MODBURY SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

BRAVERY KINDNESS COMMUNITY

Developing Effective Learners

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Term 4 always seems to pass quickly, and there is certainly plenty happening at Modbury South Primary School. It has been fantastic to see students continuing to learn, grow and participate in the many activities available to them.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance remains a key priority at Modbury South Primary School. Our current attendance rate is 85.3%, which is well below the Department for Education benchmark of 90%. Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships, developing routines and staying connected with the school community.

While full-day absences impact learning, we are also seeing an increasing number of students arriving late, being collected early, or both. These interruptions can result in significant learning time being missed over the course of a term and often occur during important literacy, numeracy and specialist learning sessions.

We also ask families to remember that afternoons are an especially busy time in the front office, with taxi arrivals and departures for a number of students. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment or another reason, please provide as much notice as possible.

Diary Dates



Monday 9 November
PUPIL FREE DAY



Wednesday 11 November
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday 20 November
SPORTS DAY & COLOUR FUN RUN



FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.10PM
CASUAL DAY WITH GOLD COIN DONATION

dl.1047.info@schools.sa.edu.au
www.modsthps.sa.edu.au
8 Dampier Ave, Hope Valley
08 8264 3527

Another area of concern is that 51.5% of student absences recorded in 2026 remain unexplained. If your child is absent, please notify the school by:

· Calling the front office 8264 3527
· Sending a message via Seesaw
· Emailing dl.1047.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Providing a reason for absence helps us maintain accurate records and ensures we can appropriately support student wellbeing and engagement.

Car Parking Reminder
A friendly reminder for families to please avoid using the car parks located adjacent to the reception area. These spaces are regularly required for taxi services supporting our students and for contractors attending the site to undertake maintenance works. Your cooperation helps ensure safe access for students accessing the library and minimises disruptions throughout the school day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Thursday Early Finish
A reminder that students finish at 2:20pm each Thursday. Please ensure pickup arrangements are in place so students can be collected promptly at the conclusion of the school day.

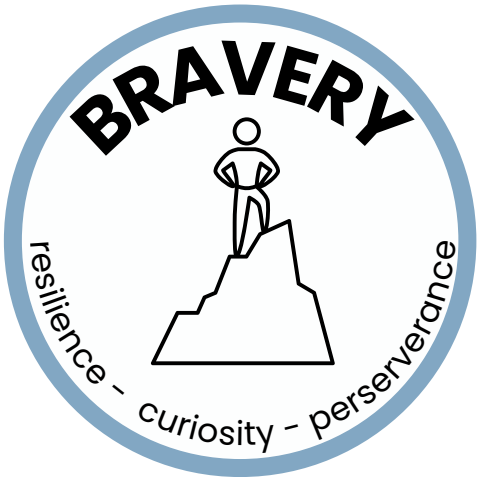
Pupil Free Day – Monday 9 November
Please note that Monday 9 November is a Pupil Free Day, and students are not required to attend school.

Staff will be using the day to review our 2026 achievements, analyse student learning and wellbeing data, and begin planning priorities and focus areas for 2027. This important work will help shape our school improvement journey and ensure we continue to provide the best possible outcomes for all students.

Luke Davis
Principal
Modbury South Primary School

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.



This week we were so proud of Maddi for her improved attendance this term.



We have noticed Morgan showing kindness towards younger students and making sure they feel included.



With World Teachers' Day last week, we want to acknowledge the teamwork of our teachers and all they do to work together for our students and our SSOs for so thoughtfully recognising the day.

OTHER INFO



Materials & Services CHARGES

A reminder that M&S Charges for 2026 are now overdue.

All outstanding fees must be paid in full by the end of November 2026.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your account, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Modbury South PS
BSB: 105-135
Account No: 506028840
Ref: Name/Fees

Payment can be made by Direct Deposit at the account number above.

Happy Diwali



Wishing all members of our school community who are celebrating Diwali a very happy and joyous festival.

May the Festival of Lights bring happiness, peace, prosperity, and time to share with family and friends. We hope your celebrations are filled with warmth, laughter, and special memories.

Happy Diwali from everyone at Modbury South Primary School!