



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. 5

Term 1 2018 Week 8

Dear families and carers,
With cooler weather now upon us, we are reminded to still apply sunscreen every 2 hours and take protection from the sun. Our school is certainly fortunate to have excellent shade and students wear hats in Term 1 and 4. We encourage students to apply sunblock before they come to school and develop independence in reapplying before breaks. Hats need to be at school in terms 2 and 3, as they are required when the UV rating is 3 or above.

Student/parent/teacher interviews begin on Monday 26th March. This is an excellent opportunity for students to share their learning goals, receive feedback and encouragement. Please make a time for this important meeting, which strengthens the partnership between home and school. We are hoping for 100% attendance. Teachers can arrange alternate times, so please let us know if you need to meet outside the allocated week.

Our Governing Council has ratified the establishment of new committees: CANTEN, PLAYGROUP, GROUNDS, CURRICULUM and ICT to join our highly successful FINANCE, OSHC and COMMUNITY EVENTS committees. They meet once or twice a term depending on need and report back to Governing Council. If you are interested in joining any of these important groups in our school, please contact the front office or contact me directly!

Our school was proudly registered for National Day against Bullying and students painted their hands red as a signal that Bullying Stops at Modbury West. Our Governing Council supports our students in this pledge and happily posed with our banner.

Please join me for Coffee and Conversation on Thursday 12th April in the STEM building from 9:00-10:00. I hope to run these regularly throughout the year and look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback about our school.

I wish all families a happy Easter break next week, stay safe, share some quality time with the wonderful young people in your lives and remember school starts again on Tuesday 3rd April.

Kind regards,
Sue Wirth
Principal

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hello my Name is Melissa Stephenson and I am Modbury West's new Science teacher. I am very excited and happy to be here and am looking forward to a great year of fun and informative learning. I have come from The Heights School where I was teaching a 5/6 class. Before I became a teacher I was a Social Worker for many years and worked in a variety of roles supporting and advocating for children and young people.

I am married with three children who are 12, 11 and 7 years old. My favourite colours are blue, purple and green and my favourite food is pasta (all different kinds!).

I look forward to meeting you over the year and please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions about Science this year.



SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day
8.45am
End of day
3.05pm

Term 1

March

22nd
SAPSASA Swimming
Carnival

26th – 29th
Parent/Teacher
interviews

30th
Good Friday

April

2nd
Easter Monday

3rd – 6th
Year 3-5 swimming

4th
Assembly

6th
Aladdin performance

13th
Last day of term, early
dismissal-2.05pm

30th
Term 2 begins



On Friday 16th March, students at Modbury West School recognised National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence by placing their red handprints on a banner that will be hung on the Wright Road fence, alongside the message 'Bullying stops here @ MWS'. Each student's red handprint signifies their pledge to make a stand against bullying, whether it is happening to themselves or another student.

Bullying is either encouraged or stopped by the people who see it happening.

Bullying can be an accepted part of a community, or it can be understood by everyone as not acceptable and not appropriate.

This is why countering bullying involves the whole school community.



Harmony day is celebrated each year on 21st March. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging for everyone.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. All students at Modbury West School were given an orange ribbon to wear by the Events Committee, and the option to wear orange clothes to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Kristy Cannon
 Assistant Principal
 Wellbeing



fun
like
some
have
are
our
going
called
all
play



craft



Story elements

sight words



numbers

Unit 7

Reception & Year 1

building



phonics



recount writing



story writ-



dress ups



SPARE CLOTHES

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

Please note there has been a change in eligibility for **receiving School Card assistance**. **Parents don't need to** have a Health Care Card or Concession Card to be able to qualify. The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2018 – based on the family's gross income in 2016/2017.

To qualify for school card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have and whether your child attends a government, independent, or Catholic school. You will need to provide proof of income – eg payslips or Centrelink information. If you think you might fit the criteria please see the front office for an application form.

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

Number of dependent children	Gross annual School Card income limit	Gross weekly School Card income limit
1 child	\$57,870	\$1,113
2 children	\$58,903	\$1,133
3 children	\$59,936	\$1,153
4 children	\$60,969	\$1,173
5 children	\$62,002	\$1,193
More than five children	Add \$1,033 for each dependent child	Add \$20 for each dependent child

Contact - For more information or assistance with completing the form talk to your school or phone freecall 1800 672 758.

Email: DECD.Schoolcard@sa.gov.au

We are desperate for smaller size clothes, we have nothing to fit younger students if they need to change their clothes. If you have some clothes that are school colours at home that your child may have grown out of please bring them into the front office.



COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE (CEC)

Kyton's Bakery Easter selection. Thank you to the families who have placed an order, once again Kyton's are proving to be popular. Your orders will be available for Pick up on Friday 23-03-18 from the Canteen between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. We hope you all enjoy eating your YUMMY Hot cross Buns.

Easter Raffle. We have an Easter donation bag in the front office if you wish to contribute something Easter themed that could be used in the raffle prize, your support is greatly appreciated. Please return Sold and unsold tickets to the office by Thursday 22-03-18. Prizes will be drawn on Friday 23-03-18 at 2.30pm.

Mother's Day Stall. Mother's Day Stall Friday Week 2 Term 2. WOW we have had so much fun putting this together for the students and we are sure there will be some very happy Mum's, Mummy's, Grandma's, Nan's (and the list goes on) out there with something special bought with love from your children. Dad's we have made it easy for you this year just send your child to school with some spending money on the day. Prices of gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Student create an emblem Competition. Thank you to those students who have returned a design. There is still time to get yours in. Please pop it in the Community Events Committee Box in the front office by Friday 23rd March.

On behalf of all our Community Event Committee members we wish you and your family's a Safe and Happy Easter.

For any CEC related enquires please contact kmonteiro@outlook.com.au