



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Upcoming events

Next P&C meeting, Tuesday September 3rd, 6:30pm

The Channon Teams Day, Friday 23rd August

Performing Arts Festival, Wednesday 28th Aug
rehearsal and night performance 6pm

Performing Arts, Thursday 29th Aug matinee

Regional Athletics, Friday 30th August

Year 6 parent meeting, Tuesday 3rd Sept, 5:45pm

Interrelate for Years 5 & 6, 2nd, 9th September

Kinde Orientation, Wednesday 11th September

Dr. Arne Rubenstein, Wed. 11th Sept. 7:30-8:00

Curumbin excursion for K - 3, Wed. 18th Sept.

School Term Dates

Last day of Term 3, Friday 20th Sept

First day of Term 4 for staff and students
Tuesday 8th October

Kinder Orientation

Wednesday

Sept. 11th

9:15 – 11:30

Parents are invited to stay for this first session and have morning tea and listen to some information presentations while their child is in the classroom with Miss Taylor

Dear Parents,

I'M BACK!

After four wonderful weeks travelling around The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark it was still nice to be home. Berni and I loved being able to spend time with our son Ben and to catch up with many of Berni's family. Of course my first trip to Europe left me in awe of its magnificent history and beautiful scenery at this time of year.

On my return to school it was great to get such a warm welcome back from the Modanville kids. And

haven't they been busy in the first four weeks.

Athletics carnivals, Performing Arts, Tournament of Minds, Public Speaking.... the list goes on and on. I guess I'll just have to catch up as quickly as possible.

SOME BIG THANKYOUS

I would like to thank and congratulate Geraldine Kerr on the wonderful job she did in my absence. The professional manner in which she dealt with the controversial NBN Tower proposal was a great credit to her. Also her positive leadership of the school during a very busy time has resulted in our students benefitting greatly from a wide range of rich learning opportunities. It was very reassuring to know that MPS was in such capable hands.

I would also like to thank Mim Burgess for the wonderful job she has done with the Year 5/6 class. Mim had all students highly focused and organised and has introduced some great new ideas into the daily program that I am very keen to continue. My only concern is how I can keep the classroom as organised and tidy as she had it. So far the students are keeping me on my toes.

T.O.M

Our two Tournament of Minds teams are putting the finishing touches to their presentations for this Sunday's local final at Woodlawn. I would like to congratulate the students involved for their commitment to such a challenging learning experience during a very busy time. I'm sure they will do themselves and their school proud this Sunday.

Modanville has been involved in Tournament of Minds for a long time. At the start of this year I was concerned that after Dennis Thomson's retirement and Heather Laverick taking a full time position at Dunoon PS, our long involvement in T.O.M would come to an end. Thankfully for our students, Ryan Swift and Mim Burgess, without any prior experience in TOM, came on board to lead our two teams.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated teachers who are prepared to take on new challenges in order to give our students the best possible learning experiences. I would also like to thank Lisa

Farrington for her support of this year's TOM program.

RAISING HAPPY HEALTHY TEENAGERS

Having personally experienced four children navigate their way through their teenage years, and with two more future teenagers to go, I can recommend the value in attending the upcoming presentation at Modanville by Dr Arne Rubinstein. Being a teenager today certainly comes with a range of challenges that we as parents may not have experienced. I also suggest that parents should not wait until their children ARE TEENAGERS before they start trying to understand and support them. This is the reasoning behind providing a BBQ and DVDS to assist all our parents to attend the evening. Hope you are able to attend.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our first session for the Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday Sept 11th. If you have a child or know of any neighbours or acquaintances that have a child who is old enough to begin school in 2014, they are welcome to come along and see what our school has to offer.

Barry Cooper
Principal

Students progressing to Regional Athletics

The following students will be representing our Zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Riverview Park on Friday 30th August:

Jack C, Luka, Rachel, Lexi, Georgia, Jemma, and Madelene

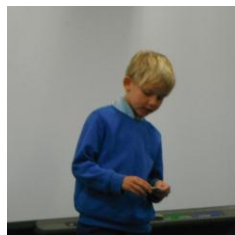
We would like to congratulate all students who participated at the Zone level and gave their best efforts.

SCHOOL OPERA HOUSE CHOIR AUDITIONS: If your child is in Year 4 or 5 this year, they are invited to audition to be a member of the Rivers Small Schools Opera House Choir in 2014. They will also have to commit to being a part of the Small School Choir for Performing Arts 2014.

The audition will be on 17th September, 2013 at Eltham Public School. If your child is interested please let us know by Monday 26th August. Please be aware that it is a big commitment in both time and money to be a member of this choir.

RECYCLED BATTERY COLLECTION: We are no longer able to provide a recycling service at our

school. Thank you to all parents who have supported our school in this effort.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Students, staff and parents gathered to listen to the speeches prepared by the winners of the class competition. Judging was tight and students have now been chosen to go on to the Big Scrub Public Speaking competition to be held on 5th September. The students who will be progressing to the next level are Sarah and Grace for Stage 2, and Jared and Luka for Stage 3. Well done to you all.

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm Fridays

Kindergarten Friday, 30th August

Parents are invited to come and see our special assemblies.

Year 5/6 Assembly:



CANTEEN NEWS:

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

CANTEEN ROSTER: TERM 3

23/8 NO CANTEEN

26/8, E. Goulding

27/8, L. Vickers

29/8, R. Smith

30/8, S. Robinson

2/9, E. Worts

3/9, J. Joseph



5/9, R. Smith
 6/9, S. Barnsley

COOKING ROSTER:

23/8, NO CANTEEN
 26/8, B. Youngberry
 27/8, S. Robinson
 29/8, P. Leeson
 30/8, M. Ianna
 2/9, L. Eggersdorff
 3/9, H. Mulcahy
 5/9, L. McInerney
 6/9, S. Barnsley

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 4

Tayah, excellent thinking in maths
 Elijah, improved focus and independent work habits
 Jack B, excellent participation in Cultural Day
 Phoebe, challenging herself during maths lessons
 Brent, on task work during speech preparation
 Georgia, being a hardworking, dedicated student
 Luka, for his positive attitude
 Lola, for leadership in her TOM team

Week 5

Kaleb, a super helper in the classroom
 Ella, following instructions happily, doing her best
 Charlie, an excellent goanna poster
 Madi P, always smiling and doing her best
 Josh R, strong application to his work
 Jason, showing initiative in cleaning the playground
 Lilly, showing initiative in cleaning the playground

WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 4

Annabelle, fabulous turtle art work
 Bowen, a creative sign for our school garden
 Ella, a cool graffiti brick
 Nina, awesome magazine project

Week 5

Class 1/2, "Beeutiful" bee art
 Chelsea, well presented writing
 Ren, a well prepared speech

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 4	Week 5
Persistence , Lexi	Organisation , Asha
Organisation , Brooke	Getting Along , Samara
Getting Along ,	Confidence , Mia



Our Kindergarten students working with Renee in the school vegie propagation shed:



Tips From Live Life Well @ School

Did You Know?

In NSW, close to 60% of children do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables. Research shows that watching a lot of TV is associated with children and teenagers drinking more soft drink and not eating enough fruit and vegetables.

Some ideas you may like to try:

Involve the kids in choosing and preparing fruit and vegies

Try some different ways of preparing and serving them: sliced, grated, mashed, a mixture of raw and cooked

Community News

Marist Brothers Junior Cricket Club sign on days are Wednesday 4th Sept. 3:30-6pm and Sunday 8th Sept. 10am - 12 noon at the Marist Brothers Cricket Nets opposite McDonalds.

Dunoon Sports Club 20th Anniversary Friday 13th Sept Mega Raffle - money raised from this raffle is donated to local schools to assist with swimming programs for the students.

Fresh Food For Kids

Food facts:

Strawberries: are great sources of vitamin C. One of the functions of vitamin C is to help the body fight infection.

The tiny seeds in strawberries provide fibre which assists digestive health.

Rich red ripe strawberries contain lutein, an antioxidant that's important for eye health.

(Information from the Fresh for Kids Winter 2013 issue.)

Insights by Michael Grose

If you agree that the promotion of resilience is in the best interest of kids then check out a common parenting mistake that reduce children's resilience:

Resilience Robber:

Make their problem, your problem:

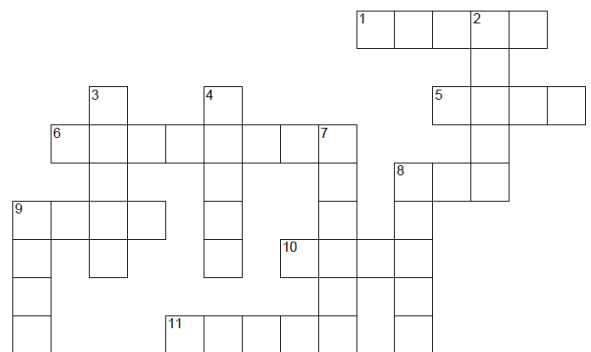
Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here's a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion:

Make their problem, their problem.

Antonyms

Fill in the puzzle with the words that mean the opposite.



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ACROSS

- 1 Opposite of Quiet
- 5 Opposite of Run
- 6 Opposite of Black and White
- 8 Opposite of Cold
- 9 Opposite of Low
- 10 Opposite of Go
- 11 Opposite of Small

DOWN

- 2 Opposite of Finish
- 3 Opposite of Smooth
- 4 Opposite of Smile
- 7 Opposite of Big
- 8 Opposite of Sad
- 9 Opposite of Soft

WORD BANK: Colorful, frown, happy, hard, high, hot, large, little, noisy, rough, start, stop, walk.