



# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Term 2 Week 2



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Modbury South for Term 2. We were so pleased to see everyone back and ready to dive into this term.

To update you all, Denise Squire will not be returning to Modbury South for Term 2 and so I have the privilege of continuing in the Acting Principal role for this term. I am also pleased to have Melissa Thomas continuing in the Acting Wellbeing Leader role for Term 2.

We have welcomed Nick Holmes in the Health & PE role for the next two terms and are glad to have both Phoebe Stephenson and Margaret Cocci continuing as the classroom teachers in Room 8 and 4 respectively.

We look forward to a wonderful term and thank you all for your ongoing support and involvement in our thriving school community.

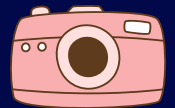
Regards,  
Kristen Angus,  
Acting Principal

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## Diary Dates

12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Optometrist

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
School Photo Day



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
PUPIL FREE DAY

27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Book Fair in the Library



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY -  
KING'S BIRTHDAY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
End of Term 2 - early  
dismissal 2.10pm

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



**Happy Mother's Day to all our school mums, grandmothers, aunts and the many wonderful mother figures in our community.**

**Thank you for the love, encouragement and support you provide to our students each and every day.**

**We hope you enjoy a special day filled with appreciation and a little time just for you 🌸**



# CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP



Throughout Term 1, the students in Room 10 dived deep into the world of Civics and Citizenship, centering our learning around the essential question: "What does it mean to be a good citizen in Australia?" To answer this, we investigated the key differences between Democracy and Autocracy, analyzed the distinct roles of Rules and Laws, and unpacked the specific responsibilities of the Three Levels of Government. By exploring these topics, the students have developed a stronger understanding of how our society functions and the important role each person plays in building a fair and active community.

## Democracy VS Autocracy Rules and Laws: Keeping us Safe

Our journey into Civics began by comparing Democracy with its antonym, Autocracy. The students explored how power is distributed differently in these systems; while an autocracy relies on one person (like a monarch or dictator) to make all the rules, a democracy is built on the belief that every citizen deserves an equal say in how their community is run.

We also spent time thinking about Rules and Laws. We started by brainstorming all the rules we have at school and even at home (like "no running in the halls" or "doing our chores"). Then, we compared them to the big laws that everyone in Australia has to follow. We had a big discussion about why we even need them. Our class decided that the most important reasons are safety and equal rights. We found out that rules and laws aren't just there to tell us what to do—they are there to protect everyone's rights so we can all live together in harmony!

To see how democracy works, we held an election for our 2026 Class Leaders. We even used a "secret ballot." This meant we each wrote a name on a piece of paper and tucked it into a voting box so no one else could see our choice. It was exciting to see how everyone's vote counted toward picking our new representatives



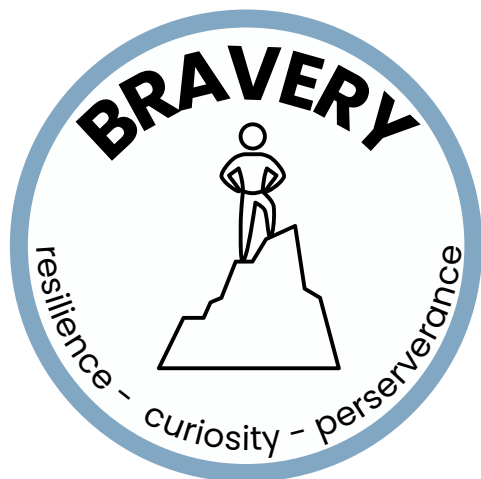
## Three Levels of Government

One of the biggest questions we had to answer was: "Who actually makes the laws?" After doing some intense research, we found out the answer—it's the Governments! We discovered that there are actually three levels of government in Australia: Federal, State, and Local. Each level has different responsibilities to make sure we have quality services in our lives. We even looked into our own local government, the Tea Tree Gully Council, to see how they look after the area around Modbury South Primary School. It's cool to know who is in charge of everything from our big country down to our local parks!



# 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.



Bekzod has displayed bravery when looking after his friend in the yard.

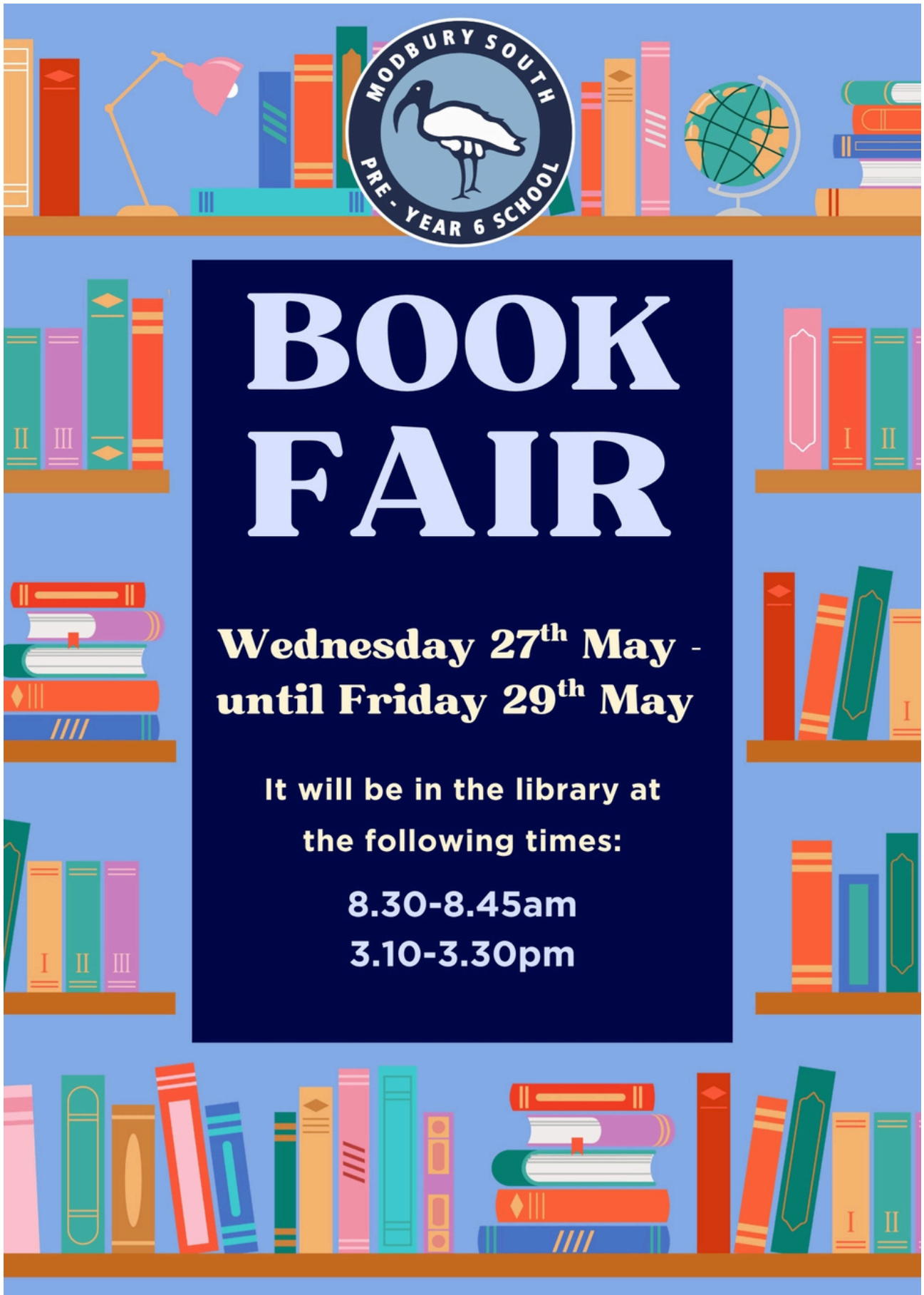


Morgan has shown kindness in class helping others with their learning.



It has been really great to see students from different classes getting along and including each other in their play during recess and lunch times.

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**BOOK  
FAIR**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May -  
until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**It will be in the library at  
the following times:**

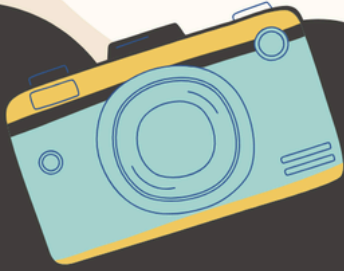
**8.30-8.45am  
3.10-3.30pm**

COMING SOON!



# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026



## SCHOOL ORDER FORM BELOW:

First form is for students portrait and group photo.

Second order form is - Sibling Photos.

### School Photo Ordering 2026

#### Modbury South Primary School - Portrait & Group

To order your school photos please scan the QR Code or log into [eventphoto.com.au](http://eventphoto.com.au) and enter the Access Key Below.

Individual and Class Group photos can be ordered on this Access Key.

**ACCESS KEY: modbury26**

Order by 6am, Tuesday 19th May 2026 to take advantage of the earlybird pricing!



**event**  
Photo  
admin@eventphoto.com.au  
(08) 8271 0000

### Sibling Photo Ordering 2026

#### Modbury South Primary School - Sibling Photos

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Family (sibling) photos can be ordered on this Access Key.

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# Mid-Year Receptions

## Now taking expressions of interest for Term 3 enrolments

We are currently taking expressions of interest for Term 3 Reception enrolments.

Please contact our friendly front office staff if you would like to enrol your child for mid-year entry.

**Please promptly return enrolment forms**

**Transition visit info will go out soon**



**ENROL NOW!**

Ph: 8264 3527

Email:  
[dl.1047.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1047.info@schools.sa.edu.au)



# VOLUNTEERS

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**Become a volunteer.**

**Make a difference in your community.**

Support children and young people's learning, share your skills, discover new opportunities, and connect with your community.

To find out more, contact your local school, preschool, or children's centre.

Find out more at  
[education.sa.gov.au/volunteers](https://education.sa.gov.au/volunteers)



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Three grey alarm clocks are arranged vertically on the left side of a bright yellow background. The top clock shows the numbers 5 and 6. The middle clock shows the numbers 1 through 6. The bottom clock shows the numbers 10, 11, 12, 1, and 2.

**MONDAY  
25TH MAY**

# **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Please contact Happy Haven if you require  
OSHC.