



# 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. 10

Term 2 2018 Week 8

Dear Families/carers,

This week we have hosted tours for parents/families keen to enrol at our school. The journey into education is an exciting time and one that I am keen to develop further at Modbury West School. We are now accepting enrolments for 2019 and it is rewarding to see so many parents confident enough in our school to register their children beyond next year. If you are aware of any families who have children about to start school in 2019 and have not yet contacted us, please let them know, as we would love to welcome them into our school community! When walking around our school, it was a privilege to highlight all classes engaging students, working hard and enjoying learning. Our facilities are continually improving. Technology for the new STEM area is coming, planning has begun to upgrade the canteen, laptops will be part of the resource centre and upgrades for the learning area near M11 are happening in the holidays.

Our grounds are a constant source of positive comments and are a great place to play and learn. Governing council recognises the significance of the outside area and recently established a grounds committee to develop future ideas.

Students can show pride and respect by wearing their school uniform and they develop a sense of belonging to the team. I know the importance students place on getting a sports team uniform, so I believe it is also as important, if not more, to belong to the school learning team. I thank those parents who make a strong commitment in this area and encourage all parents to support our school uniform. Jane has many bargains in the uniform shop but if you need any support, our Wellbeing and Engagement Assistant Principal Kristy Cannon can help you.

Please remember to label all those blue jumpers and jackets! There are many in the lost property box. We will display them in Week 10 for you to sort and collect, but you are most welcome to check now.

Kind regards,  
Sue Wirth  
Principal



*from Miss Cannon*

Attendance

At Modbury West School, we want to see your child every day!

Every day matters in the school life of a child or young person. Each day of attendance has a positive effect on their development and future success.

Even missing one day a week of school from reception to year 10 adds up to missing 2 years and 1 term of schooling.

Long-term studies have shown that not completing school can be linked with poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement with the criminal justice system.

Children and young people who do not attend school regularly also miss out on planned learning experiences, sequences of instruction and class participation. The impact of this loss is compounded with each absence. It is also more difficult for them to build positive relationships with others.

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### SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day

8.45am

End of day

3.05pm

### Term 2

#### June

25<sup>th</sup>

School Photos catch up day

#### July

6<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term – finish at 2:05

### Term 3

#### July

23<sup>rd</sup>

First day of term

#### August

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Junior Primary Swimming

31<sup>st</sup>

School Closure Day

#### September

3<sup>rd</sup>

Pupil Free Day

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE.  
NO-ONE IS ALLOWED ON  
SCHOOL GROUNDS THIS  
WEEKEND. ON SATURDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup> AND SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
DUE TO ASBESTOS  
REMOVAL.**

# RECOGNITION AWARDS

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

M10	<b>Kurtis G</b> for pursuing his personal best by consistently practicing his reading and getting a great result. <b>Ella T</b> for always responsibly doing the right thing as a responsible class member.
M11	<b>Lily G</b> for working with persistence and care and being prepared to help others. <b>Nicholas D</b> for challenging himself with his learning and being respectful of others.
M12	<b>Utsavi V</b> for showing great effort and commitment in her Geography assignment. <b>Gelsey G</b> for challenging and extending herself in new learning areas.
M13	<b>Robert G</b> for doing personal best in word work. <b>Mia T</b> for personal best in word work.
M14	<b>Jasmine A</b> for being brave – trying hard even when the work is challenging. <b>Miles S</b> for pursuing his personal best with writing and maths tasks.
M15	<b>Hayden L</b> for pursuing her personal best by applying her full effort to learning tasks. <b>Grace G</b> for approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude and growth mindset.
M16	<b>Denisia P</b> for being brave – participating to progress especially when faced with difficult problems in maths lessons. <b>Tegan H</b> for consistently working to the best of her <b>ability and doing the right thing because it's the best thing to do.</b>
M18	<b>Zahra E</b> for always having a positive mindset and being prepared to help others. <b>Aleena W</b> for being brave at her new school – asking questions and doing her best.
M19	<b>Tanvita N</b> for being brave and tackling an increased workload with enthusiasm after holidays. <b>Codey O</b> for improving work ethic, submitting assignments for feedback and showing initiative.
U1	<b>Aiden F</b> for improved listening skills and group participation. <b>Jessica B</b> for <b>always showing respect towards' others.</b>
U2	<b>Charlie K</b> for his positive approach to his learning. <b>Sahara M</b> for trying hard to learn her sight words.
U3	<b>Aleiah S</b> for sharing her ideas and thinking in discussions about Mathematics. <b>Jack R</b> for showing empathy to his classmates and offering help in different situations.
U4	<b>Phoenix C</b> for participating in reading each day to progress his reading. <b>Calin H</b> for trying his best to follow the Golden Rule.

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U6	<b>Bella L</b> for being a kind and considerate class mate. <b>Malik M</b> for working hard during learning time and showing pleasing bookwork.
U7	<b>Ari H</b> for working to progress his writing. <b>Ava H</b> for working hard in phonics to improve her reading.

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## Shared responsibility

Ensuring regular attendance at preschool and school is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, preschools and schools.

**If you are having problems with your child's school attendance,** first contact the school to talk about it and ask for help.

If your child misses too much school your school will contact you to work through ways to address the problem. If you do not cooperate with the school and your child to improve their attendance, you could face a penalty.

## Effects of missing school

Long-term studies have shown that not completing school can be linked with poor life outcomes including, poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement with the criminal justice system.

## When it's acceptable for children to be absent

It is acceptable for a child to miss school when:

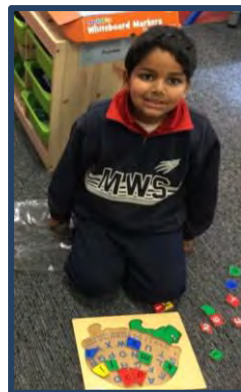
- they are too sick to leave the house
- they have an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- they need to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- they have been granted an exemption from school
- they have been sent home or [suspended from school](#) for disciplinary reasons
- the school principal is given a genuine reason that prevents the child from attending school.

If a student is absent due to reported illness for 3 or more consecutive days, or has a history of chronic or habitual non-attendance, the principal can ask for a medical certificate.

## Informing school about your child's absence

You need to notify the school of your child's absence and the **reason for it. If you can't do this in advance, send a text message or phone on the day or send a note covering the days missed when your child returns.**

# Morning English Activities Time in Unit 3



## COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE (CEC)

Share the Dignity, Please keep your donations coming in with cut off this Friday 22/06/18 Donation box in the front office.

Items we require are: \* New or Used (but in good condition) Handbags. \* Shampoo and Conditioner \* Toothbrush's and Toothpaste \* Soap's and Deodorant's \* Sanitary Items \* Useful things and Little Luxuries. The organisation have expressed that at this time they are desperately seeking the following items; Sanitary items, dry shampoo, deodorant, body wash and face cleaners. Any item's you can donate for us to pass on to such an amazing and high demand service is greatly appreciated.

Entertainment Books, 2018/2019 Books are now available from the front office or get your Digital copy.

Our link is <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/161006h>

For any CEC related enquires please contact [kmonteiro@outlook.com.au](mailto:kmonteiro@outlook.com.au)

## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the following students voted by their peers to represent their Sports Teams for the remainder of the year. **Faulkner (Red)** Captains are Lucy N and Tahlia F, and Vice Captains are Tiffany B and Kiara R.

**Montague (Green)** Captains are Daniel W and Tiffany T, and Vice Captains are Tania F and Shania N. **Kelly (Yellow)** Captains are Codey O and Ella D, and Vice Captains are Tamsyn N and Gus V. **Wright (Blue)** Captains are William S and Cooper B, and Vice Captains are Theo K and Jack R.



Don Pudney and Cathy Saxby did a presentation to our partnership schools on our Pupil Free Day. Well done.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

There has been a price increase for some uniform items. The new price list is included with this newsletter.



Hot Coffee on a Cold Morning?

Staff and students from Valley View Secondary School would like to invite you to meet and talk over a coffee about the great things we are doing and the future directions we are planning to implement to improve student learning.

We welcome any questions or feedback about student learning and look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 28th of June between 8:15am and 9:15am at Modbury West School.



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