



## MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

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## P&C Meeting

# Wednesday 22nd October

## 6:30pm

## Week 3 & 8 each term

### Upcoming events

- ❖ K/1/2 excursion, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct
- ❖ Grandparents day, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct
- ❖ 3/4 Assembly, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2pm
- ❖ Year 6 special photo, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct
- ❖ Kinde Orientation, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope our students enjoyed their holiday break and are ready for another exciting term at Modanville Public School.

Congratulations to Renee and the students she works with every Monday at our school. They have won the Lismore Garden Club Country Schools 50-100 students award. Renee runs a gardening program with our students that introduces them to seed propagation, composting, worm farm, weeding and harvesting - the joys and benefits of growing your own food.

This term we plan to replace our pumpkin patch with a corn crop. We are also planting fruit trees along our northern boundary. All classes will be involved in this project.

Our swimming scheme will operate this term for 10 days in Weeks 7 and 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve your child's swimming ability. We have 54 spaces available for Kindergarten to Year 6. The program caters for non-swimmers through to stroke correction and swimming laps. A big thank you to the Dunoon Sports Club for their support which reduces the costs associated

participating in the swimming program. Modanville Public School receives approximately \$400 per year to subsidise the cost of swimming lesson participation for our students. More information will follow closer to the date.

I have also included some information about the Rivers Secondary College. This initiative is designed to enhance the educational opportunities available at our local public high schools. Being aware of this initiative will be important in deciding on which high school your child will attend once they complete Year 6 at Modanville Public School.

Regards,

Barry

**Hats!!** The hot weather is upon us and it is imperative for students to have a wide brimmed or a bucket hat to wear when they are out in the sun. These blue hats are available from our canteen uniform shop and cost between \$5 and \$7.

**Grandparents Day:** On Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>, we invite all grandparents to come to our school at 2pm. You will be entertained by our 3/4 class assembly, can visit the classroom of your grandchild, and be treated to an afternoon tea. Please RSVP by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> for catering purposes. Thank you.

### Former students achieving:

Tyson and Danielle, former students of Modanville Public School have achieved Level Seven Senior Multiples Australian Champions in aerobics at Brisbane during the last school holidays. Congratulations!



### Visiting Mobile Library

The mobile library comes to the school on a regular basis and community members are welcome to make use of this service. The dates are:

Oct. 21                      Nov 4, 18                      Dec 2, 16

**It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm**

### Assembly: 2pm on designated Fridays

Year 3/4                      Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct

Year 5/6                      Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

K/1                              Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Year 1/2                      Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

### New process for students arriving late to school:

Thank you to all parents who take the time to sign their child in or out inside of school hours. This is an important safety process. We are taking this one step further. The process will now be:

1. Parent signs child in/out as usual
2. Office staff will fill in a note for your child to hand in to their teacher for late arrivals and for early pick-ups we will put the note in the teacher's pigeonhole. This is then evidence for the teacher to keep in their rolls.

**Kindergarten Orientation Dates:** The following dates are for our Kindergarten Orientation. These are normally half days. Please mark them down in your diary and **if you know of any neighbours that may be interested, please let them know.** We will also be sending fliers to the preschools in our area and directly posting to parents who have expressed an interest and are on our list.

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**School vehicle entrance:** We would like to remind parents of the importance of using the correct ENTRY or EXIT point to drive in to the school. This is for the safety of our students and school community.

**Chapped lips:** The recent weather seems to have brought on a spate of dry/chapped lips for our students. Please be aware that the school first aid does not carry any lip salve. If your child has chapped lips, please send them with a chapstick or some sort of cream for their lips.

An interesting website for parents:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

**Michael Grose Parenting Ideas:** please check out this wonderful resource through the News link on our school website.

### Live Life Well - Choose water as a drink

Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst. Even better, it doesn't come with all the sugar and energy (kilojoules) found in fruit juice drinks, soft drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters.

Drinking water instead of sweetened drinks may also prevent dental problems. Remember, regularly offering sweetened drinks makes it harder to choose water as a drink.

For more information, go to:

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

### Road Safety - 40km/h School Zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days, including staff development days (pupil free days).

For more information visit:

[www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)

### Year 3/4 Term 3 Assembly:





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### CANTEEN NEWS

**Lunches available Monday and Friday only**

*The Canteen Menu is on our website*

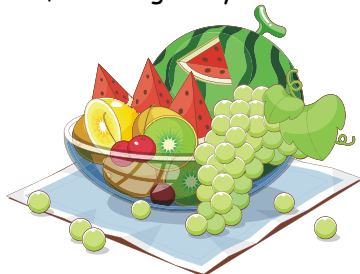
*We now have available spaghetti bolognaise and lasagne on Monday and Friday for \$4 a serve.*

#### CANTEEN ROSTER:

7/10, J. Joseph  
9/10, R. Smith  
10/10, L. Vickers  
13/10, **HELP NEEDED**  
14/10, J. Joseph  
16/10, R. Smith  
17/10, S. Barnsley  
20/10, V. McIntosh  
21/10, J. Joseph  
23/10, R. Smith  
24/10, H. Mulcahy

#### COOKING ROSTER:

7/10, L. McInerney  
9/10, R. Smith  
10/10, L. Vickers  
13/10, S. Friske  
14/10, E. Robinson  
16/10, R. Smith  
17/10, S. Barnsley  
20/10, V. McIntosh  
21/10, J. Tandy  
23/10, T. Cook  
24/10, B. Youngberry



### CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

#### WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 9

Eddie, mature attitude to reading groups  
Ella, a wonderful imaginative narrative story  
Brad, excellent speech  
Ashleigh, confident and well written speech

#### Week 10

Kaitlyn, sensational sunglasses  
Jarred, neatly published work  
Annabelle, beautiful underwater artwork  
Sarah, impressive string art craft

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 9

Ella, great participation in writing and reading groups  
Christiaan, an engaging speech  
Georgia, great participation in 'deep thinking' lesson  
Saphira, improving public speaking skills

#### Week 10

Zara, outstanding progress in reading  
Sam, trying hard in all areas of school  
Kaleb, good work & enthusiasm in HSIE  
Tameka, fantastic spiral hand artwork  
Mikaela, positive attitude towards learning tasks  
Chris, a more focused approach to learning  
Max, fantastic reading  
Eddie, great news and storytelling  
Beau, fantastic reading  
Blake, being a helpful class member

#### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 9	Week 10
<b>Persistence:</b> Xavier	<b>Organisation:</b> Jess <b>Confidence:</b> Connor <b>Persistence:</b> Lilian

#### Nude Food/Sunglasses Assembly:



## **The Rivers Secondary College and Rivers P-12 Learning Community**

### **School's newsletters**

The Rivers Secondary College is progressing with a variety of activities to date. The Rivers Secondary College is made up of the three secondary campuses in Lismore-Kadina High, Lismore High and Richmond River High, which is an integral member of the larger Rivers P-12 Learning Community across the Lismore and surrounding area. Our focus across the whole Rivers P-12 Learning Community is to develop increased collaboration with improved student outcomes as our driving agenda. The Rivers P-12 is composed of the three Secondary College campuses, Nimbin Central School, Wilson Park School for Specific Purposes, and twenty six primary schools in and around Lismore.

The Rivers Secondary College Year 11 Curriculum patterns are now published and available in each of the secondary campuses. This collaboration means that the vast majority of students gain access to their first choices of subjects being studied for the HSC. These travel arrangements are ONLY for stage 6, years 11 and 12 and NOT for Years 7-10. Years 7-10 students will continue to attend their own school for all of their classes as has been the case up until now. We continue to look at opportunities to increase our collaborations, but students in Year 7-10 are not being transported to access their regular curriculum options. Indeed, there is no current thinking around a senior secondary high campus for ONLY years 11 and 12 either. The commitment and focus of The Rivers Secondary College is for three individual campuses each continuing to offer high quality comprehensive secondary provision 7-12.

Initial planning is soon to commence to develop a Rivers P-12 Learning Community School Musical production for 2015. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this activity across both the primary and secondary schools which will showcase our students and staff talents and further develop inter-school cohesion.

Working parties in the areas of Student Wellbeing, Transition, Curriculum and Professional Learning are being formed currently as is the final membership of The Rivers Council, a broad based community advisory group.

I am more than happy to attend and speak to interested parents and citizens (P&C) groups, interested organisations and to listen to any ideas that are in line with our endeavours to improve our impact on our students learning achievements. I can be contacted via Kadina High Campus on 0266 243133 or via [john.william.baker@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.william.baker@det.nsw.edu.au)

**John Baker**

Executive Principal, The Rivers Secondary College





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### Community News

*Please keep in mind that by putting information about activities offered in the community in the school newsletter, the school is not endorsing or has not investigated the organisation offering the activity. You will need to make the choice as to whether it is suitable for your child or not.*

**Tullera Hall:** The Tullera Hall is our local hall and the school benefits from having access to the hall when the need arises.

Tullera Hall Fundraiser Sunday 12th October  
(Channon Market Day)

**Huge Garage Sale planned for the whole community to get involved.**

Have your own stall for \$10 (Small table) or \$20 (Large Table).

Bookings are a must please.

Otherwise you can donate your unwanted items to the hall to sell. We will also be having a sausage sizzle, cakes etc and drinks stall.

Anyone just wanting to come and donate their time to help on the day would be welcomed and appreciated. Donations of home cooking would be grateful also. Items for the Hall Stall can be dropped to Kathy Goulding 19 Dunromin Dve, Modanville 0416096361 or Pauline Leeson Dunoon Rd Tullera 0437260169.

All enquiries and bookings to the above numbers please.

Thankyou for your support

Tullera Hall Committee

**Challenge Children's Service** has opened a new Lismore office and covers the northern rivers region from Tweed to Grafton. They are currently recruiting members of the community to become emergency, short term, long term and permanent carers of children who have been removed from the care of their parents.

Challenge services is asking for people from all walks of life to consider opening their hearts and homes, as their life experiences is what make them invaluable to the caring process of children.

For more information visit:

[www.challengecommunity.org.au](http://www.challengecommunity.org.au)