

MODBURY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

ISSUE 8 2021

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DIARY DATES

16 - 20 August SSO Week

Monday, 16 August Subject Selection Preparation

Tuesday, 17 August

Year 11 Subject Selection Meetings: 1:30pm - 8:30pm *Early dismissal Year 11 at 12:55pm*

23 - 27 August Book Week

Wednesday, 25 August

School Tour - 09:00am Senior & Junior Boys Netball Year 10 Subject Selection Meetings: 1:30pm - 8:30pm *Early dismissal Year 10 at 12:55pm*

Friday, 3 September Student Free Day

Monday, 6 September School Closure Day

Tuesday, 7 September Year 10 Road Safety Program

Wednesday, 8 September Governing Council Meeting: 6:15pm

20 - 24 September Year 10 Work Experience

Visit our <u>website</u> for a complete calendar

2021 TERM DATES

Term 3 19 July to 24 September

Term 4 11 October to 10 December Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a challenging start to the term due to COVID cases in South Australia causing our city to go into lockdown two days into the term. I was very proud of the way our teachers rose to the challenge. Within a day of the announcement, they were ready to deliver engaging online lessons enabling students to continue with their learning. I am equally proud that the majority of our students embraced online learning and were in attendance for all their lessons.

Year 12 Exams

Our Year 12 exams were scheduled to take place in week 1 of term 3. Scheduled exams for Monday and Tuesday were completed, however all other exams were cancelled due to the lockdown. The majority of students have been given the opportunity to complete their exams during their double lessons.

Subject Selections

Our Subject Selection process has started. Currently students are working with their homegroup teachers to navigate several resources designed to enable students to gain a better understanding of all the different pathways available to them. They will also have access to short videos which have been created by Learning Area Coordinators to provide more information on each subject available.

Louise Woolford has run a number of information sessions for parents to familiarise them with the process and provide strategies to support their child with making informed decisions about their subjects for the following year.

It is a requirement that all parents of Year 10 and 11 students attend a meeting with their child before final choices are entered into the system.

Parents of Year 8 and 9 students do not have to attend a meeting. However, any parents who would like assistance can contact their child's homegroup teacher and organise a time to discuss choices and finalise subjects for the following year.

I encourage all parents to discuss subject selections with their child and support them to make informed decisions. This is especially important for students currently in Year 10 and 11.

Information regarding the Subject Selection Meetings for Year 10 and 11 and how to book a meeting was text to parents earlier today, Thursday 12 August.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday, 11 August we held our Semester 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews. Due to COVID restrictions, interviews were conducted online using Microsoft Teams. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to discuss their child's progress with their teacher/s. If you were unable to make an appointment and you are concerned about your child's progress, I encourage you to contact the school to arrange a time with the relevant teacher.

Year 12 Students

The next six weeks of this term and the first two weeks of term 4 are critical as students work hard to complete all their school assessed tasks. The main focus for weeks 1 and 2 in term 4 will be revision. It is important that students use this time effectively to enable their success.

It is equally important that students look after themselves by eating well and avoiding burning the midnight oil trying to finish work.

Year 12 Valedictory

Our Year 12 Valedictory Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 26 October from 09:30am until 11:30am. Please put this date on your calendar.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - TERM 2

assembly.

students.

Each term, the school acknowledges the students who achieve exceptional end-of-term results.

Outstanding Achievement awards are presented to students who obtained the maximum number of A grades for their year level (i.e. a GPA of 7). These students will celebrate their success with leadership at a morning tea when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

High Achievement awards are presented to students with the following GPA: Year 8: 6.60 or above; Year 9, 10 and 11: 6.70 or above; Year 12: 6.50 or above.













Year 8

Charlotte Bland

Rachel Burgess

Breanne Button

Jordyn Cook

Noah Daw

Nethula Dissanayake

Siba Ghamrawi

Parisha Gautam

Kai Goulding

Emily Habgood

Soheil Haidari

Declan Huntley

Imogen Janicki



Year 11

Year 8

Christopher Kastanos

William Marshall

Isla McGraw

Lara Murphy

Mika Osborne

Belle Parrish

Chelsea Spencer

Jayde Visser

Year 9

Jasmin Andrews

Emmett Carter

Lawrence French

Year 8



ear 10



HIGH ACHIEVERS

Year 12

Year 9 Mason Green Kevin He Anton Kastanos Ella Martin Jazsmin Smith Hana Wong **Owen Wythe** Tatum Zappia Luke Zawada

Year 10 Maddie Chronopoulos Matthew Maletto

Year 10 David Reyes Ryan Sharma Lydia Wighton Daniel Wood

Year 12

Year 11 Lily Donsberg Ashlee McLeod Soha Moshfeghi Kendrick Rabe Emma Sheppard Arry Sidhu

Year 12 Sumbica Acharya Trinity-Lee Brown Caitlan Fahlbusch Caitlyn Fisher Madison Hart Ella Hunter Chloe Kelesis Katrina McPhee Sean Park Claudia Scenini Chris Sheridan

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Joanne Costa

Principal



All of these students will receive a certificate at the next

We are proud to recognise below the academic achievement of

students for term 2, 2021. Congratulations once again to these



Year 9



Year 12









Year 12

Yalarasey Sooriyakumar Ayesha DeSilva Palihakkara Jamie Van Der Ploeg

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YEAR 8 ASSEMBLY

On Monday, 9 August we held a Year 8 assembly in the Auditorium. We started by discussing my concerns regarding negative comments some students have been making toward each other, and finished with an inspiring exert from a Ted Talk about the benefits of being kind to others.

In between these important messages, I was very proud to present subject awards to a whopping 93 of our Year 8 students for Outstanding Effort in Term 2, over a total of 165 subjects.

Belle Parrish was one of the outstanding recipients in English, Japanese, Mathematics, Physical Education and Science.





The Enter for Success program is available for students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and are starting secondary school in 2022.

If you would like to join our school community through this program, please contact us directly by calling 8264 1955 or email <u>dl.0964.info@schools.sa.edu.au</u>

Find out about the Enter for Success program at www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/aboriginal-education/enter-for-success-program

I am very proud of the efforts our Year 8s have shown so far this year, even during difficult circumstances. The below photo of 811 was taken by Mrs Botten who assures us that the students are all smiles underneath the masks!

I look forward to celebrating their efforts again early next term.



Vanessa Tricker Year 8 Manager





Congratulations to Jason McDermott on achieving a bronze medal recently at the 2021 State Age SC Championships at the Oaklands Aquatic Centre.

Jason competed in the Men's 16 Year Old 200 Metre Freestyle Final.

CONGRATULATIONS JASON!



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All students are welcome to join the MHS STEM Club known as STEAMWORKS. This voluntary club meet between 3:30 -4:30pm on most Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays.

Students may choose to work on a short-term or long-term STEM project, either individually or in a small group, while making use of the support of volunteer staff from a range of faculties. A wide range of activities will be available such as 3D design and printing, electronic music making, coding through Lego Mindstorms and VEX robotics, Arduino, JavaScript and or Python and several other exciting projects.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Term 3 is a busy time for students and teachers alike with decisions being made about future pathways for students.

For Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students, they have started semester 2 and already well under way in undertaking critical learning opportunities and assessments. For Year 12 students, this term sees the culmination of their subjects, with them embarking upon the last of their assessment tasks in readiness for the external assessments – final major assignments due for submission or final exams (first two weeks in November).

SACE and Subject Counselling Information Nights

Over two separate nights, three sessions were provided online via Zoom for Year 9, 10 and 11 students and families (due to COVID restrictions). Students and families were provided information regarding the SACE, the compulsory requirements in obtaining your SACE, the subject counselling process for 2021 and of course how to access useful sources of information. It was wonderful to see the number of people registered for these events.

Our Principal Ms Joanne Costa welcomed everyone to the sessions, Ms Angela Stamati provided information about the changes for VET from 2022 onwards, and the requirements for students to be eligible for courses. Mr David Kschammer shared information regarding the subject counselling process. I wish to thank them all for their time in assisting me with the session and supporting the SACE information I was able to share. Also to Mel Stanley for assisting in setting up the registration for the events.



Copies of these sessions and other relevant information is available via your students access to Teams – and in particular the "Subject Counselling" team.

As outlined and reinforced in the information sessions, families play a critical role in having discussions with their students regarding their interests and potential future pathways.

Upcoming Subject Selection meetings in Week 5 and 6 have been advertised for our current Year 10 and 11 students. Year 8 and 9 subject selections will be undertaken during the home group sessions on Monday mornings.

Eligibility for subjects being sought in the counselling process is determined from semester 1 grades, and then the semester 2 grades. It is very important for students to realise what impact their achievement can have for them to potentially select subjects they desire or need. Information regarding this is available via the Curriculum handbook (on the school website or Subject Counselling team).

SATAC Information Sessions and University Open Days

Of course, for students undertaking any subject selection process currently, we are advising students to consider their post-school options and pathways.

The Year 12 students were provided some information recently about the process required for them to enrol and lodge applications for TAFE and University pathways in 2022 onwards. Students were informed about carefully checking the eligibility requirements for courses via any institution, and key dates for lodgement of applications (need to be lodged and paid for by 30th September 2021, at the latest).

To better inform all students about their potential pathways, the universities offer Open Days, for which registrations are required for either an online tour or on campus. The Open Days are currently being advertised for 13th – 15th August.



Louise Woolford Assistant Principal - Curriculum / SACE



2022 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

With subject selections for 2022 almost due, now is the perfect time to discuss the benefits of continuing to study Japanese with your child. Have a read of the below infographic and If you or your child have any questions, contact me at school by phone or email.



Amanda Kampes

Coordinator of Languages and International Education

REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN A

Second Language

GRASP BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Learning the language is also understanding the culture more deeply, and making a comparison with your own culture .

INCREASE YOUR VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT

The study of another language improves the knowledge of one's native tongue and increase vocabulary skills.

BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE

The positive feedback from native speakers will motivate you and boost your ego, plus you can impress people and get plenty of compliments with your unique communication skill.

Annyeong haseyo!

INCREASE YOUR Brainpower

Based on studies, learning another language increases brain power and offers proven benefits for intelligence, memory, and concentration. It can also prevent the development of Alzheimer's and Dementia.

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ENJOY INTERNATIONAL ART, Literature, Music and Film in Their Original Language

Deep understanding and appreciation of a piece of art comes from understanding its origin and own language.

MAKE YOUR TRAVEL MORE ENJOYABLE

Knowing how to communicate with a country's locals using their own language results in warm smiles and invitation to drink or celebrate.

USE IT AS A TOOL FOR PRIVACY OR SECRET COMMUNICATION

Speaking in a foreign language can be a great way to engage in private conversations and can protect sensitive information.

GLOBAL EMPLOYMENT & Better Job opportunities

It improves global employability, and based on statistics, jobs that require bilingual skills have higher compensation.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Year 7 Building

Brickwork has continued and building is progressing well. Completion date is expected to be 1, October 2021.

Tech Studies Extension

The extension is now complete. The floorboards have just been polished and the space will soon be utilised. Staff are hoping to use some of the extra space for new CNC machines.

Wellbeing Area

We expect that building will be complete by 16 September 2021. The wall between the Year 8 corridor and the CQ Area (now known as the Wellbeing Area) has been removed with a temporary wall put up in its place.

Water Fountains

Thanks to the rest of the fundraising from Student Voice & Mary Fisher for generously allowing us to use the money raised for a History Trip, we have removed another 3 water troughs from building 1 and added 3 new water fountains for the students. These corridors will look a lot better once painted in the December school holidays.

Access to the Finance office and Uniform Shop

Due to the construction taking place on the Wellbeing Area, there is currently no direct access to the Finance and Uniform Shop.

Staff are available to assist at the **Front Office** with purchases and payments at the following times:

Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 9.30am and *2:45pm—3:45pm *Except on Thursday afternoons - 1:45pm-2:45pm

Painting Plan 2021

Classrooms 15-20 received a fresh coat of paint recently. During the October school holidays, the Year 11 corridor will be painted along with the Front Office.

Further down the track, during the December school holidays building 1A corridors level 1 & 2, building 1C corridors level 1 & 2 will be painted followed by the Year 8 classrooms & corridor in 2022.



Michelle Stasiak Business Manager



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