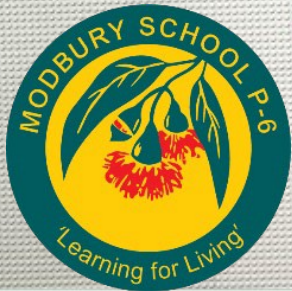


What can you create?



Lego art by Jaxon and Julie

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Important Reminders: Public Holiday Monday March 13 2023



From the Principal's Desk



The Learning Stretch

As we approach the end of Week 5, it has been absolutely delightful to see the continued, vibrant nature of the students as they interact in the yard, as well as their engagement in classrooms. I witness each day, high quality teaching and learning through our staff and students. We have a strong focus at Modbury School on catering for the needs of each individual and we aim to engage students in learning that provides cognitive stretch, but does not put the student into a panic phase. Your child's teacher continually monitors and identifies student's different phases of learning and I encourage you to have a daily conversation with your child about where they feel they are sitting within this cycle. Some great ways to start this conversation is by asking them, "Tell me 2 positive things that happened at school today" and "What was a learning task you did today, where you felt stretched?"

Our Community Feel

I was so delighted to see so many families attend our family meet and greet last Tuesday evening. Seeing so many parents on site and engaging with each other as well as our staff, brought a lovely sense of community into Modbury School. It was a great evening where students played the outdoor games, enjoyed a BBQ and even played some ball games with the staff.

Every person that attended went into the free raffle and I'm very excited to announce and congratulate **Ros Malini and Mat Din** who were the lucky winners of the \$100 Coles/Myer Voucher. Ros and Mat's thing they love most about Modbury School is "When teachers and students know each other and parents feel welcome." The one thing they would like to see improved is "Modbury School will maintain or have more events with parents which is a really

good thing." Thank you so much for the feedback Ros and Mat, we will take that on board and now that we can start bringing community back onsite, we will continue to have events.

Parent Feedback and Suggestions

This term, we are really excited to be able to receive parent suggestions as to ways that we can either better engage or communicate with families, as well as general improvements to our school. One suggestion was to have a suggestion box easily accessible to families, where they can write a suggestion and post it. We'll look at these every week and aim to implement as many as we can. The box is located at the entry door to the front office, so please come in and write out your suggestion. We value all suggestions made.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN Testing for all Year 3 and 5 students commences on Wednesday 15th March (Week 7). The test can often be an area of angst for our students, but there is no need for it to be. We look at it as another mechanism to identify where and how we can further assist students to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to continue to be successful along their lifelong learning journey. It is vitally important that all students identified in these year levels participate in the test and is present and on time to school for Week 7 and 8. There are many ways that you can support your child with this, including: reassuring them, that it is to assist the teachers in supporting their learning, ensure your child gets plenty of rest and sleep during the testing time, have a healthy breakfast each morning of the test, have a drink bottle and plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables packed that can give them energy throughout the day.

Warmest regards,
Michelle Parkes



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LEARNING COMMUNITY B

Each day, Learning Community B joins into a Welcome Circle – we greet each other with **Kindness**, think about what our **Values** are, share how we are feeling and keep each other motivated. Some days it is a **Challenge** to monitor and control our noise levels. With every greeting, we strengthen our **Connection** to each other and build a community of belonging. We continue to **Create** a respectful and cooperative learning environment.



Hi everyone, my name is Rachel Phillips and have been appointed the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) role at Modbury School P-6, for 1 day per week.

The Autism Inclusion Teacher role is a new, nation-leading initiative which aims to build educator understanding and knowledge around supporting autistic children and young people.

The first component of the position will involve me building my own teaching expertise, knowledge and understanding of autism through engaging in formal learning offerings and participation in the Autism Inclusion Teacher networks. To improve knowledge and practice across the school, I will then share my learnings and resources with colleagues to utilise in teaching autistic children and young people in their own classes.



Wakwakurna 2023

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) has worked with children and young people to identify what they felt they needed to live a 'good life'. The group defined 6 interconnected areas which support wellbeing.

The six areas are: • Being valued, loved, and safe • Having basic materials • Being healthy • Engaged in learning • A positive sense of identity and culture • Participating.

Participating is about children and young people having and using their voice, being listened to, and taken seriously within their community. It means having a say in decisions that impact them, and being empowered to speak out and express themselves.

Participating includes involvement with peers and groups through a variety of activities, and this year we are excited to offer more opportunities for the students at Modbury to **participate**. Students from LCB and LCC who are interested in roles of responsibility have been given the opportunity to join a committee and develop their leadership skills.



Sheila Flavel Wellbeing Leader

Alongside our Wakwakurna class representatives, we have introduced Community Ambassadors, Environmental Ambassadors, and Peer Mediators. Students will help to organise, promote and run events and initiatives which impact our school and our learners; and support their peers to make Modbury a fair and safe space for all students.

Congratulations to these students:

Environmental Ambassadors

Kalki, Noah C, Sophia, Amelia, John, Charlie and Lachlan

Community Ambassadors

Hassan, Isaiah, Charlotte, Kayla, Dristi, Cadence, Hunter, Parneet, Masa, Nichola, Aaradhya, Scott, Deme, Ivy-Rose and Jesse

Peer Mediator

Max, Ethan W and Hassan



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Who's in Learning Community C? - Self Portraits

Rooms 12 and 14 have made an awesome start to the year by building a learning community based on kindness, leadership and resilience. We have engaged in a range of activities to promote student relationships through teamwork, group work and Art.

Students were tasked with creating a self-portrait that displays their interests, hobbies, personality and identity. The criteria to show one half of their face in abstract design and the other in realism.

The students are really proud of their work and this display sits at the entrance of Learning Community C.



Random Acts of Kindness



Thank you to these children that came into the office last week for a random act of kindness. Jessica, Swasti, Aaradhya, Parneet, Zoya and Masa definitely filled my bucket with kindness by helping to cut and laminate the leaves that form part of our community display in the front office. Our tree symbolises the growth that will occur in 2023 for each and every one of us.



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Community News



Welcome to our 2023 Governing Council members

Ben Kempster – **Chairperson**

Jessica Crook – **Deputy
Chairperson**

Thomas Wende – **Finance**

Luke DeBoer

Bina Dhimala

Chandra Pandey

Phil Catapano

Ruby Kaur

Manilla Tandukar

Nila Canning Community Rep

Bishwas Rai Community Rep

Kym Bennetts – Minutes
Secretary

Michelle Parkes – Site Leader

Kirsty Brumby – Staff Rep

Liz Allen – Finance Support

We would like to thank our
members for supporting our
school, staff and students.

Please do not hesitate to contact
the office **on 8264 2027** if you
would like to reach out to one of
our Governing Council members.



Thinking about Secondary schooling?

OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 23 March 2023

5:00pm start

6:00pm start

Friday 24 March 2023

9:15am start

ONLINE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
please visit our website or scan QR



**THE HEIGHTS
SCHOOL**
Preschool - Year 12

ignite
a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential

- > Educating young minds
- > Serving our community
- > Instilling values and embracing our future

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Modbury Junior Football Club

Players Wanted!!

U9's, U12's, U14's & U15's

We still have some vacancies in these
teams. Follow the QR code to register or
contact Paul by email for more information

mjfc.chairman@gmail.com



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Register at PlayHQ



OPEN DAY

Thursday 23 March 2023

Tours available - 9.00am, 11.30am, 4.00pm & 5.30pm

[BOOK NOW](#)

Success For All



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