



Developing a strong learning community through our values of:

Respect, Resilience, Rigour

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A Message From Sue

Dear Families and Carers,

We wish all families a safe and happy holiday break!

Students will bring home reports and class placements for 2020 today. These placements have gone through a long process and now we are able to announce our staffing for 2020.

We wish our teachers who are leaving all the best in their new endeavours and we farewell all our Support staff who have contracts and hope to see many of them again after the holidays.

To those students and their families who leave Modbury West we wish a successful transition to their new schools.

We will welcome our new Foundation students in 2020 and several new families enrolled as we become a school of choice.

I thank our front office staff of 2019! There have been many challenges with changing staff through the year. They are the first point of contact for families and our students. I hope we all remember to say thank you to Hoanh, Mary and Tracey for a job well done!

Kind regards,
Sue Wirth
Principal.

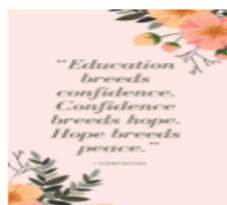
A Message From Chris

Farewell from Chris Harford

Thank you everyone- staff, students and families, for the opportunity to work with you over the past four years. Together we have worked hard to improve students' learning- academic, social and emotional and continue supporting improvements at Modbury West. It has been a joy to see the children develop, learn and grow, and a privilege to support and develop teachers' practice.

I would like to acknowledge and recognise the hard work and dedication of SSOs, teachers and leaders during my time at Modbury West. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a safe, happy summer holiday and every success on the journey ahead.

Chris Harford
Deputy Principal



SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day
8.45am

End of day
3.05pm

Diary Dates

Term 1, 2020

15th Jan - School Fees will be sent home

24th Jan – Uniform shop open 8am – 2pm

TERM 1 STARTS ON
28th JANUARY

3rd Feb Yr 5 Bike Ed.

12th Feb - Annual General Meeting 6.30pm in Staffroom

17th Feb PUPIL FREE DAY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 2019 Florey Music Award winner **GRACE GOLDFINCH**.



We also congratulate **JACK WADE** and **JAZSMIN SMITH**, both have been chosen for our Term 4 Kiwanis Terrific Kids Award.

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL



Community Notice Board

What's the Buzz? For early learners
What's the Buzz? Primary students
What's the Buzz? Teenage students

Early learners, age 5 to 9 yrs, Mon/Wed
Primary students, age 9 to 12 yrs, Tue/Wed
Teenage GROUPS, age 12 to 16 yrs, Mon/Tue

WHAT'S THE BUZZ!

by Mark Le Messurier & Madhavi Nawana Parker

1ST CLASS 3.45-4.30 PM
2ND CLASS 4.45-5.30 PM

TERM 1 & TERM 2 2020

Monday at Clovercrest
Tuesday at Para Hills
Wednesday at Wynn Vale

16 week Program

WHO IS IT FOR?

- All Children
- High functioning autism
- Specific learning difficulties
- ADHD
- Reactive behaviours
- Anxiety
- Shy/awkward

WHAT IS IT?

What's The Buzz Programme offers skills:

- To fit in
- Read social situations
- Make lasting friendships
- Bullying strategies
- Deal with social media
- Navigate friendship issues
- Read emotions- express feelings

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Contact Michelle at
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for more info and bookings

10 STUDENTS PER CLASS
MAXIMUM

Course Facilitators
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Qualified Counsellor
DCSI and Police Clearance
Trained What's The Buzz Trainers



Looking for screen content that will be enjoyable and age-appropriate for the children in your care during the Christmas - New Year holidays?

The range of choice has greatly increased. As well as the new releases in cinemas, there are streaming services such as Netflix, the new Disney Plus and others.

It can be difficult to choose what will suit your child and what might not.

Australian Council on Children and the Media [ACCM] has developed [a guide to what's on](#), utilising our database of *Know Before You Go* reviews developed over the past 17 years. These show age suitability through our traditional red, yellow, green signals.

Where there is no ACCM review, we have provided the Australian Classification and / or information from The Netherlands' child-development based Kijkwijzer system.

This guide is a "work in progress", so do check back for more reviews and updated information over these coming weeks.