



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Monday February 18th, 2013

Newsletter No. 2

Website: <http://www.modanville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Dear Parents,

It looks like there is a **possibility of flooding** weather again. If this happens, it will impact on the ability of some of our teachers to get to the school tomorrow (Friday 22nd) which will result in **minimal supervision of students**. We will send a text message to our parents if teachers are not able to provide full supervision at school due to flood. We ask, in this case, that parents keep their child/ren home if at all possible.

Our new parents BBQ went ahead in spite of the weather. We hope you enjoyed the social occasion. Thank you to the P&C for organising this for us.

The District Swimming Carnival went well and our students enjoyed the opportunity to compete and mix with our other small school neighbours - Dunoon, The Channon, Tuntable Creek, Whian Whian and Corndale. Although Modanville had some big downpours, Alstonville remained dry! So, our carnival proceeded smoothly. Students who qualified will be given a note for the Zone Carnival scheduled for Thursday 28th February at Lismore Memorial Baths.

Congratulations to Jack, Rachel and Jemma who were age division champions and to Rachael B, Madelene, Maia and Samuel who were runners-up.

A feature of the day was the enthusiasm of our students to get in and have a go. As well as the competitive 50m races in the various strokes, students had the opportunity to swim in 25m races to build their confidence and swimming skills. Hopefully we will see many of those who swam in the 25m races competing in the 50m races next year!

Our class meetings have gone very well with most parents taking the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and get an insight into the planning for the year.

An introductory parent guide to the 'You Can Do It' program was discussed and distributed. Hopefully the survey included will give parents an understanding of how their child is travelling in the 5 keys of organisation, getting along, confidence, resilience, and persistence.

Have a great fortnight! Barry

1. CANTEEN ROSTER:

18/2, L. Vickers

19/2, J. Joseph

21/2, R. Smith

22/2, S. Robinson, E. Goulding

25/2, V. McIntosh

26/2, L. Vickers

28/2, J. Joseph

1/3, J. Barlow

4/3, E. Worts

5/3, R. Smith

2. COOKING ROSTER:

18/2, L. Vickers

19/2, J. Joseph

21/2, R. Smith

22/2, M. Ianna

25/2, L. McInerney

26/2, L. Vickers

28/2, J. Tandy

1/3, J. Barlow

4/3, T. Cook

5/3, S. Friske

3. ASSEMBLIES: 2pm

To be advised

4. Celebrating Our Students - Week 2

Charlotte, being a super role model

Gracie, working hard during independent activities

Tameka, excellent organisation of school work

Bowen, great historical knowledge

Zara, being well organised and keen to learn

Michael, being a wonderful role model

Student of the Week - Week 3

Jayden, improved focus and effort in class

Amity, excellent thinking and application to tasks

Jack B, being a great leader during maths work

Amy, being helpful and following instructions

Work of the Week - Week 3

Mia, a fabulous self portrait

5. NEW LIBRARY DAYS: School library borrowing will be on the following days:

Years 5/6 and 3/4 - **Mondays**

Years K/1 and 1/2/3 - **Tuesdays**

We ask that students **bring a library bag** to keep the books they borrow clean and protected.

6. MOBILE LIBRARY: The Library van is based at our school **fortnightly** from 2 - 3:15pm. Community members and parents are welcome to make use of this service. Students are taken to the van by their class teachers. The dates for the van are:
Feb. 26, March 12, 26, April 9, 23
May 7, 21 June 4, 18

7. AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS: Our after school tennis program is recommencing. Amanda, a professional tennis coach, comes to our school on a Tuesday afternoon, regardless of the weather, and provides group sessions for students aged K - 6, for the cost of \$8 for beginners and \$10 for intermediate/advanced. If you would like information about this program, please have your child ask for a note from the office.

Lessons will commence Tuesday 12th Feb. - Amanda manages all payments for these lessons.

8. MUSICORP LESSONS: Mark will be recommencing music tuition this Tuesday. If your child is interested in starting lessons, they can see Mark tomorrow and ask for an application form.

9. RRHS OPEN NIGHT: Richmond River High School is having its Open Night Expo on Thursday, March 7th from 3:45 to 7pm. Any interested parents are welcome to check out what RRHS has to offer.

10. COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS: Just to remind parents of the ways that the school communicates to parents:

* the **school website** at

<http://www.modanville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

This is a fantastic resource for keeping parents up to date with things that are happening at the school, newsletters, permission notes, as well as interesting links to Department of Education and Communities sites. Check out the calendar link on the site.

* **emailing of newsletters:** the school now emails newsletters to parents (as well as publishing them onto the school website). Please keep the school informed if you change your email or you feel you have given us your email address and you aren't getting the newsletters.

* **notes for excursions**, etc. are sent home in a hardcopy. We also try to put them on the website.

* **messaging** will only be used to inform parents of last minute changes or if there are a lot of outstanding notes for something that is happening the next day. **Please note: this is NOT to be used for parents to let the school know about changes to travel arrangements or absences.**

* **bus folder** - parents are to send in notes for any changes to their child/ren's normal afternoon transport arrangements. These can either be a permanent change (eg: every Tuesday being collected rather than taking the bus until further notice) or if not a regular change, a note on the day (eg. Today, 18/2/13, my child is not to take the bus but will be collected by....)

We welcome any feedback you would like to give us about how we communicate with you.

11. SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS: Thank you to all our community members who have phoned us about the flashing lights not working on our school zone signs. We have notified the council and they are trying to sort it out.

Community News

1. **Northern Star Hockey Club:** sign on Wednesday 20th Feb. at Goonellabah Turf 4:30 - 5:30pm, or contact Amanda 0438 246 848
2. **Trinity Aquatic Centre:** Learn to Swim classes beginning in Term 2 - for more information phone Wendy on 6627 6610.
3. **Dunoon United Football Club** - they are still taking people, if you are interested in your child playing, please ring Matt on 0438 509 284.
4. **Clunes Netball Club:** places are still available. If you are keen, contact Kathryn for more details on 0427 394 698

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>