



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 19th September, 2013

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Upcoming events

Interrelate for Years 5 & 6, 2nd session on

20th September (last day of term)

Last day of term 3, Friday 20th September

Fun Day, casual dress, Friday 20th September

First day of term 4, Tuesday 8th October

SAVE THE DATE: Friday October 25th we are planning an 85th celebration and Grandparents Day for the school. More information will come out next term.

Security:

The Department of Education and Communities has asked that we put the following in our end of term newsletter:

"If you see trespassers in the school out of schools hours, we would appreciate a call to the school security on 1300 880 021, a 24 hour number.

School Term Dates

Last day of Term 3, Friday 20th Sept

Monday, October 7th is a Public Holiday

First day of Term 4 for staff and students

Tuesday 8th October

2014 Kindergarten Sessions

Our first Kinder Orientation went very well. Thank you to the speakers from Reading Recovery and Live Life Well program.

Our next two sessions are:

Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 9:15 – 11:30am

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 9:15am – 1:15pm

Dear Parents,

WOW! WHAT A TERM

LISMORE SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Modanville Public School has won the Garden Competition for the second year in a row. Dorothy

Cox, the School Competition Co-ordinator, was very generous in her praise of our garden. Our vegie plots looked magnificent with colourful signs for the different vegies prepared by Year 3/4. However, it was the impressive explanations by our students about our garden program that amazed Dorothy.

Luka, our Worm Farm spokesperson explained how our worm farm operates and how the 'juice' benefits our plants. Rachel spoke on behalf of the Compost Team and elaborated on our daily class collections of compostable items and how they are transferred to the large bins and ultimately onto our garden beds. Alana represented the Harvest Team and elaborated on the steps taken to plant and nurture our garden plots.

Dorothy felt that the students had real ownership of our garden and demonstrated a deep understanding of how the three elements of our garden program worked together to produce healthy vegetables for our consumption.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Renee Borrow for the enormous contribution she has made to educating our students about growing healthy food at school. Renee usually puts in a couple of hours each week developing a love and understanding of gardening among all students in our school. Without her expertise and commitment our gardening success would not be as spectacular. Thanks Renee!



RAISING HAPPY TEENAGERS

Our evening last week with Dr Arne Rubenstein was a very informative one with around thirty parents from our school and surrounds appreciating the great insights he gave in to raising happy teenagers.

The challenges our teenage children face are quite different to those we experienced in our teen years and I am certain the parents present went home with a renewed insight into how they can support their children through these critical years. The school has a copy of Arne's book and is happy to loan it out to any interested parents.

TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis coach Amanda is keen to resume tennis lessons at Modanville next term. They will be held on Tuesday afternoons. A flyer with all the details will be sent home at the start of term 4.

T20 BLAST CRICKET DAY

We had a great day in Lismore last Tuesday when we participated in a Cricket Fun Day coordinated by NSW Cricket.

We were organised in teams for junior boys and girls and senior boys and girls. While scores were kept by the volunteer high school umpires, the day was more focused on having fun rather than winning. Modanville students combined with our friends from Corndale and Eltham to make up some of our teams. It was great meeting up with the same students that we went to Canberra with.

Any students interested in playing cricket next term can contact me for details and options or visit the LDJCA website .

OPERA HOUSE CHOIR

Eight of our students travelled to Eltham on Tuesday to audition for the Opera House Small School' Choir. It is open to Year 5&6 students in 2014. If successful they will travel to Sydney next year to perform at the Sydney Opera House. Previous students who have been involved in the choir rated this opportunity as one of the best they had experienced in primary school. We will find out early next term if any of our students have been selected. Fingers crossed !!!!

Barry Cooper
Principal

CURRUMBIN EXCURSION:

Our excursion to Currumbin with the Kindergarten, Year 1, 2, and 3 students was a great success. The weather was beautiful and the children enjoyed interacting with the animals and learning from the staff at the centre. Thank you to parents for coming along and acting as group leaders - our students were very well looked after and had a great day.





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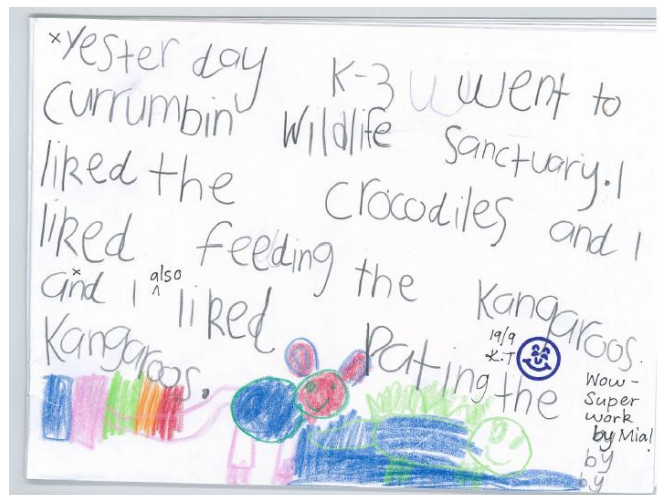
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Some work examples from Kindergarten:

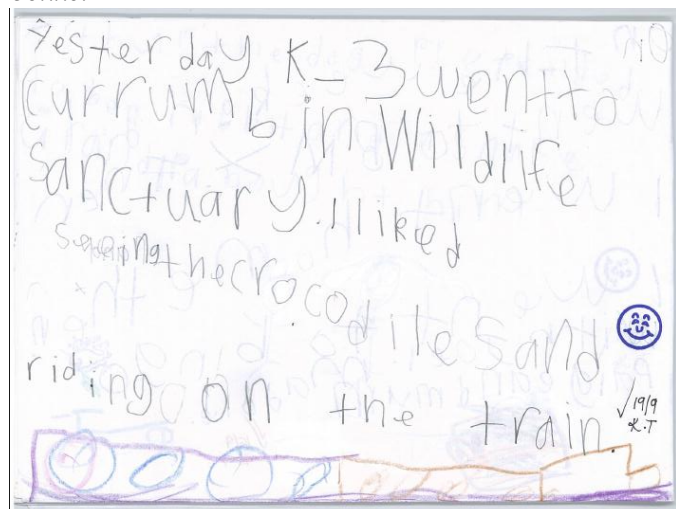
Mia



Tayah



Connor:



Some work examples from Year 1/2:

Padi:

Yesterday K/1/2/3 went on an excursion.

We went on a bus to Currumbin zoo. When we got there, K/1/2/3 had recess. Next we got sorted into groups. Tyler was in my group. My mum was the group leader. First, every one saw a show about snakes and other animals. After lunch our group went to watch the bird show. It was a great day.

Imogen:

Yesterday, K/1/2/3 had an excursion to Currumbin zoo. We went on a bus with teachers and parents. I had a group and they were my mum, Stella, Lexi, and Brooke. We saw birds, snakes, kangaroos, dingoes and Tasmanian devils. It was so much fun.

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm Fridays

See you next term

ASTHMA WARNING: Please be extra vigilant if your child has asthma - the current weather conditions have been said to possibly increase symptoms.

DELAYED NAPLAN REPORTS: The Board of Studies has asked schools to let parents know that: "On Thursday 5 September, ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay."

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

CANTEEN ROSTER:

8/10, J. Joseph
10/10, R. Smith
11/10, S. Robinson

COOKING ROSTER:

8/10, J. Joseph
10/10, R. Smith
11/10, S. Robinson

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 8

Michael, great work habits and improved neatness
Lily, careful and thoughtful approach to school
Mia, being an enthusiastic learner
Will R, being a kind and helpful friend
Grace, great representation of MPS at public speaking
Sarah, great representation of MPS at public speaking

Week 9

Amy, excellent manners and helpful attitude
Ella, patience and consideration of others
Jayden, being a king and caring friend
Maia, excellent work during maths
Brad, displaying great spirit at cricket super 8s

WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 8

Joshua M, a 'cosmic space' picture
Tayah, colourful dragonfly artwork
Tyrone, great writing to criteria
Hayden, for cracking the mystery of long multiplication!

Week 9

Lily, wonderful 'whale shark' art
Annabelle, for beautiful handwriting
Lilian, great narrative writing
Callan, brilliant 'string art' design

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 8	Week 9
Persistence , Levi Organisation , Amity	Persistence , Bowen Organisation , Phoebe Getting Along , Chelsea

Tips From Live Life Well @ School

Rainy day activities: We haven't had a lot of rainy days but just in case some come our way:

Keeping kids active and occupied during wet days can be challenging. Here are some active play ideas for children indoors:

- Build a cubby house with sheets, chairs or cardboard boxes
- Play hide and seek
- Play basket softball and see how many times you can throw a foam ball into a washing basket
- Have a dance competition at home
- Set a limit on the amount of time children spend in front of a screen (tv, computer, etc)

Community News

Kids Art Lab: primary students are invited to join in the creative fun at Kids Art Lab during the school holidays. They are located at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. Classes run daily from 10am - 12noon and cost \$18 per class. For bookings phone Belinda on 0429 384 677

Autism Spectrum Disorder Information Expo: Free event on Friday 11th October from 12noon to 6pm at the Lismore Workers Club. For more information phone Wendy on 0418 280 669

School holiday activities at Sport and Rec: Surf clinic, Lake Ainsworth Activity Day, Come and Try Multi Sports, Sailing Regatta Day - for more information phone 6618 0400

FUTSAL sign on: 19th & 20th Sept at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre from 4 - 6pm. Phone Tanya 6628 3533

Information regarding activities is not endorsed by the school. We put them in our newsletter as a community service and it is parents' responsibility to determine the quality of the program.