018
Whole School PE
Program. Please note
– subject to change
throughout the year.

I continue to have the best job, teaching PE to all the students at Modbury West School.

This year each class has an allocated 50min PE lesson with me at least once a week. Lessons will be held in either the Gym, on the Oval or on the Courts. Please see the program attached for our focus topics for 2018.

I look forward to working with your child again or getting to know you and your child throughout 2018. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. For those interested in supporting our sporting community, throughout the year I will seek interest from parents and families for assistance with our whole school sporting events. Stay tuned.

We have had a great start to PE this year!

Students have participated in a number of cooperative games and team challenges. Activities have been carefully selected so we can discuss, work out and trial a number of different strategies to ensure all team members have the opportunity to be successful.

It is great to see students working with new class members and getting excited when their group has success and persist when challenged.



Sports Stars Cup

At every Whole school assembly (Wednesday fortnight) I will award the Sports Stars Cup to one class who had the best PE lesson - by making great choices, trying their best, and showing our school values. The lucky class will keep the cup in their classroom for 2 weeks.

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for PE lessons. Slip on shoes etc make it challenging for students to fully participate. Thank you for your support.



We have a strong focus on team work within our PE lessons. You may see signs of this with high fives, encouraging words and great sportsmanship. Team work can be displayed in all areas of learning, both at school and at home.

Whole School PE Program 2018 @ MWS



TERM	PE 'Even' Year	Whole School	District/SAPSASA	
1	JP	Team Building Badminton Fitness Testing Basketball	Year 3-5 Swim Lessons <i>Waterworld</i> (Tues – Fri Week 10) Cross Country <i>Modbury West</i> (Tuesday 10 th April Week 11)	District Swimming Carnival <i>Norwood Swim Centre</i> (Thursday 1 st March Wk 5) SAPSASA Swimming (Thurs 22 nd March Wk 8) SAPSASA Softball Girls & Boys Carnival (Wk 11)
	MP	Team Building Badminton Fitness Testing Basketball		
	UP	Team Building Badminton Fitness Testing Basketball		
2	JP	Gymnastics Netball	Gymnastics PE Lessons Open (TBA)	District Cross Country (Friday 11 th May Wk 2) SAPSASA Football & Netball (Week 5) SAPSASA Cross Country (Thurs 7 th June Wk 6) SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer (Week 9)
	MP	Gymnastics Netball		
	UP	Gymnastics Netball		
3	JP	Football Athletics/ Sports Day events	R – Year 2 Swim Lessons <i>Clovercrest State Pool</i> (Mon – Fri Week 4) Year 6/7 Aquatics (Fri 14 th Sept Wk 8) Sports Day (Thursday 27 th Sept Week 9)	SAPSASA Basketball Champs (25 th & 26 th July Wk 1) District Athletics (Thursday 6 th Sept Wk 7) SAPSASA Athletics Day (Tues 25 th Sept Wk 10)
	MP	Football Athletics/ Sports Day events		
	UP	Football Athletics/ Sports Day events		
4	JP	Tennis Fitness Testing Volleyball	PE Week (Week 5) Life Be In It (Tuesday 13 th Nov Week 5)	SAPSASA Cricket & Tennis (Week 6)
	MP	Tennis Fitness Testing Volleyball		
	UP	Tennis Fitness Testing Volleyball		

Please note Program may be subject to change throughout the year