



Developing a strong learning community through our values of:

Respect, Resilience, Rigour

A Message From Sue

Dear families,

Welcome to 2020! We look forward to working with you and your child or children on their learning journey at Modbury West School. We have an experienced team of educators, administration staff and offer quality student programs, with our guiding school values of RESPECT, RIGOUR and RESILIENCE.

Staffing:

Michelle Parker is our Deputy Principal for Term 1 and we are currently advertising to backfill her wellbeing position. Our Japanese teacher is Danika Thomas, working in U8 and M14 on Wednesdays this term. Isaac Radan is PE specialist teacher and Science teacher. Katie Hoppo is Science teacher F-4 and class teacher in U1 on Wednesdays. Alice Lorns is our 2/3 teacher in M13. Jodie Brokensha is in M10 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Hayley Williams on Thursdays and Fridays.

School Fees:

Invoices have been sent to families in the holidays and school card is available by applying online. Please speak to Mary in the finance office who can support you in this process.

Parent/Carer chat with teachers:

We really value making connections with our families and are trying a new idea to foster improved communication. We would like as many families as possible to make a time next week to have a 5 minute meeting with their class teacher. This is a time for teachers to hear from parents/carers about your child's interests, strengths, specific issues and support needed. The parent interview/conversation is held towards the end of this term. An online booking process will be sent home. This will be instead of Acquaintance Night.

Hats and sunscreen:

As per our Sun safe policy hats are to be worn all year, so please ensure your child has a hat and it is clearly named. Hats must have a brim to provide sun protection. We also ask that all children provide their own sunscreen (named) that can be left at school for reapplying during the day. As children have allergies to sunscreen we encourage you to provide the type of sunscreen that suits your child. We do have a class supply for emergencies BUT we ask that you alert our front office if your child has any skin allergies.

Pupil Free Days:

Staff will be involved in training on Friday 14th February and Monday 17th February this term. OSHC is available for bookings on these days.

Reading is a focus:

Our students read every morning in class and we encourage reading at home every night. Children in the early years will bring picture books home for the first 2 weeks to support home reading. Enjoy the books with your child as these real books develop reading comprehension and create a sharing opportunity with family.

SCHOOL TIMES

Start of day
8.45am

End of day
3.05pm

DIARY DATES

January

31st Yr 5 Bike
Ed

February

3rd Yr 5 Bike
Ed

10th Yr 5 Bike
Ed

11th Governing
Council AGM

14th PUPIL
FREE DAY

17th PUPIL
FREE DAY

27th District
Swimming
Carnival



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Phone
8265 0900

Volunteers:

If you come into our school on a regular basis and work with children other than your own you need to become a volunteer at our school. You will need to attend one of the induction meetings with leadership and have a working with children (previously DCSI) check as well as RAN training. The first one is next Tuesday 4th February at either 9:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Please register with Tracey at the front office.

Assemblies:

These are led by a class each even week beginning Wednesday 5th February and are now be held from 2:20 p.m. Students will return to class to be dismissed after assemblies. There will be other assemblies on different days for special events.

Annual General Meeting:

This will be in week 3 on Tuesday 11th February at 6:30 p.m. in the staff room and the Annual Report will be tabled. If you would like to nominate to be on Governing council, please collect a form from Tracey at the front office. Meetings are on Tuesday evenings of week 3 and week 8 each term.

Communication:

Teachers will be sending home newsletters and an overview of the term's learning. We encourage you to complete and update student information and any health care plans and please return them to school. Newsletters are emailed in week 3, 6 and 9 each term. Please watch out for texts, Skoolbag app and website updates this year as well as notes in school bags! Teachers will let you know if they are using See saw app, email or communication diaries. You can also email the school at dl.1210_info @schools.sa.edu.au and it will be forwarded.

I hope to catch up with you soon!

Kind regards,

Sue Wirth

Principal

If you would like to apply for school card there is a website with the forms to complete.

[www.sa.gov.au/education/school card](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/school%20card)

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