



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 5th Dec., 2013

Newsletter No. 20

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Upcoming events

Year 4 - 6 Wet n' Wild excursion, Wed. 11th Dec

Year K - 3 Ten Pin Bowling, Wed. 11th December

Helpers Morning Tea, Friday 13th December

Talent Quest, Friday 13th December 11:45am

Reports home, Friday 13th December

Christmas Tree Night, Tuesday 17th December

Bike raffle drawn on Tuesday 17th December

Every Tuesday: tennis with Amanda after school

Helpers Morning Tea

Come along and have a cup of tea with us at Modanville school on Friday 13th December at 11:15.

The involvement of our parents and community members contributes to a pleasant and effective learning environment. This creates resilient and well-adjusted students who have the idea planted that they can achieve goals in life.

We thank you!!

You are then invited to stay and watch the student talent quest.

Dear Parents,

As this is our last official newsletter for 2013, I would like to thank you for the wonderful support you have provided the school over the past four terms.

School staff and I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to work in such a great school. As teachers, we are very proud of our students' achievements and the strong, positive relationship we have with our families. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to the 2014 school year ahead with anticipation and enthusiasm.

We celebrated our **Year 6 Formal** last Tuesday evening at the South Lismore Bowling Club. It was a memorable evening and symbolised the end of our Year 6 students' primary school journey. Our students spoke about their achievements and the

wonderful opportunities and experiences they encountered at Modanville Public School. Students also thanked and acknowledged the people behind their success; parents, family, teachers and school staff.

We wish them all the best in the second half of their school journey and we will watch their progress with keen interest.

Miss Taylor recently received some very exciting news. She has been appointed to Wyrallah Road PS as one of the Year 1 teachers for 2014. While we are all very pleased for her it is also a time of sadness that she will no longer be at Modanville PS.

Kimberley has been an outstanding K/1 teacher and the caring and considerate manner that she deals with all children at Modanville has been greatly appreciated and will be greatly missed. All children in her class have benefitted enormously from her excellent teaching skills and all staff have appreciated her team approach to providing the best possible opportunities for students at Modanville.

Kimberley returned to Modanville in 2011 as a temporary replacement for Erin Azzopardi who had been appointed to Modanville as the K/1 teacher in late 2010 and was taking maternity leave. Erin is now returning from maternity leave and will resume teaching K/1 in 2014.

We wish Kimberley all the best as she embarks on this new and exciting teaching adventure

School Survey: A hard copy of a school survey has been given to your child today. Its purpose is to help inform school planning for 2014 and beyond. It would be greatly appreciated if all families could take the time to complete it and return it to our school by Friday 13th December.

Regards,

Barry

MODANVILLE'S GOT TALENT: On Friday, December 13th, our students will be putting forward their talents and creativity at our school talent quest show. Parents are welcome to attend and it will commence at 11:45. This show is on the same day as our Helper's Morning Tea!

But wait, there's more! We are also holding the final of the World Hookey Championship - our Year 5/6 students have been actively creating their hookeys and will show you what they have created and their skills in using them.

CHRISTMAS TREE NIGHT: A flyer will be sent home tomorrow regarding our Christmas Tree night festivities. There will also be a form to put your name down to help serve on the night. Ian McPherson, our General Assistant and a former parent of students at this school, has offered to do all the BBQ cooking, so we only need helpers to serve. We have divided it into $\frac{1}{2}$ hour time slots, from 7:00 - 7:30 and 7:30 - 8:00. We really appreciate any help you can give.

ASSEMBLIES: no more assemblies for this year.

THANK YOU: Ian McPherson, our General Assistant, has been slowly upgrading our school lunch tables. He has been able to come up with a system where he can rebuild the existing ones and this is saving our school an enormous amount of money, as a new picnic table can cost upwards of \$800 per table. Thank you Ian.

P&C FAMILY INSURANCE: This year, the P&C voted to sign up for a family insurance policy which required all parents to pay a subscription for this and the P&C takes the insurance out on behalf of all the students at the school. Parents have been asked to pay this subscription and next year it will be incorporated into the school fees.

This policy not only gives parents peace of mind in knowing they have insurance coverage for their child/ren but also helps out with excursions that go out of NSW. The policy includes ambulance insurance nationwide!! So, this is a very worthwhile initiative for the P&C to have organised on behalf of parents.

LIFE EDUCATION INFORMATION: Jess, the Life Education presenter, has sent us flyers to distribute to parents with information regarding many helpful initiatives that Life Ed has for you. Please read it and see if you find anything useful. In particular, the **BCyberWise** free educational game.

WHOOPIING COUGH: Last week we sent home a note informing parents that we had had a notification of whooping cough. We have since had several more positive diagnoses, so please be vigilant with your child and if you have any concerns, see your doctor.

School Term Dates

Last day term 4, 2013 for students:

Wednesday, 18th December

Last day term 4, 2013 for staff:

Friday, 20th December

First day term 1, 2014 for staff:

Tuesday, 28th January

First day term 1, 2014 for students
(not Kindergarten)

Wednesday, 29th January

Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Wednesday, 29th January

Kindergarten first day, term 1 2014

Thursday, 30th January

Some Dates for Term 1, 2014

School Photos: Wednesday 12th Feb.

Swimming Carnival: Friday 14th Feb.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

CANTEEN ROSTER:

5/12, L. Vickers

6/12, J. Barlow

9/12, L. Vickers

10/12, J. Joseph

12/12, R. Smith

13/12, J. Barlow

16/12, M. Smith

17/12, J. Jospeh

COOKING ROSTER:

5/12, H. Mulcahy

6/12, J. Barlow



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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Annabelle, safe and confident swimmer
Connor, safe and confident swimmer
Lilian, great expression when reading
Tameka, great application to her homework

Week 8

Lexi, for always being helpful
Bowen, great calligraphy Christmas card
Xavier, excellent effort at swim school
Ryan, being a sensible and hard-working student
Sam, excellent effort at swim school
Kiera, excellent effort at swim school

WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Harry, neat handwriting
Levi, sensational swimming
Georgia, fantastic 'distorted star' art work
Hayden, creative Hookey making

Week 8

Amy, gorgeous 'penguin' art
Jayden, great work on his calligraphy card
Zara, fantastic 'Christmas Pudding' art work
Ashleigh, impressive power point presentation
Mikaela, impressive power point presentation
Saphira, impressive power point presentation

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 7	Week 8
Resilience: Tayah Getting Along: Lilly	Resilience: Imogen Persistence: Elijah Confidence: Grace

Tips From Live Life Well @ School

Children who spend a lot of time outside tend to be more active than children who spend most of their time indoors. Use outdoor areas - such as backyards, parks, playgrounds, beaches, bush trails - in your family's activity plan. Being outdoors also offers a chance to learn about and experience a different environment.

Although outdoor play may appear risky, children need opportunities to play freely and explore outdoor play spaces. What some adults may see as consequences of 'risky' play could actually be side effects of fun play experiences - for example, being messy and loud, getting grubby, small grazes, and dealing with heights and new play areas. Benefits can far outweigh risks when it comes to children's development.

Insights by Michael Grose - parenting educator "language of resilience"

"let's take a break"

Strategy: distraction

Good for: kids experiencing stressful situations; kids who think too much; kids with busy lives.

"When kids are troubled by events or spend too much time brooding, it helps to do something to get their minds off things for a time. Playing games, spending time together, watching some TV, going out - are all good distracters for worried, anxious or stressed kids. Self-distraction is healthy, providing some welcome perspective. It also prevents kids from replaying awful experiences in their heads, blowing them out of proportion."

Community News

1. **Bunnings** School holiday program in January.
For workshop bookings ph: Jenni 6624 0800
2. **The Channon Butterfactory Tavern 'Village Carols by Candlelight'** 5:30pm Wed. 18th Dec