



# MODBURY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Developing Lifelong Powerful Learners”

Acceptance

Independence

Powerful Learners

Respect

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to term 4.

I trust everyone enjoyed their holiday break. I have listened to lots of holiday stories and it sounds like families had fun.

I have been impressed with the dedication of our students to approach their learning with a positive mindset.

Facilities upgrades are still in progress in the Preschool and Resource Centre. Although this is inconvenient I know the end result will be well worth waiting for.

During the holidays we had our outside classroom pergola built. This will allow classes to engage in the garden program all year round. It certainly is an impressive structure in our garden area.

I know classes have been busy rehearsing their concert items and preparing for their activity stalls. Everyone is involved and having fun in their preparations. Can't wait for the day to arrive.

Raffle booklets will be sent home to families and sales from tickets will support school programs for our students. The raffle will be drawn at the Concert Night in the gym.

A reminder for our families to use the crossing when walking from the main building to and from the preschool building. Several families are being unsafe by walking through the car park area.

Sharon Robertson

Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Year 7's Year 8 Preparation Day at  
Modbury South Primary School

### MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Children's University Graduation 6pm

### THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER

End of Year Concert  
Pre concert activities start from 5:15pm

### FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Pupil Free Day (NO SCHOOL)

## REMINDERS

**NEW ENROLMENTS FOR  
2019  
PRESCHOOL-YEAR 7**

**PLEASE CONTACT FRONT  
OFFICE FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION AND  
ENROLMENT PACK**

# MEET MR CHAO



Mr Chao is our PE Teacher and this is his fourth year working at MSPS.

At MSPS each class attends two PE lessons each week. Mr Chao is responsible for organising all sporting events that take place within our school including fun runs, specialised clinics (soccer, basketball, badminton etc...), sports day, Sapsasa events, Crows visits and manages our house leaders.

Keep an eye out in the Newsletter this term for more about our PE program and what our students do to keep active at MSPS.

# MEET OUR HOUSE LEADERS



Our House Leaders are a group of year 6/7 students who have been chosen by the students of MSPS to lead the school in sporting activities in 2018. It is the job of our House Leaders to be positive role models and promote the benefits of being active for their physical and mental health. When our leaders were given their roles they each made the following pledge to the school community:

***"We pledge that we will do our best to make our school a safe and happy place for everyone to learn and teach. We will role model a positive attitude in all learning activities. We will encourage all students in the school to be active and play by the rules. We will encourage all students to make positive choices about their wellbeing and promote a healthy attitude. We promise to listen to others viewpoints. We will model and help others in our school solve problems safely and we will always work as a team member. This is our pledge to you."***

Keep an eye out in the Newsletter this term as we will be looking deeper into the roles and responsibilities of our house leaders.



**MSPS SCHOOL CONCERT and  
FAMILY FUN TIME**

**FIND YOUR TREASURE**

You are invited to the MSPS Family Fun Time and  
End of Year concert

**WHEN: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**WHERE: MSPS Yard and Gym**

**TIME: 5:15pm-8:15pm**

**5:15pm – 6:30pm Family Fun Time**

(all children are to be accompanied by an adult during  
the Family Fun Time)

with class run carnival stalls, raffle,

coffee van, pre ordered sausage sizzle

available (spare order forms at front office) and soft drinks

**6:45pm move into the gym**

**7pm – 8:15pm End of Year Concert**

Concert programs will be available to  
purchase on the night for a gold coin donation

**We are looking forward to seeing you on the night**

# ATTENDANCE



Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child academic improvement, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school. When students are absent for fewer days, their academic progress and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

## **Student attendance has 2 categories:**

Habitual non-attendance : where a student has 5 or more absences for any reason in a term  
(average of 1 day per fortnight)

Chronic non-attendance: where a student is absent for 10 days or more in a term for any reason  
(average of 1 day per week)

Last term awards for improved attendance were given out as well as awards for being at school on time every day.

Let's see more students get presented with these awards this term!!!

# POWERFUL LEARNERS THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL

A Powerful Learner is someone who believes they can learn new things, they stay focused , have a go and always give their best effort. This term our student leaders will be focussing on noticing powerful learners within our school community. This could be students or staff showing a growth mindset, positive attitude, willingness to learn, never giving up etc... members of our community will be highlighted in each issue of our newsletter so we can all celebrate our wonderful powerful learners.

## **Traits of a Powerful Learner:**

**Stamina**

**Discoverer**

**Curiosity**

**Risk Taker**

**Positive Mindset**

**Focus**

**Concentration**

**Manners**

**Questioner**

**Communicator**

**Respectful**