



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014

Newsletter No. 18

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

## P&C Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

6:30pm

Week 3 & 8 each term

### Upcoming events

- ❖ Helpers Morning Tea and Modanville's Got Talent Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ K/1 Assembly Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 11:45am
- ❖ Wet n Wild Years 3-6 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ K-2 Bowling Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ Scripture Christmas celebration Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ Year 6 Dinner Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ Christmas tree Night Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec
- ❖ Last day of term 4 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Dear Parents,

The passing away of Phil Hughes has given us all pause to think. One message we take from his life is to live each moment to the fullest, follow your dreams, work hard to achieve them, and value the importance of family and friendships.

Barry has been away attending the funeral for Phil Hughes. Our thoughts are with him and his family as they come to terms with such a loss in the cricket fraternity.

A reminder that the Helper's Morning Tea, Modanville's Got Talent and the K/1 Assembly are on tomorrow, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, from 11:15. The show starts at 11:45.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards,

Linda

### 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 last date for this year is: Dec 16

The Library Van resumes its service to the public from the school grounds on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. It will then commence its fortnightly visits, the next on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Assembly: Change of Time: 11:45am**

K/1

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

### School Swimming Program

Last week 60 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 completed this year's intensive School swimming and Water Safety program.

It was sensational to witness the students develop their skills and confidence in the water. All the instructors and teachers involved commented positively on the behaviour of our students across the two weeks.

I would like to extend a special thank you to parents for supporting this invaluable program, both financially and in terms of getting children organised for swimming each day.

All students involved in the program will receive a certificate of achievement listing the skills they gained. These should be ready by the end of the week.

Geraldine Kerr

### School Fete

Last Thursday our school held a small fete in the afternoon. Each stall was set up by our departing Year 6 students and our Year 5 SRC members. All proceeds for the day went towards our SRC.

The afternoon was a great fun for all students. They participated in a number of different activities from sifting through flour to find lollies, sock wrestling,

decorating cupcakes, throwing wet sponges at people and running through the sprinkler.

On the day we raised over \$120. Thank-you to everyone who participated.

### **SRC Food Drive**

Over the last month and with your help the school has been collecting food donations to be sent west to drought affected areas. On Tuesday our SRC had the honour of dropping off the donation to Anne Thompson at Eltham who has been coordinating the program for 20 years.

There is only one way to describe the work she does and that is 'amazing'. Anne was amazed with the size of our donation for a small school.

We thank you for your support and want you to know that you have made a big difference for farmers who are struggling. Anne is looking at sending the donation to the Walgett area.

It was great for the students to see inside the hall where all the hard work gets done. All the walls were lined up with banana boxes containing approximately 14kg of goods each. There are over 350 packages which will be sent out. This would take the overall total, after calculating presents and cleaning items, to over 5 tonnes.

Thank you again to those who donated as it will have a positive influence on those who need it this Christmas.

Ryan Swift

**SRC Bike Raffle:** Our school photographer has very kindly donated a Raleigh BMX bike for the school to raffle. Tickets have been sent home. Please do not feel that you have to sell or purchase tickets. If you don't want to be involved, simply send the raffle book back to school.

**Christmas Tree Night:** please see the attached flyer.

**Change to permission notes:** You may have noticed that we are beginning to add sections to the permission notes for medical condition or dietary information. This is just to remind us of anything we may need to be aware of for when your child is on the excursion, eg: asthma, has a cold, motion sickness,

can't eat dairy, etc..... We don't need full details, just what is going on for them at this point in time.

**An interesting website for parents:**

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

### **School Term Dates**

Last day 2014:

**Students:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Staff:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

First day of 2015:

**Staff:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Years 2 – 6:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Kinder and Year 1:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

The Best Start Assessment for new Kindergarten students is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – letters have been posted with appointment times.

### **Back to School Checklist:**

A heads up about some things that will be happening at the start of next year:

- Swimming Carnival Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- School Photos: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb
- School fees will most probably remain the same as this year: \$30/student or \$50/family
- Book fees: you will be advised as soon as we know
- Uniforms are available from the canteen.
- There will be many forms at the start of the year for you to complete and send back to us.

- Permission to Publish
- Scripture
- First Aid
- Updating/confirming contact details
- Updating/confirming medical details

It is very important that we get these back as soon as possible to ensure that we are able to provide a high standard of care for your child/ren.

Also, the Department of Education and Communities has developed a website as a 'one-stop-shop' for back to school information. The link is:

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

Please keep in mind that our school website is a good resource for keeping in touch with happenings in the school.

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

### Live Life Well - 5 ways to a healthy lifestyle

Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our family's health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it difficult to find time to be physically active and eat well. How can we lead a more healthy lifestyle?

- Get active each day: regular physical activity is important for the healthy growth, development and well-being of kids and teens
- Choose water as a drink: water is the best way to quench your thirst
- Eat more fruit and vegies: eating fruit and vegies every day helps kids and teens grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases. Aim to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies daily.
- Turn off the TV or computer and get active: sedentary or 'still' time spent watching TV, surfing online, playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to kids and teens health problems.
- Eat fewer snacks and select healthier alternatives: healthy snacks help to meet nutritional needs. Snacks based on fruit and vegies, reduced fat dairy products and whole grains are the healthiest choices.

For more information, go to:  
[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

**Road Safety** - For more information visit:  
[www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Lunches available Monday and Friday only**

#### CANTEEN ROSTER:

5/12, S Robinson  
8/12, L. Vickers  
9/12, J Joseph  
11/12, R Smith  
12/12, S. McInerney  
**15/12, HELP NEEDED PLEASE**  
16/12 L Vickers

#### COOKING ROSTER:

5/12 E Robinson  
8/12, M Ianna  
9/12, J Tandy  
11/12, B Cox  
12/12, S Barnsley  
15/12, V McIntosh  
16/12, L Vickers



**Thank you to all our canteen volunteers who have provided the students with a healthy canteen experience.**

### CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

#### WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Eve, for excellent swimming!  
Paul, outstanding treading water at swimming  
Xavier M, awesome illustration of our growing corn  
Brock, excellent presentation of BTN

#### Week 8

Amity, exceptional progress in swimming  
Tameka, excellent work at swimming scheme  
Ashleigh, amazing fete poster  
Blake, beautiful rainbow Christmas tree

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Kaitlyn, excellent effort in drama activities  
Will R, fantastic effort in reading  
Ryan, excellent attitude to school  
Brad, great work with his origami

#### Week 8

Jayden P, being a mature and responsible student  
Mitchell, fantastic participation at school fete  
Sam B, great participation of his fete stall  
Grace, exceptional computer processing skills  
Charlie, wonderful progress in reading  
Imogen, being a leader in our class  
Tayah, being such a positive member of K/1  
Lachlan, working hard in reading groups

### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 7	Week 8
<b>Getting Along:</b> Lexi	<b>Confidence:</b> Tyrone
<b>Persistence:</b> Xavier E	



**School donations to the Christmas Hampers for drought effected farmers:**



**SRC picnic at House With No Steps:**



**Year 1/2 Assembly:**



**Community News:**

**Northern Rivers Family Day Care:** High quality childcare in a family home environment. Flexible hours, weekend and overnight care, government subsidised fees, before and after school care. Vacancies are available now and in 2015 in Tullera, Modanville and Dunoon.

For more information please phone: 6621 6437  
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm