



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 6th Feb., 2014

Newsletter No. 1

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

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 11th Feb

6:30pm

Upcoming events

- ❖ Class Information Sessions, 11th & 12th Feb.
- ❖ School Photos, Wednesday 12th Feb
- ❖ Swimming Carnival, Friday 14th Feb - Y3-6

Every Thursday: tennis with Amanda after school

Dear Parents,

Our first newsletter of the year will be sent home as a hardcopy to everyone and it will also be published on our school website. The next newsletter will be emailed unless we hear from you that you would like a hardcopy.

Welcome to the 2014 school year. We have several new families and we wish you a smooth settling in to the new school routines. Please remember that if you have any questions, give us a call or stop in, we are only too happy to help.

Next week we have our class information sessions scheduled. You will have received a note from your child's class teacher about the time and date. This is a good opportunity to meet the teacher and learn about class routines and expectation. We hope that you find them helpful and informative.

Our first P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 11th Feb, at 6:30pm and we encourage parents to come along and participate in this vital part of the school. If you are new to the area, it is a good way to meet other parents.

This is a link to the PSSA Sport Calendar:
<http://www.northernriverspssa.com/calendar.htm>

It is provided for interested parents to assist with planning their year.

Our Dunoon District Carnival dates are as follows:

Swimming:	14 th February
Cross Country:	8 th May at Corndale
Athletics Track:	1 st August at Riverview Pk
Athletics Field:	5 th August at Dunoon

Modanville School Carnivals:

Cross Country:	2 nd May
Athletics:	25 th July

School Staffing

This year Modanville has an enrolment of 80 students. This has enabled us to form 4 classes for 2014.

Erin Azzopardi is teaching the K/1 class on Monday through to Thursday and Melissa Mazzoranna will teach the class on Fridays.

In the 1/2 classroom Cameron Blanch will share the teaching role with Geraldine Kerr. Cameron will work Monday and Tuesday and Geraldine will teach for the remainder of the week.

Ryan Swift is the 3/4 class teacher and I am teaching 5/6.

Cameron Blanch has taken over the role previously filled by Mim Burgess who has taken on a teaching role at The Channon. Cameron will be introducing a music program to each class as well as providing my Principal's Release time.

Rose Smith is continuing in her role as Teachers Aide. Rose will work three and a half hours per day. She will assist all class teachers throughout the year. However there will be a particular focus on our K-2 students in term 1 and Rose will spend the majority of her time with those classes.

We are currently in the process of filling our Learning and Support Teacher position. This teacher will provide additional support to our students.

2013 Parent Survey

Many thanks to all the parents who completed the Parent Survey at the end of last year. The school appreciates feedback on its programs and your ideas and suggestions have been taken on board by all school staff and have helped guide future planning to ensure we continue to meet the personal, social and academic needs of our students.

Survey Summary:

Areas of Strength

variety of learning experiences; extra curricula activities; caring small school environment; school encourages parent involvement; parents feel welcome; positive behaviour support & encouragement; vegie garden; caring, committed, approachable and enthusiastic staff; teacher's aide support in classrooms; great communication; You Can Do It program; kids enjoy going to school; fantastic excursions; interaction with other schools; inclusiveness & positive interaction across ages; a broad based approach to education; acknowledgement of participation and achievement; provision of smaller learning groups & one on one learning support; involvement in community activities like ANZAC Day.

Areas for Improvement

More access to Library; notification about accidents at school requiring first aide; creative arts; upgrade of toilets; shade over playground; reduce litter around playground; after school care; computer skills and public speaking; school shirts; specialist creative arts teacher; Eftpos for school payments; more time for sport; increased school counsellor time; prompt feedback to students on projects and assignments; additional student learning support; more class run assemblies; music program; modified sporting activities for K/1; scripture options.

Areas for Future Consideration

Additional extension and enrichment activities; language program; Ethics program; return of Kids in the Kitchen; toilets; shade over playground; whirly birds in COLA; cultural awareness: More music; increased learning support time; extend agricultural opportunities; band.

Parental Interests and Expertise

classroom reading & art; computer programs; Kindy chicken hatching; gardening; photography; Kids in the Kitchen; writing and editing support, Year 6 Yearbook, Practical Maths

Regards,
Barry

Year 5/6



Year 3/4



Year 1/2



K/1





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Our school has benefited in the past from parents who have organised the Kids in the Kitchen program. This was very well received by the students who looked forward to their turn at cooking and eating a special healthy lunch.

Hanna, one of the parents who were involved with this program, is interested in trying to make this a viable activity again this year however she needs enough parents to volunteer to help in order for it to happen.

She is looking at doing it on a **Thursday** and each class would be allocated a specific week that their session would be in. Jobs that parents can help with are: shopping for ingredients, helping to prepare the food the students will cook, supervise the activity in the classroom with the teacher present, and then sharing in the yummy meal. There is probably some cleaning up afterwards as well.

There will also be a cost per student to pay for the purchase of ingredients.

If you can help, please complete the tear-off note and return it to the office. We will then have an idea of how many people think they could help and will see if we can go ahead.

Thank you!!

School fees, workbook fees, other expenses

In the coming weeks, the school will send home information to parents regarding the cost of your child's workbooks, IT levy, P&C student insurance levy, and a levy for photocopying for the K - 2 classes and the general school contribution.

At the P&C, a discussion will happen regarding how much the school should charge for the General School Contribution. This goes towards class supplies and ambulance subscription.

Other expenses that parents can expect during the year will be for excursions, sports activities, Performing Arts Festival participation and visiting educational performances or workshops. Year 4 - 6 also have a major excursion and this can involve a large expense. Some parents enjoy organising fundraising to help pay for the major excursion.

Special Assemblies

Year 5/6	Friday 21/2 at 2pm
Year 3/4	Friday 7/3 at 2pm
Year 1/2	Friday 21/3 at 2pm
Kinde/Y1	Friday 4/4 at 2pm

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:

Feb. 11, 25	March 11, 25	April 8, 22
May 6, 20	June 3, 17	

It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm - if you do not yet belong to the library there will be a form that we can get from the librarian in the van to help you or your child to sign up.

Denticare for Kids

Denticare for Kids is the first phase of Denticare and is an entitlement to Medicare-funded dentistry for Australians between the ages of 2 - 17 years. It will be administered via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). All you need to do is speak to your dentist or your dental hospital and claim any eligible procedures through this Schedule.

What is not covered? Orthodontic or cosmetic dental work or any services provided in a hospital.

How long will I be able to claim this entitlement for? The entitlement can be claimed for up to \$1000 per child over a two calendar year period.

This information has been received from Christine Minkov, Social Planner for the Lismore City Council.

How your child can logon to the school portal from home: Please see the attached information sheets.

Thank you to Rose for putting together some instructions for how to access this.

Canteen

The canteen note and roster has been sent home. There are quite a few vacant spots to fill if you would like to become involved in helping out with cooking, doing a roster shift, or sending in some purchases items, please put your name down.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

CANTEEN ROSTER:

7/2, S. Barnsley
10/2, V. McIntosh
11/2, J. Joseph
13/2, HELP NEEDED
14/2, HELP NEEDED
17/2, L. Vickers
18/2, J. Joseph
20/2, R. Smith
21/2, C. Nilon
24/2, V. McIntosh
25/2, L. Vickers

COOKING ROSTER:

7/2, S. Barnsley
10/2, V. McIntosh
11/2, J. Tandy
13/2, COOKING NEEDED
14/2, COOKING NEEDED
17/2, L. Vickers
18/2, B. Cox
20/2, R. Smith
21/2, C. Nilon
24/2, L. McInerney
25/2, L. Vickers

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Every newsletter we let you know which students have received the Student of the Week, the Kid of the Week, and awards in the You Can Do It areas.

This will commence at the next newsletter.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WORK OF THE WEEK

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS	
Week	Week

Insights by Michael Grose - parenting educator
"language of resilience"

"Who have you spoken to about this?"

Strategy: seeking help

Good for: kids who experience bullying and social problems; handling all types of personal worries

"Resilient people seek solace in the company of others when they experience difficulty. That's why social connection is such a strong preventative strategy for young people. The promotion of help-seeking behaviours is one of the best coping strategies of all. Even if kids don't overtly talk about what's bothering them, it can be immensely reassuring to spend time around others who are empathetic, understanding and willing to listen and help."

Community News

1. Goonellabah Tennis Club Open Day: Sunday 9th Feb, 10am to 12pm at Reserve St., Goonellabah. Sausage sizzle and tennis tips from our coaches, sign on for competitions and social tennis. Ph: 0431 021 085 Melinda
2. Positive Parenting: Interrelate family centre, 5 Market St, Lismore on Wed. 19th and 26th Feb, from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Cost \$30 or \$15 concession. PH: 6623 2750
3. Dunoon United Football Club sign on Sat. 8th Feb, 10am - 12noon, Thurs 13th Feb. 4 - 6pm, Sat. 15th Feb, 10am - 12 noon. Or you can go to <http://myfootballclub.com.au>
4. Far North Coast Softball Association: Batters-Up and Lil Sluggers. Program commences Friday 7th Feb at Lismore Albert Park Baseball/Softball Complex. For more information contact Di on diannemcgowen@bigpond.com
5. Lismore Workers Netball: Sat 8th Feb 10-12noon, Tues 11th Feb 4-6pm, Tues 18th Feb 4-6pm. At the Marie Mackney Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore

Kids in the Kitchen

Yes, I would like to help with the Kids in the Kitchen program.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____