



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2. It is always so lovely welcoming our students, staff and families back for a new term. In this newsletter, you will find attached our updated Uniform Policy. One of the roles of our Governing Council is to support with the review of policies. This ensures that our policies include a parent perspective.

Please make sure that you take some time to read through the Uniform policy. It is useful for you to understand the importance of uniforms and also the school expectations around our uniforms.

I would also like to let you know that our next Governing Council meeting is next Tuesday at 7pm in the Staffroom. Please remember that our Governing Council is there to represent you as a school community so please let us know if there is anything that you would like Governing Council to discuss.

Finally, Happy Mother's Day to those who will be celebrating and a restful, relaxing weekend to everyone. Enjoy the sunshine.

Denise Squire, Principal

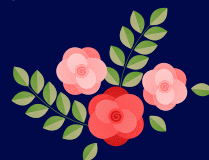


Diary Dates

Tuesday 13 May
Governing Council
Meeting at 7.00pm

Sunday 11 May
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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DAY



May 19 to 25
National Volunteer
Week

Friday 6 June
PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 9 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
KING'S BIRTHDAY

Friday 4 July
Last day of Term 2
Early dismissal at 2pm

OUR VALUES IN ACTION

This year we want to recognise students, staff and families who are demonstrating our school values and celebrate how this contributes to our school being a positive place to learn, grow and achieve.



We are so proud of students from Room 2 who have been taking risks in their writing this week. They have been making attempts at adding writing to accompany their illustrations for their narratives.



Last week we watched Charlotte kindly welcome and include a new student to our school. She made a deliberate decision to take care of this student and look out for her over her first week at our school. It made all the difference in making the new student feel calm, included and comfortable at Modbury South.



We want to thank all the families that have donated uniforms to the front office for our pop-up secondhand uniform shop. More information to come.

FULL DAY ATTENDANCE

At Modbury South Primary School, we are committed to fostering a nurturing and effective learning environment for all our students. A crucial aspect of this is ensuring that students arrive on time and remain at school for the entire day. Our school day is from 8:50am-3pm and we require students to be at school for the entire duration of the school day.

Arriving on time helps students start their day with a sense of calm and readiness as they are able to engage in our school-wide morning circle routine. It sets the tone for a productive day and helps students transition smoothly into their learning activities.

Our staff work tirelessly to intentionally design teaching and learning for students every day. Missing even a small portion of the day can mean missing out on vital learning experiences and social interactions. Being present for the entire day ensures that students do not miss key instructions or collaborative activities that enhance their understanding and skills and allows students to engage fully with their peers, participate in group activities, and build strong social connections.

Arriving late or leaving early can disrupt not only the learning of the student involved but also the entire class as instructions may need to be retold and collaborative learning interrupted. Additionally, frequent lateness and early pick-ups create additional administrative work for the school, affecting the overall efficiency of school operations.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day

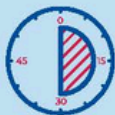


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3 days

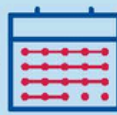


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

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You can help by establishing a consistent morning routine to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruptions to your child's learning. This helps maintain their focus and continuity in their education. If your child is unavoidably late or needs to leave early, please inform the school as soon as possible. Open communication helps us manage any disruptions effectively and support your child's needs.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that every student at Modbury South Primary School has the best opportunity to succeed. Together, we can make a positive impact on your child's education and wellbeing.



DRESS CODE POLICY

Our school's dress code is determined in consultation with our Governing Council.

The Governing Council Dress Code is a requirement of attendance at Modbury South Pre- Year 6 School and therefore the Governing Council expects that all students will comply with the dress code whilst at school or representing the school. Any student not complying with the School Dress Code will be reminded and contact will be made with families. If there are any issues regarding the wearing of school uniform, the school will work collaboratively with families to ensure appropriate support is available.

Rational for wearing school uniform

The wearing of school uniform is important for a number of reasons:

- Promotes Equality: Reduces peer pressure related to fashion, creating a more inclusive environment.
- Saves Time: Simplifies morning routines by eliminating clothing choices.
- Cost-Effective: Lowers clothing expenses by reducing the need for a variety of outfits.
- Enhances Focus: Minimizes distractions, helping children concentrate on their studies.
- Builds School Pride: Strengthens a sense of community and belonging among students.
- Improves Safety: Easily identifies students on campus and during outings.
- Encourages Discipline: Reinforces respect for school rules and expectations.





DRESS CODE POLICY

The Modbury South School Dress Code is as follows:

- Navy blue polo shirt- this can be the official school shirt with sky blue banding and logo (available from school) or a plain navy blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or jacket- this can be the official school jumper or jacket with sky blue banding and logo (available from school) or a plain navy blue jumper or jacket without a hood
- Plain Navy blue trousers, track pants or shorts – not denim
- Navy blue skirts, skorts or netball skirts – not denim
- Navy blue and white gingham dress
- Navy blue leggings and sports briefs are encouraged when girls are wearing skirts and dresses
- Appropriate (safe and supportive) school sandals, school shoes or sports shoes (sneakers)
- Navy blue broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire hat (as approved by the Cancer Council) – Hats are compulsory during all play periods and outdoor classroom activities, throughout the year

The following items are NOT part of the Modbury South School dress code:

- Black, bright and light blue clothing
- Jewellery - sleepers, studs and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Make-up – no make-up is permitted to be worn (The only exception to this is for Year 6 Graduation)
- False nails - acrylic or stick-on are not permitted
- Any revealing clothing - this includes midriff tops, sleeveless tops, mini skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh
- Unsafe or inappropriate footwear – this includes flimsy, fashion sandals, thongs, slides and any higher heeled shoes
- Hoodies
- Baseball caps





DRESS CODE POLICY

Camps, excursions and off-site programs

Students travelling, attending outside organisations or representing the school even whilst outside of school hours, must wear uniform to be easily identifiable and accounted for.

Non-uniform and Casual days

Casual days form part of our fundraising activities and occur on the last day of each term. These days and the fundraising focus are advertised through the school newsletter. Students must still wear clothing that is sunsafe on these days- clothing that covers shoulders, midriff and upper thighs.

Exemptions

Department for Education Policy states that Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from parents, on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New student (time to purchase)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardship
- Medical reasons
- Sensory sensitivity

Any student who is exempted from wearing school uniform must still dress in a way that is consistent with our uniform policy.

The school council and staff regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the Dress Code (at least every two years) and revise the policy when required.

Ratified by Governing Council May 2025



The Life Cycle of Potatoes



Get ready to dig into the exciting discoveries happening in Room 10! Last term, our science program sprouted a wonderful connection with the school's Kitchen Garden, and we've been getting our hands dirty learning all about the life cycle of potatoes.

The Stages

Did you know there are more than 4000 different types of potatoes growing around the world?



Establishment
Roots and shoots begin to grow from the seed potato.



Stolon Initiation
Stolons, which are underground stems, begin to grow from the base of the main stem



Tuber Initiation
Tiny tubers begin to form at the ends of stolons as the plant's stem and leaves continue to grow above.



Tuber Filling
The tubers grow larger as they store starch and nutrients produced by the leaves through photosynthesis, and absorbed from the soil.



Maturity
The tubers stop growing and become mature, storing energy for the next growth cycle. At this point, the plant's leaves and stem begin to die.

We can use this information to grow bigger and tastier potatoes!!



BOOK FAIR

This year our annual 'Book Fair' will start on Wednesday, 28th May and finish on Friday 30th May. We hope the Fair will provide an opportunity for you to share the enjoyment of reading with your children.

All welcome, it is always nice to look and if you do happen to buy payment can be made by cash or card. Look forward to seeing you there.



Date: Wednesday 28th May – Friday 30th May **Time:** 8:30 - 8:45am and 3:00 – 3:30pm

Where: The Library



M&S Charges (school fees) are now
overdue.

Total due after the SA Government rebate
is \$110.00

Payment can be made using: EFTPOS at the
front office, cash or alternatively, you can
pay directly into our school account at:

Modbury South Primary School

BSB: 105-135

Account no: 506028840

Ref: Child's name

Preschool Fees - Term 2 Preschool fees will be
issued soon. If you have not as yet paid for Term 1
Preschool fees, you can do so using the methods
above.

Please contact the front office if you have any
queries.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*

27 MAY –
3 JUNE

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