

MODBURY SCHOOL P-6



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Connect - Challenge - Create

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is difficult to believe that the 2023 school year is underway and we would like to formally extend a very warm welcome to returning and new families to Modbury School P-6. We would especially like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception families as they commence their schooling for the first time.

I would like to start by introducing myself as the new Principal and I'm very excited, as well as feel privileged to be appointed in this role. I have two sons myself, 21 and 23 and it doesn't seem that long ago that they were in primary school. I live at Bridgewater in a beautiful part of the Adelaide Hills where I am surrounded by wildlife, such as my resident koala that likes to sit on my front porch. I love playing sport and play tennis each week for my own personal health and well-being. If I get a minute of spare time, I also love to bake, especially desserts.

Prior to my appointment at Modbury, I have vast executive leadership experience in developing sub-schools and leading whole school high quality teaching and learning; both in Catholic Education and the Department for Education.



Principal Coffee and Chat Morning

This year, we are introducing an informal coffee and chat morning on Thursday mornings between 9am and 10am with myself in Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. There is no need to bring anything with you, just come along for a catch up. I'm looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible.



Term .1.

It is lovely to be able to start this year, without the impact of COVID hanging over our heads. The students have had a very settled start to the term, making many new relationships and developing an understanding of how their new classroom and learning environment work. Each day commences at 8:55am and it is expected that students arrive promptly to school. The morning routines, focus on important messages, building relationships and literacy instruction. If your child needs to arrive late for any reason, please sign them in at the front desk.

Parent Community and Partnerships



In 2023, we are looking forward to fostering a stronger family/school partnership and nurturing the multicultural relationships that we have within the community. We are very excited to be able to invite families/parents into our community to assist in a volunteer capacity. To support your volunteer work within our school, we will help you obtain the relevant volunteer checks required. The opportunities for you to engage are endless and we are very excited to have you on-board.

Thriving Learners

Learning happens and students thrive when they feel happy, supported and challenged. Sometimes they underestimate what they can achieve and need a gentle nudge in the right direction. Your child's teacher will work in partnership with you throughout the year to ensure your child thrives both academically and in their well-being. Our staff at Modbury School are highly skilled and passionate in delivering high quality, engaging learning opportunities for all learners and we are so lucky to have them working with your child/children.



School commences each day at 8:55am and concludes at 3:05pm. We certainly understand the busyness of families in the morning, but we ask that students arrive on time for school each day. This gives them the opportunity to engage in all learning experiences and maximise their prime learning time to ensure they flourish and thrive.

Thank you for enrolling and entrusting your child into our care at Modbury School P-6 and we look forward to a positive, continuing relationship where your child is at the heart of everything we do.

Michelle Parkes

Principal

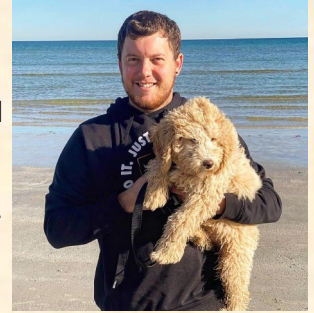
Newsletter is available on our website and our Skoolbag App



Staff Introductions

Hello everyone!

My name is Isaac Radan and I will be the PE teacher at Modbury P-6 in 2023. This is my fifth year as a PE teacher and I absolutely love it. PE is my passion and I strive to build amazing relationships with students and families at Modbury P-6. I will be at Modbury P-6 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I love to play Basketball, Golf, Footy and Cricket. I live with my fiancée and with our dog, Bailey who is a Labradoodle. I am getting married this year. I am a passionate Crows fan in the AFL and massive Lakers fan in the NBA. I am excited to meet you all and to have a wonderful and positive year in 2023."



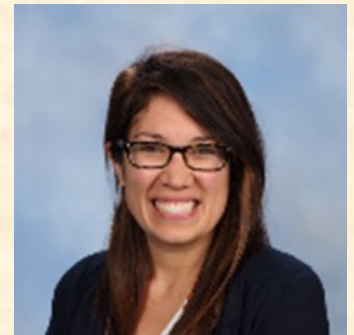
Hello everyone!

My name is Andrea Panozzo and I will be teaching Performing Arts this year at Modbury Primary School. I am married and have two children, Arianna who is 11 and Chiara who is 9. I enjoy baking and spending time with family and friends. I have been teaching for nearly twenty years in both Independent and Government primary schools. I have always had a passion for dance and drama and look forward to working with all students this year to reach their potential within the area of Arts.

Hello! My name is Jade Boag, and I am very excited to be at Modbury Primary for three days a week. I will be working in the Intervention coordinator position, and in the Year 3/4 class each Wednesday.

A little about me- I have five people in my family, (me, my husband Josh, my two children aged 4 and 2 and a big happy fluffy Samoyed dog called Diego). In my free time, I love going op shop shopping, playing sport especially basketball and netball, learning about old cars, coffee, eating Italian food and going for drives in the Adelaide hills with my family.

I am really looking forward to the coming year at Modbury PS and working with our families and learners to help them become the best learners they can be. I hope to meet as many families as possible over the next few weeks!



My name is Susie Young and I am very excited for the opportunities to be working at Modbury School P-6 this year as an EALD teacher.

I have been working in the education sector for almost 6 years and three of those were in the EALD role. Prior to becoming a teacher, I was working as a technical consultant in the telecommunication sector.

I am happily married with two children, aged 15 and 11. Working in the EALD role is an area I am very passionate about and I look forward to working with many of our young learners and families in our school community.



Konnichwa! My name is Lauren Fox and I have the privilege of teaching Japanese at Modbury School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I fell in love with the language and culture of Japan when I was in primary school and continued to study Japanese through my schooling and into my years at university.

I am a proud mum of my daughter, Clairra, who is about turn 4 and am supported my wonderful husband, Sam. I am also the dog mum of a Standard Schnauzer named Chester who is now 7 years old. My hobbies outside of work include singing with my Dad, who plays the guitar and reading and reading books by my favourite author J.K. Rowling.

I have been teaching now for 12 years in various different roles and schools and I am very happy to be back sharing my love of Japanese with your children.



Important Information for Families

Modbury School P-6 uses the [SkoolBag](#) App for distribution of School Newsletters and reminders about upcoming events. This is our main communication for Parents/Caregivers, please download the App. We also have a School Facebook Page.

School website: www.modburyp6.sa.edu.au



FB.com/modburyschool



Student home internet program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the [Student home internet program \(edi.sa.edu.au\)](#) (Please press Ctrl and click to access)

School Card

Parents can now access information and apply for School Card online please visit the SA Gov website to find out if you are eligible: [SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme \(www.sa.gov.au\)](http://SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au))



Parent Meet & Greet with Sausage Sizzle Annual General Meeting and Governing Council Meeting

Dear families,

Please join us on Tuesday 21st February at 5pm for the opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher while enjoying a sausage from our bbq!



We invite to stay with us while we hold our Annual General Meeting at 6pm, followed by our first Governing Council Meeting for 2023. If you are interested in joining our Governing Council we would like to encourage you to register your interest and be a part of our supportive community that works closely with the principal to help set and monitor the direction of our school.

Please complete and return the slip below to the office by Friday 17th February:

Yes/No I would love to attend the Meet and Greet at 5pm on Tuesday 21st February

My child/children are _____ in Rooms _____

Yes/No we will have _____ family members eating bbq sausages Yes/No Halal required

























Yes/No Vegetarian required Yes/No Chicken required Yes/No Beef required

Yes/No we will be staying for the AGM at 6pm on Friday 17th February

Yes/No I would like to nominate to become a member on Governing Council

Name _____ Parent of: _____

Term 1 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	January 30 Welcome Assembly 	31 	February 1	2	3 
Week 2	6	7	8	9 Principal Coffee & Chat 	10
Week 3	13 National Apology Day 	14 Aquatics year 6 	15 Portfolio Day Michelle off site	16	17 
Week 4	20	21 6pm Gov Council AGM + Mtg  5pm Parent Meet and Greet + sausage sizzle 	22 School Tour – 4:00 – 4:45pm	23 Principal Coffee & Chat 	24
Week 5	27	28 NAPLAN Practice test 	March 1 Student Free Day - PBL Students do not attend school on this day	2	3 
Week 6	6 Education Leader's Day Michelle off site	7 Numeracy Summit Michelle off site	8	9 Principal Coffee & Chat 	10
Week 7	13 Adelaide Cup Holiday	14 Staff Mtg – Well-being	15 NAPLAN Begins 	16 Close the Gap Day	17 
Week 8	20  Harmony Week	21 Culture day  Governing Council 6pm 	22 Portfolio Day Michelle off site	23 Principal Coffee & Chat 	24
Week 9	27 Naplan ends	28 3 way learning Conversations (parents and teachers) 	29 School Tour – 4:00 – 4:45pm	30	31 
Week 10	April 3 Swimming Week R-4 	4	5	6 Principal Coffee & Chat 	7 Good Friday Holiday
Week 11	10 Easter Monday Holiday	11 Swimming week 4/5 	12	13	14 End of term dismissal 2:05pm 