



# 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. 3

Term 1 2018 Week 4

Dear families and carers,

The term is now in full swing with our focus on teaching and learning and achieving growth for every student in every class.

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend DECD Literacy summit with our teachers Gayle Morris and Julie Koenig. The highlight of this event was the address by Dr Maryanne Wolf, from Tufts University in the US. She spoke with great passion about the importance of literacy (and deep reading) as critical to democracy and development of empathy. It reinforced the importance of the work we do as families and schools to ensure our students become literate. Reading every day with our students is a priority at Modbury West School through our morning program, as we take on the challenge to be part of the DECD goal set by Chief Executive Rick Persse, to build a world-class education system in South Australia.

We invite families and students to meet with their class teachers this term in week 9 to **discuss their child's literacy, numeracy and wellbeing goals**. When working on these goals in partnership with parents and carers, we work as one team in our quest for our students to be the best they can be and we support them when they need it the most.

I also look forward to our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00 to expand our site planning process and establish our Governing Council for 2018.

Kind regards,  
Sue Wirth  
Principal

Hello, My name is Cathy Saxby and I am delighted to be working in U5 this year **teaching Year 2/3's**. My last teaching contract was at Gawler and District College **teaching Year 3/4's**. My interests are basketball, picture books, theatre and live bands. My favourite colour is green and my favourite food is chocolate bullets. Please come and say hello.



### REMINDERS

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds without permission from the Principal. The exception to this is service dogs which are of course welcome.

Adults are not allowed into student toilets, if you have a younger child that needs to use the toilet please come into the front office and use the staff toilets.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATES

Thank you to those parent/carers who have returned the emergency contact updates to the front office. If you have not already done so could you please do so as soon as possible. If you need a copy of the letter please let us know so we can organise a new one for you.

PUPIL FREE DAY  
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.  
OSHC will be taking  
bookings for families who  
already use the service from  
26<sup>th</sup> February.

### SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day

8.45am

End of day

3.05pm

### Term 1

### February

27<sup>th</sup>

Governing Council AGM  
6.00pm

### March

1<sup>st</sup>

District Swimming  
Carnival

7<sup>th</sup>

Assembly

12<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide cup Day – Public  
Holiday

13<sup>th</sup>

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

21<sup>ST</sup>

Assembly  
Harmony Day

22<sup>nd</sup>

SAPSASA Swimming  
Carnival

26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Parent/Teacher interviews

30<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday

# RECOGNITION AWARDS

At our Assembly the following students received "Recognition Award". Congratulations to each of these students.

M10	<b>Nabha M</b> for being brave by settling into her new school with confidence and a positive attitude. <b>Joshua L</b> for pursuing his personal best by putting his best effort into all aspects of his learning.
M11	<b>Matilda P</b> for following the Golden Rule and always being a helpful class member. <b>Connor N</b> for being a respectful class member and helping others.
M12	<b>Mariah F</b> for being brave and trying her best at a new school. <b>Oliver N</b> for being brave and trying his best in a new school.
M14	<b>Summer W</b> for following the Golden Rule and always treating others with respect. <b>Lachlan N</b> for following the Golden Rule and always treating others with respect.
M15	<b>Bryce S</b> for pursuing his personal best by contributing to class discussions. <b>Krystal F</b> for pursuing her personal best by keeping organized.
M16	<b>Ethan J</b> for displaying leadership qualities around the classroom and showing real strength by being sensible. <b>Tomia W</b> for pursuing her personal best, no matter what she does or who she works with. Staying on task until the work is completed.
M18	<b>Owen D</b> for being brave to make new friends at his new school – being trustworthy and responsible. <b>Tamsyn N</b> for showing great strength and continuing to work through issues.
M19	<b>Sienna G</b> for treating others as you would like to be treated by being inclusive of everyone. <b>Lukas G</b> for being brave, pursuing your personal goals with great pride and positivity.
U1	<b>Monil P</b> for pursuing his personal best with his learning. <b>Jasmine C</b> for always doing her best with learning tasks.
U2	<b>Victoria C</b> for her positive approach. <b>Vrinda B</b> for her positive approach to learning.
U3	<b>Abigail H</b> for showing leadership and volunteering to help her younger peers learn about school. <b>Tahlia W</b> for showing initiative and responsibly helping her classmates to follow the routines.
U4	<b>Ruby M</b> for always trying to achieve her best in her learning. <b>Jaiteg D</b> for trying to be respectful to teachers and classmates.
U5	<b>Carter L</b> for continuous effort in all areas of his school work. <b>Kendra V</b> for consistently showing kindness and thoughtfulness to others.

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U6	<b>Talon K</b> for being a positive class mate and encouraging others. <b>Amy L</b> for making a great start to Reception and settling into new routines.
U7	<b>Nyomi M</b> for treating others as they would like to be treated. <b>Thomas S</b> for treating others as they would like to be treated.

## Mrs V's News (PCW)

*Hello! To all our students, families and staff.*

*It has been a great start this year with Breakfast Club kicking off in the first week back.*



*Breakfast Club is a service to our school community supporting our families in various ways. Breakfast Club is open 8:15 to 8:40am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We offer cereals, toast and a selection of spreads, Milo, Juice and a variety of fruit which is available to classes throughout the week.*

*Lunchtime Program has also been open from week 1 with lots of new activity sheets, games and craft ideas to go with our 'beach theme'.*

*Lunchtime Program is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 7 (near M12) main building.*



*Lunchtime Program is a space students can play board games, draw, colour-in, paint, enjoy crafts, connect with friends and meet new friends.*

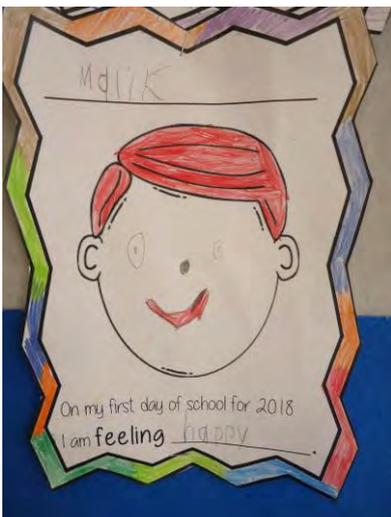
*For more information please contact me through the front office.*

## A day in the life of Unit 6

Unit 6 is a reception/ year 1 class. We have all settled into the school routine very well and have already achieved great things since day one! Year one students are great leaders and doing an excellent job of demonstrating appropriate school behaviour.

We have been working on recount writing and learning and revising our phonological skills. We have also enjoyed being creative and making our loved ones Valentine's Day gifts. We were very excited to have a Police Officer visit our classroom to talk to us about safety. Our photos show how much fun we are having!

Expectations, Respect and Feelings have been a huge emphasis in our class over the past four weeks. We are all well aware that The Golden Rule at our school is "Treat Others as You Would Like Them to Treat You." Here is some of the work we have done based on Expectations, Respect and Feelings.





## WELCOME TO MODBURY WEST SCHOOL LIBRARY, 2018.

Welcome to our school library for 2018! We welcome back all of those students who are returning to our school and all of the new students that we have attending our school. Our library is an exciting, stimulating and extremely important part of our school as reading and books are very much at the forefront of our teaching and learning.

### LIBRARY ROUTINES:

Each class has a set time throughout the week where they visit the library to return and borrow books –see class information for these times. Books are borrowed for two weeks, but can be extended if need be.

Junior Primary students may borrow 2 books at a time, whereas Primary students may borrow 4 books at a time. It is the responsibility of the student to look after the book whilst it is in their possession. We send notes home to remind students/parents/caregivers that books are overdue. If your child cannot find a book, we ask that a note be sent to the library staff explaining this and we will take the book from our system.

We ask that students put their library books in a library/plastic bag to avoid wet drinks bottles etc. whilst in school bags.

### LIBRARY TIMES:

The library is open each morning Monday-Thursday from 8:30am so that students can borrow/return books before school. We encourage parents/caregivers to visit with their child during this time too.

The library is also open at lunch times (all week) for students to read, draw, play games or watch a video. It is supervised by a staff member during this time.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

Each student in our school is expected to participate in the PRCH. Junior Primary classes do this as a class activity, but Primary students do it as an individual activity. There is much excitement at the school when certificates and medals come to the school in late November each year!

### LIBRARY STAFF:

Tracey White (library & classroom support –each day of the week) and Julie Koenig (library & Reading Intervention – Monday-Thursday) **both work in the library. Please feel free to pop in and say 'hello!' We would love to see you. If you have any further questions or queries, please see us about them too.**



We are looking forward to another exciting year in the library!



Tracey White & Julie Koenig.

