



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 2017 Week 8

Dear Families,

Over the past year there have been a number of changes in our leadership team due to staff moving to new roles and taking leave. I would like to acknowledge teachers who have stepped up into leadership temporarily, taken on new learning and supported our school to 'hum along' so well. Julie Koenig is acting Assistant Principal Wellbeing and engagement until the end of term, joining Kristy Cannon in a Band B Leader position until the end of term while Briony Bullers-Knight is on leave. Briony's tenure finishes at the end of this term. The panel process for the Principal role is being managed by DECD HR and is still in process.

A message from Governing Council: *Governing Council would like to thank the leadership team and staff for their ongoing work supporting children's learning through the many changes over past months.*

We have had a number of **new enrolments** during the past 2 terms and many enquiries for 2018 enrolment. Feedback about the school from families has been very positive.

Modbury Partnership Pupil Free Day was a busy day for teachers and leaders. We engaged in professional learning about collaborative **moderation of student learning**. Collaborative moderation is a process of teachers sharing with each other their expectations and understanding of standards, in order to improve the consistency of decisions about student learning. We explored how we can 'transform' the design of learning tasks to provide intellectual challenge for all students.

Our School Service Officers engaged in professional activities at school including professional development that enhances learning for students, wellbeing activities and planning for STEM Works.

Following on from 2016, this year, two more of our teachers, Don P and Peta N have been engaged in professional learning about **Creative and Body-based Learning in mathematics**. This project is a collaboration between DECD, the University of South Australia in partnership with the University of Texas, plus artists, Jo Naumann Curren and Carol Wellman Kelly.

The aim of this research project is to investigate how Creative Body-based Learning approaches can improve student-learning outcomes in maths. The project is based on the Drama for Schools model program developed by Katie Dawson, an assistant professor and director of the Drama for Schools program at the University of Texas. Katie is a nationally and internationally-recognised consultant in drama-based pedagogy and creative learning. Don and Peta are working with their year 5 and Reception classes and will also lead teaching staff in sharing the pedagogical practices- active and dramatic approaches to engage students in aesthetic, affective and body-based practices. Our goal is to **further develop student engagement and academic learning in mathematics**.

Our **STEM Works** builders were at school on the pupil free day beginning the planning process for our STEM space and we hope to hear soon about a start date for building works. A staff-student team will work together to provide advice to architects about furniture and fittings for our STEM learning space.

Congratulations to our **Senior Choir** on their recent assessment. We received a 'B' rating which is a great achievement at this stage of their development.

Our **annual Disco** will be held in the gym on Friday 30th June, week 9 of this term. The R-2 disco will be from 5:30-6:30pm with the years 3-7 disco 6:45-8pm. This year we are trialling new ideas to support children developing independence and build on **growth mindset** learning, plus *Play is the Way* principle, **be brave**. An disco information flyer has been sent home.

Teachers have been working hard in recent weeks writing **mid-year student reports**. Reports will **come home on the last day of term**, Friday 7th July, with a curriculum fact sheet providing information about what your child learns at school.

Kind regards,
Chris Harford
Principal

SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day

8.50am

End of day

3.05pm

Term 2

June

21st

Assembly

30th

School Disco

July

5th

Assembly

7th

Last day of term 2. Early dismissal.

Term 3

July

24th

Term 3 starts

Lost property

Please check the lost property box. It is overflowing.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

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

M10	Zack S for participating to progress by not giving up when a Technology lesson was challenging. Lara A for being very brave and settling into her new class extremely well.
M11	Lachlan C for following the Golden Rule and persisting with his learning. Caitlyn W for displaying respect for others at all times while persisting with her learning.
M12	Kayla M for being a respectful listener. Lincoln W for being brave and attempting new learning.
M13	Cooper S for being a helpful and supportive group member. Emily B for working hard to pursue her personal best.
M14	Jazzy S for consistently making good choices in all parts of the school day. Jade P for producing her best work in any task she undertakes.
M15	Mahdi H for pursuing his personal best through participating in all learning activities. Michael J for being sensible and continuing to manage his behavior in the classroom.
M16	Seth H for having a growth mindset – moving from "I'll try to do it" to "I can do it". Kaylan C for treating others as he would like to be treated and showing great strength by being sensible when others are not.
M17	Janaya A for being brave-actively participating in mathematics and working to improve confidence. Tamsyn N for pursuing her personal best, being organized and completing work on time.
M18	Daniel W for pursuing personal best and often achieving above his year level in Maths. Marlia M for taking risks and persisting when learning becomes challenging.
M19	Duran C for being brave and pursuing his best with his history and maths assignments. Victoria P for pursuing her personal best when faced with challenges.
U1	Lucy M for always being willing to help others. Liam R for pursuing his personal best in Reading.
U2	Imogen D for helping others and always doing her personal best. Rose G for always showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
U3	Zara L for using what she knows about letters and sounds to write independently. Jayden L for being focused and working mindfully in writing time.
U4	Shad O for showing improvement with his reading skills. Ella T for always being brave and pursuing her personal best with her learning.
U6	Kurtis M for being a good role model and encouraging others to make good choices. Jack H for being a good role model and encouraging others to make good choices.
U7	Ari H for always doing his personal best. Ellie C for being brave to progress her learning.

SAPSASA BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to the 5 Modbury West Students who represented the Adelaide North East District at the recent SAPSASA Football Carnival. The team finished second overall. Some move up a division next year. Well done boys!



SAPSASA NEWS

Congratulations to Mitchel L who has been selected into the State Cross Country team, for the third year in a row. Mitchell will travel to Hobart in August for his race. We wish him all the very best for this exciting adventure.

Melanie Arnold
PE Teacher

SPARE CLOTHES

The school is in desperate need of spare clothes. In particular for the younger students, we are very short on long pants and shorts. If you have any that no longer fit your child/ren could you please bring them into the front office.





Science

In science we made bracelets using UV Beads. Inside they stayed white but when we went outside where there was UV rays they changed colour.

Learning in m12



Maths





Modbury West School Disco

Friday 30th June 2017

Years R-2 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Years 3-7 6:45 - 8:00pm

Music and entertainment is provided by a DJ from Bop till you Drop

This year we are trialling a few new organisational ideas for our school discos. Rather than children bringing money on the disco night, they will pre-purchase a disco ticket for \$2.50 (GST free) to present upon entry to the disco.

The ticket will be redeemed for a named goody bag that includes:

- A named plastic bag
- A bottle of water
- Some lollies
- Glow sticks

Tickets will be available from class teachers up until 9am Thursday 29th June (the day before the disco). Please assist us by having the correct money together with the tear-off slip sent back to classrooms. Disco tickets, nor any other items, will be available on the night of the disco.

The disco is a lock-in event and children will need to be collected by a nominated adult at the end of the disco.

We aim to support the developing independence of our students by asking the parents to kiss and drop their children at the gym entry once the disco has been opened. With children, staff and volunteers in the hall there are already a large number of people in the space, and if we add more adults to this number it becomes overwhelming for young children and they find it tricky to find their friends and teachers. This aligns with our Growth Mindset learning, and Play is the Way – 'Be Brave'. We are confident that children will embrace this opportunity to interact independently with peers in a social situation supervised and supported by their teachers.

- Please bring your ticket to the disco.
- Parents to kiss and drop, once the disco doors are open.
- No mobile phones or photography at the disco (as per school guidelines).
- At the end of the disco the children are seated on the floor and dismissed to their nominated adult from the gym. Adults to enter gym for collection from the carpark side doors.
- All children must be with their nominated adult before they can leave the hall. All exit doors are supervised by staff.





AUTISM FRIENDLY SWIMMING

Come & have fun in a spacious facility!

Date: Saturday 1 July 2017
Time: 5.00pm-7.00pm
Location: 531 Lower North East Road, Campbelltown
Cost: FREE

Get in quick, reserve your place now!

Register your interest by
Email: tickets@autismsa.org.au
Phone: 8379 6976



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Yr 4-7 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

FOR KIDS IN YEARS 4-7

AT BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY JULY 19th FROM 9:00—3:00

EXPERIENCED PLAYERS AND BEGINNERS WELCOME!

NOMINATE AT LINK BELOW...

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