



Modbury South Pre-Year 7 School

Welcome back to 2018. It's great to be back and I'm looking forward to a fantastic year of challenges and learning new things. I know that many students are actively engaged in their learning and have seen first hand their efforts of learning. Congratulations to you all and keep up the good work!

We have had a busy start to the year . Our facilities electrical upgrade is almost complete. This means that our shipping container will soon be removed. We are also about to have west wing (sensory room) storm damage and flooding repairs carried out. We are also having new doors fitted at the Reception area and hopefully this will be completed early this term. Although the facilities upgrades are inconvenient, they are necessary, and will make a positive difference long term.

I am pleased with the way our before school routine has transitioned. A reminder to parents and carers that yard duty commences at 8.35am, so please, do not send children to school before this time ,as the yard will not be supervised.

The car park continues to be an issue. This year we have more staff and therefore require most of the car park spaces. This means that parents/carers are asked not to park in the car park. I encourage the use of the "kiss and drop" or if parking is required, to use off site spaces.

Yesterday's visit of a Monster Truck caused much excitement . It was great to see additional family members visiting to be part of the experience. Check out our Facebook page and / or view photos on the screen in the front office.

I'm looking forward to Acquaintance Night. This is a great opportunity for families to meet, parents to participate in Governing Council AGM and also visit classrooms and hear from their child/ren's teacher about expectations and routines. Don't forget to pre-order your free sausages!

Best wishes for a great 2018!

Sharon Robertson

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

13/12: ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

12/3: ADELAIDE CUP (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

13/3: PUPIL FREE DAY

NEWSLETTER

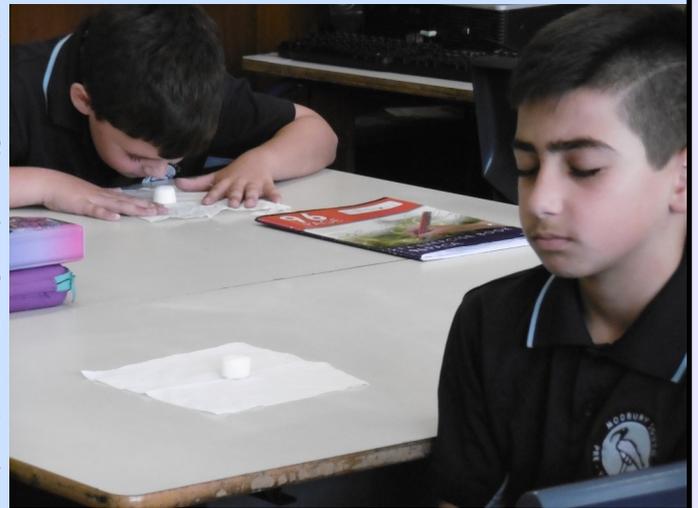
Term 1 Week 2 Wednesday 7th February 2018



NEUROSCIENCE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTION

Donna Nitschke is a Coordinator of Neuroscience and will be working at Modbury South PS every Monday. In her role Donna will work closely with all class teachers Preschool–7 developing and modelling a skill set to improve student learning, and ensure that all students are the best learners they can be. The main aim of the program is designed to help students build an awareness and understanding of how their brains work and what they can do to make learning easier. Another key element is students understanding that '*they are the boss of their brains*' and the actions, words and pathways they choose, they have control of.

The '*Being the Best Learner You Can Be*' Program aims to help every student improve all the skills that people need to be able to learn well, manage emotions/behaviour and have great relationships with other people. To do this, the program focuses on helping students to improve their "Executive Function Skills". Executive function skills are all the skills that underpin learning and include learning to manage impulses, memory, attention, emotions and thinking.



The Neuroscience program also teaches the importance of looking after general health through good patterns of sleep, diet and exercise. These three things are included in class work because sleep, diet and exercise make a huge difference to how well our brains work and, therefore, to how well we can learn.

During this term's newsletters, neuroscience and executive function will be unpacked a little more by looking in depth at the main elements. You will also see photos of classroom activities that your child has done.



Please take the time to chat with your child about the neuroscience/executive function learning they have been doing with Donna as well as their class teacher. Why not even try some of the activities at home!!!

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ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS



Ensuring regular attendance at preschool and school is a shared responsibility between parents/ caregivers, preschools and schools. It is of the utmost importance that your child is at school every day and on time to build and improve their academic achievement and interpersonal skills.

Long-term studies have shown that not completing school can be linked with poor life outcomes including, poor physical and mental health, poverty and involvement with the criminal justice system.

In contrast, regular attendance at school contributes to opportunities for success, including a population that is better educated and healthier, with improved job choices, financial independence and higher overall wellbeing. Regular attendance at school is important to a child's learning and development so they get the most from their education, both academically and socially.

If you are having problems with your child's school attendance, first contact the school to talk about it and ask for support. This could be in the form of developing an attendance plan or assisting with travel (eg finding bus routes ect). If after this first point of contact with the school, there continues to be frequent unexplained or explained absences the school may choose to involve a DECD Attendance Officer in the process.

You need to notify the school of your child's absence and the reason for it. If you can't do this in advance, send a Skoolbag message or phone on the day or send a note covering the days missed when your child returns. Any unexplained absences will be followed up by the class teacher and/or a member of leadership in a timely manner.



As a way of supporting our families who have children with disabilities, we have organised for Kate from Minda—Disability Choices to run a general information session about the NDIS. Kate works out of the office that has recently opened at 928 North East Road, Modbury .

The initial session will be informal with family members having the chance to gain general information about the services the new office provides as well as ask questions about how Kate and her staff can best support families with their NDIS funding.

Details for the first session are

Thursday 22nd February 9:00am

In the Modbury South P-7 Resource Centre

*** Tea and coffee will be provided.

Future sessions will be organised with Sally Summers liaising with Kate to act on feedback from families so any further sessions can best meet the needs of our families.

928, North East Road, Modbury



SCHOOL BAGS

\$45.00

We are now selling school bags for \$45.00 for pre-order in the front office.



SCHOOL BANKING

Modbury South Primary School Is involved in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. The program is designed to teach children good saving habits from a young age.

Our nominated banking day is Tuesdays. Students can bank as little as 50c per week and work towards great prizes.

For more information Speak to Front Office Staff

PLAYGROUP

Did you know that MSPS holds a community playgroup every Friday 9-11am in the Preschool?

Playgroup is a great way for your child to become effective communicators, develop a strong sense of identity, develop a strong sense of wellbeing and become confident and involved learners.

Children 0-5 years old are welcome.

\$2 per session (includes tea and coffee for adults and craft for kids)

Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

Speak to Rachel at the Front Office for more information.

