Modbury High School

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Dear parents, students and members of the Modbury community,

This newsletter will provide you with a snapshot of what has occurred in the first 5 weeks of the term.

First week was hectic for everyone, as students, teachers and support staff got ready for the start of the year.

The Orientation Program held on Monday of week 2 and organised by Assistant Principal for Learning Environment Hannah Downes and the Year Level Managers, assisted students to consider their goals for the year. The program focused on study skills and Digital Citizenship.

Our Parent information evenings were held in weeks 3 and 4. Parents heard from the year level managers and the relevant senior leader about the school's expectations. They met with their child's home-group teacher and had the opportunity to meet the other parents. A common theme of each group was the encouragement of parents to work in partnership with the school in order to support their student to be successful. Thank you to all the parents who took time out from their busy lives to attend.

I am looking forward to our Sports Day which will be held Friday 10 March and invite all parents to come along and cheer the students on as they participate in the events.

Sports Day is a very important event in our school as it gives students an opportunity to participate in a physical activity and build positive relationships with their peers.



Diary Dates

March 10 Sports Day 7.30am-12.55pm

March 7
Pedal Prix 7pm

March 13
Public Holiday

March 14
Student Free Day

March 21 Pedal Prix 7pm

March 22

Year 8 Immunisation dose 1 Governing Council 7pm

> March 28 Pedal Prix 7pm

March 31
Pedal Prix Mt Gambier (Sat)

On Tuesday 14 March we will be holding our first Student Free Day for the Year. Student Free Days provide opportunities for teachers to work and learn together; explore new emerging pedagogies and strategies to engage students in their learning. On Tuesday our teachers will focus the majority of their work on task design and collaborative moderation.

Joanne Costa Principal Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself. Chinese Proverb

Governing Council

The Governing Council AGM was held on Wednesday 22 February. Thank you to Julie Caust, Governing council chair and Julie Stevenson who are retiring after many years of service. We thank them for their hard work and support they have given to our school.

I welcome on-going and new members to the council and thank them for making the commitment to support our school and our students.

I look forward to working with them to implement the school's strategic directions.

Joanne Costa Principal

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

On Thursday 16 February we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our 2016 year 12 Graduates. Twenty two students were acknowledged for their excellent results at our Achievement Assembly. Ryan Dorrian was named the 2016 DUX of school. His speech to the students and invited guests was motivational. He shared his strategies for remaining focused and how to overcome difficulties in a way that was fun and engaging for him.

Thank you to all the families and 2016 high achievers that attended our achievement celebration. We wish you all a happy and successful future.







SACE MERIT CEREMONY

Each year the SACE Board recognises and celebrates outstanding student achievement in the SACE by holding a Merit Ceremony in the spacious and picturesque grounds of Government House. To earn a Merit Award for a subject, students must finish with a high A+grade in that subject and, on average, only one to two percent of students within each subject qualify.

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners – Ryan Dorrian, Kahlin Williams, Mark Nathan, Kirsty Hillier, Brody Gray, Tyler Bussenschutt and Harrison Bagley. You have achieved something that not only brings great honour to you personally, but reflects well on the support given to you by your family and school.

I was asked by Principal Joanne Costa to represent the staff of Modbury High School and accepted her kind invitation without hesitation. Arriving at 9:20am for the 10am ceremony, I found myself at the end of a queue snaking 400 metres up North Terrace!

Inside the grounds I met up with all six of our year 12 2016 Merit Certificate winners and their proud family members.

After the formal opening of the ceremony and some initial award presentations students were invited to go to their relevant Learning Area marquees to be presented with their Merit Awards.

Unfortunately, Harrison Bagley, a Merit Certificate winner whilst still in year 11, was absent from the ceremony, but I suspect he may earn the opportunity to attend in 2018. Hopefully several other current year 12 students may also earn that privilege.



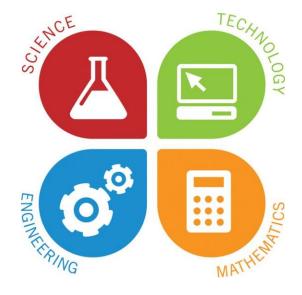
L to R: Kirsty Hillier, Tyler Bussenschutt, Kahlin Williams, Martin Rumsby, Ryan Dorrian, Brody Gray & Mark Nathan Best wishes to all students for a productive and successful year ahead.

Martin Rumsby Retired Principal



STEM WORKS UPDATE

As many of you will know, we are one of the recipients for the generous State Government STEM Works funding that was announced last year. The funding is specifically to build a usable STEM space within the school and is managed by the Government who engage the architects and builders for us.



Late last year the architect developed a concept in consultation with us and then submitted this to the Government for next stage approval. That approval has come through and so we are now at the next stage. To move forward the school will be having meetings with the architect and DECD representatives with the next meeting occurring shortly.

One of the next stages is for the architect to draw building plans based on the concept with further consultation with us. Naturally, we are keen to get to the building plan stage and expect that to happen soon.

The plan is to start building works by the middle of this year and have them finished by 2018.

The concept plans are to redo the middle wing of the school, both upstairs and down with a new entrance on the ground level facing the oval (west). Also some of the Science laboratories will be upgraded with some modifications to the southernmost wing happening.

Obviously there will be some disruption in the school while the building works are happening and everyone involved will work to make the disruptions as minimal as possible. Access to the school grounds will likely be disrupted so please be understanding if you find that you have to walk from the gate to the office for example.

We are very excited about the STEM Works and are looking forward to further developments and progress and we'll keep you updated.

Gordon Lehmann Learning Futures Coordinator

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tea Tree Gully Soccer Club

Urgently need girls for the following age groups Under 13's & Under 15's

Experienced or non-experienced players welcome. To compete in the FFSA league.

Contact Kerry Hudson 0402096311 Natalie Jackway 0405095367

Hospital Visitation & Visiting the Sick

Tues 21 March 7:30 - 9:00pm

Presented by Rev Judith Knowling, Chaplain at RAH From the perspective of:

- A friend/relative, Chaplain & Patient
- Whose story needs to be told/heard?
- Let's unpack some of these things together Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church 600 Milne Rd. Banksia Park. Ph: 8396 3252

THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2017

The Student Representative Council is comprised of two elected members of each home group that represent that particular home group at meetings.

The aim of the SRC is to provide all students with a meaningful student voice in school decision-making and policy development. It is also to encourage the development of leadership in students as individuals and as a united group.

Accomplishments of the SRC in the last few years include the introduction of Peer Support, The Student Code of Conduct, the placement of handball courts between the Library and Home Economics and many changes to the school uniform. This year's representatives are listed below:

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
801	9A4	10 T8	1115	12F1
Chris Sheridan	Kiah Divall-	Connor Oxland	Rogan Beard	Vaioalii Vaa
(Vice Chair)	Ishnopoulos	Jack Sparbie		Georgia Perry-Stirling
Nicholas Hitch	David Woolford		1116	Mikaela Jones
	(Chair)	10CQ	James Edwards	
802		Claudia	(Vice Chairperson)	12F2
Brandon King	9A5	Schwarzkopf	Silvia Neumann	Jack Walsh
James Prasad	Benny Hartog Maddison Watts	Dardi Palmer	Liam Binyon	Tayla Stefanicki
803		10A1	1117	12F3
Emily Bohutinsky	9T5	Jake Fedczyszyn	Sarah Priasca	Lucy Pitta
(Secretary)	Liam Bennier	(Vice Chair)	Martin Skinner	,
Morgan Cusack	Hamish Crabb	Zoe Ward (Secretary)		
			1118	12F5
804	9T6	10A6	Michael Pertl	Brooke Whatley
Amber Frost	Azel Pretorius	Tiahana Yates-	(Chairperson)	(Vice Captain)
Ebony Gulyas	(Vice Chair)	Beagley	Cassie	Riley Holland
	Jason Glumart	Izacc Pizzino-Allard	Westerholm	,
810				12F6
Sapphire Hurcomb	9T3	10H1	1119	Harrison Bagley
Aidan Sturtzel	Rachel Sparks	Kevin Desilva	nil	Ivan Kulikovsky
	(Joint Secretary) Joel Taylor	Palihakarra		,
811	Joel Taylol	Jasmine Vukanisovic	1120	12F7
Jay Lineage	905		Jaidyn Teague	Tia Pawlak
Lauren Cinzio	Antonio Lo	10W1		Kane Ramsey
	Holli Stehniak	Hannah Sparks	1121	
812	Holli Sterifilak	Jarryd Trudgeon	Elouise Hourn-	12F8
Kallum Lock	9T9	(Chair)	Smith (Secretary)	James Hollingworth
Laila Collins (Chair)	Jessica Glaetzer	4000	Reuben Cannon	
010	(Joint Secretary)	10H2	Darcy Kean	Captains
813	Dylan Barlow	Luke Mashford		Tiaan Pretorius
Jordan Rook	, = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	Chloe Martin-Dex		Amrisha Singh
Jordan Goris	914			
	Ethan Webber			Vice Captains
				Tyson Benbow
				Brooke Whatley

SPORTS DAY

Friday 10 March 7.30-12.55pm

Parents/carers are invited to attend our annual Sports Day, a very important day on the school calendar, to show their support and celebrate with us this whole school event. The major purpose of Sports Day is to have all students participating in some form of physical activity, the benefits of which are well-known.

Our four Houses; Wright (Red), Thiele (Green), Lawson (Blue) and Gilmore (Yellow) are competing for the Dean Stringer Shield, won last year by Wright. Students are asked to show wholehearted support for their House by dressing in their House colour and participating in at least three events from the many activities available.

Sports Day commences at 7:30am and the Opening Ceremony will occur at approximately 8.45am when the Year 12 House Captains carry the 'Olympic Flame' and light the cauldron to officially begin events.

For safety reasons, parents are asked not to bring vehicles into the school grounds and should park in the area available near the roundabout, west of the school gymnasium. Sports Day is not an appropriate occasion for acquaintances or friends of students to visit the school and they will be asked to leave.

Parents are reminded that all Education Department schools are smoke free zones.

PAST HOUSE WINNERS

2016	WRIGHT	2008	LAWSON
2015	THIELE	2007	LAWSON
2014	WRIGHT	2006	WRIGHT
2013	THIELE	2005	LAWSON
2012	WRIGHT	2004	LAWSON
2011	THIELE	2003	LAWSON
2010	THIELE	2002	WRIGHT

REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY

All students are required to attend Sports Day, even if they are not participating in any events. Students should be at school joining in the activities or acting as an official. Parental support is requested in this matter. As a safety measure, roll calls will be made throughout the day.

ABSENCES

As per the usual process, parents are requested to notify the school on the day if their child is absent on Sports Day. A signed note in the diary is required upon return to the school.

CLOTHING EXPECTATIONS

For reasons of modesty and protection from the sun, students should wear clothing that adequately covers the body. Students should wear a hat and have sunscreen protection. Clothing should be appropriate for a school environment and therefore offensive slogans or logos or large areas of bare skins are not permitted. Students should also ensure they have clothing which does not restrict their performance in events. Students are encouraged to wear clothing (shirt/blouse/athletic singlet/shorts) in their house colour.

SUPERVISION INFORMATION

The early start and early finish to the day may present issues for some families. Please assist us to manage this by informing the Home Group teacher, via a note in the diary, if you child;

- Is unable to be at school by the 7:30am start
- Requires supervision from 12:55pm 3:20pm

BUSES

Arrangements have been made for buses to depart from the school at 1:00pm on Friday 10 March.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Staff would especially welcome assistance from parents who are willing to act as judges or officials for all or part of the day. If you are able to help as a timekeeper, judge, measurer or in any other capacity for part of the day, please advise Mr Schiller on (08) 8264 1955

TRAFFIC IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

To ensure the safety of students and staff, the only traffic into the school between 7:30am and 12:55pm will be on foot. We will be locking the front and back gates into the school at 7:30am.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE LOCKED EXCEPT FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE FOYER.

COLOUR CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Colour Captains and Vice Captains. They will have a key role in the running of a successful Sports Day.

LAWSON (BLUE)			
Year	Captains	Vice Captains	
12	Harrison Bagley	Eden Snaith	
	Georgia Kelly	Brooke Whatley	
11	Lucas Pallot	Jigar Brar	
	Jordan Ranford	Cassie Westerholm	
10		Jaggah Lambropoulos	
	Shelby Nelligan	Ruby Thamm	
9	Liam Bennier	Callum Edwards	
	Kiana Pascoe	Kayla Smith	
8	Shaun Bennier	Cody Catchpole	
		Ashlee Brown	

GILMORE (YELLOW)			
Year	Captains	Vice Captains	
12	Jack Millar	Liam Potts	
		Kate Macintosh	
11	Michael Pertl	Lucas Norsworthy	
	Tj Birdjan	Crystal Cooper	
10	Adrian Chong	Cameron Mader	
	Ashleigh George	Chanel Mcleod	
9	Jordan Richter	Ethan Webber	
	Kim Jolley-Vivian	Kimberly Hillier	
8	Kai Wilde	Jordan Goris	
	Laila Collins	Amber Heritage	

THIELE (GREEN)			
Year	Captains	Vice Captains	
12	Riley Harrap	Ben Janssan	
	Cassidy Ignatavicius	Maddi Taylor	
11	Elliot Prior	Chris Begetis	
	Elouise Hourn-Smith	Tiffany David	
10	Jack Sparbier Shania	Scott Hollingworth	
	Politis	Mahalia Donohue	
9	Dylan Haskell	Antonio Lo Iacono	
	Megan Cameron	Ella Hughes	
8	Jack Lo Iacono		
	Paige Sparbier		

	WRIGHT (RED)			
Year	Captains	Vice Captains		
12	Nathen Van Der Hoek	Jarrod Heyward		
	Bianca Ramsey	Michaela Fowler		
11	Josh Saxby	Rogan Beard		
	Shelby Marr	Sarah Priasca		
10	Izaac Pizzino-Allard	Tyler Walker		
	Abby Bussenschutt	Chloe Sears		
9	Matthew Stevens	Daniel Grandison		
	Alina Nguyen	Emily Hewish		
8	Sam Connor	Daniel Vaa		
	Emily Bohutinsky	Trinity-Lee Brown		

FOOD AND DRINK

BBQ

The BBQ will be served from the server in the Canteen between 9am & 12.30pm.

Chicken Schnitzel & Bacon Burger	\$6.50
5" seeded bun, 200g chicken breast schnitzel,	
lettuce, tomato, swiss cheese, rasher bacon &	
caesar dressing	
Chicken Yiros	\$6.50
Lightly toasted pita filled with marinated	
chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, Spanish onion,	
tabouli and yoghurt dressing	
Egg & Bacon Roll	\$5.00
Sausage and onion in bread	\$2.50
Soft Drinks	\$2.00
Bottled Water	\$2.50

CANTEEN

The canteen will be open as per a usual day for the sale of drinks, ice blocks and confectionary as well as a range of fresh baguettes, wraps and salads and hot food items.

Baguettes & Wraps	\$5.20
Fresh salads	\$5.00
Hot foods from	\$3.80
Drinks from	\$2.00

YEAR 12 SRC

The Year 12 SRC will be located outside the Gym. Please support their fundraising.

Soft Drinks	\$2.00
Water	\$1.50
Hairspray	\$2.00