



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 15th May, 2014

Newsletter No. 7

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Upcoming events

- ❖ Brainstorm Production, Fri 16th May
- ❖ Small Schools Choir Rehearsal, Tues 20th May
- ❖ Zone Cross Country Corndale, Fri 23rd May
- ❖ Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day, Tues 27th May
- ❖ Years 5/6 Camp day & Sleepover, Wed 28th May
- ❖ Interest Day, 30th May

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is well and truly up and running. I would like to congratulate all of our students who are so engaged with their learning in class. Students are demonstrating a positive attitude and commitment to doing the best they can in all areas of the curriculum. In the playground all teachers have commented on how well our students are interacting with each other and using appropriate strategies to deal with issues. It really does make life at Modanville PS an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

CROSS COUNTRY

I was enormously proud of all of our students who participated in our school and district cross country carnivals. Our participation rate was virtually 100% on both occasions. Not every student is suited to cross country running and there can only be one winner. However our students showed great House and school spirit when competing and tried their hardest to gain points for their House and school. I often use the saying, "When the going gets tough the tough get going" at school assemblies to encourage students to have the confidence to persevere at tasks they find difficult or challenging. All students certainly embraced this approach at the two carnivals. I encouraged students to keep their place card somewhere safe and endeavour to improve on it next year.

On the 23rd May the following students will represent our school and district at the Northern Rivers Zone Carnival: Tameka, Jayden, Mikaela, Ren, Joshua R, Jemma, Bradley, Madelene, Kyle, Jason, Bailey, Samuel B and Lexi. They have been training

regularly at school and I am certain they will give their best at the next level.



NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students completed the final NAPLAN test today. I was very impressed by the efforts made by our students to do their best. We had a 100% participation rate and will now send off the tests to be marked. This takes a few months before the formal reports are sent to parents. Parents are welcome to get a copy of the tests if they would like to see what they involved. Just contact the school and we will make them available to you.

MIDGINBILL HILL EXCURSION: It is only 6 weeks away until our big excursion. You can make regular payments to the office as final payment would be appreciated if this could be paid in full by 9th May 2014.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

With the colder weather upon us many students are beginning to wear jumpers and jackets to school. I would encourage parents to support our school uniform policy and send their children off to school in a Modanville school jacket or hoodie. These can be purchased for \$20 from our uniform shop. I would also remind parents to label school clothing so that items left in the playground can be returned promptly.

Regards,

Barry

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:

May 20 June 3, 17

It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm

Lismore Poultry Club Fund Raiser: A note is being sent home today regarding the above. Funds raised will go towards the cost of the Midginbil Hill excursion for those families who help out with the day.

Reforms to P & C Federation: The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school's P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will service on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az/involvement.php.

Attached is a questions and answer sheet regarding the P & C Federation reform.

Head Lice: The school has been notified of a few cases of head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. Please check your child's hair and treat if required. For more information visit: www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp

Homework Help: If you are looking at ways to help your child with their Maths and/or English homework, the following website offers tips and information sheets that will be useful. Go to www.schoolatoz.com.au

Pie Drive: Just a reminder that the Pie orders and money need to be returned to school by **Friday 23rd May**.

Text Messages: The school uses text messaging to communicate last minute changes that parents need know about for their child's school day.

Please do not send text messages to the school, eg: for after-school travel arrangements or absences. It puts too much responsibility on the person receiving the text message to remember to give it to the school.

Messages are best dealt with by a note to the office or a phone call to the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunches available Monday and Friday only
The Canteen Menu is on our website

Please keep in mind that staff do not have a lot of time during their break and it imposes on them to have to heat up food for students brought in on days that are not canteen lunch days.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

16/5, NEED HELP
19/5, L Vickers + FRUIT
20/5, J Joseph
22/5, R Smith
23/5, NEED HELP
26/5, V McIntosh + FRUIT
27/5, L Vickers
29/5, R Smith

COOKING ROSTER:

16/5, B Youngberry
19/5, E Robinson
22/5, R Smith
23/5, C Nilon
26/5, V McIntosh
27/5, L Vickers
29/5, J Tandy

Canteen News

Just a reminder that any donations to the canteen can be sent into the office.

If you are rostered on for canteen, could you please remember to check the thermometers in the fridge and freezer and record the readings on the recording sheets.

Many thanks
Rose Smith
Canteen Coordinator



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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

WORK OF THE WEEK - WEEK 2

Mia, great ANZAC Day writing
Mitchell, using great computer skills in his publishing
Michael, a beautiful vase of flowers
Maia, impressive Giant Pumpkin narrative writing

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 2

Harry, being a calm & supportive class member
Xavier, great work in Maths
Lachlan, an excellent attitude in and out of the classroom
Kiera, showing enthusiasm towards writing tasks
Kaleb, displaying a positive approach to his school work
Georgia,

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

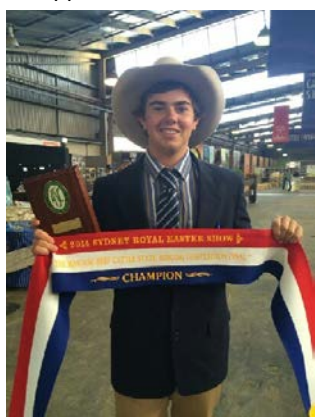
Week 2	
Persistence: Eddie Getting Along: Jayden Persistence: Charlie	

CONGRATULATIONS:

Liz & Bruno on the safe arrival of their little girl, Isabella. Tyrone is very proud big brother.

Former student of Modanville PS, Jesse Joseph competed in the Beef Cattle Junior Judging at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April. He had to judge 4 different breed of cattle and speak about them and why he placed them in a certain order. He was competing against 30 other entrants and won. He is now off to the Nationals which will be held at the

EKKA in Brisbane in August. Good Luck Jesse.



Also former student Anna-Leeza Hull competed in the Mersey Valley Tour at Ulverstone in Tasmania. This was her first National Road Series, competing against the best elite women cyclists in Australia. In the 3 day event, Anna-Leeza came 7th stage 1, 16.9 km individual time trial (2nd U19 women), 3rd stage 2, 81km road race (1st U19 women), DNF 80 km road race as she had a heavy fall with 5km to go. Well done to Anna-Leeza and good luck in the Battle on the Border Race this weekend which will be held in the Tweed Region.

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

"What can we do about this?"

Strategy: taking action

Good for: kids who mope; who experience disappointment; who feel inadequate

Kids can sometimes feel overwhelmed by events such as constant failure, constant rejection or always narrowly missing being picked for a team. They can be overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy and helplessness. Action is often the best remedy. Help them take the first step forward. Set some goals, Make some plans. Identify the first step and hold their hand while they take it. Taking action is a quality shared by resilient communities, organisations and individuals.

Live Life Well Message

Did you know?

- Around 1 in 5 young people in NSW report eating potato crisps or other salty snacks at least 4 times per week
- Over a quarter of young people in NSW eat confectionary at least 4 times per week

Healthy snacks help kids and teens refuel

Healthy snacks in between main meals help kids and teens meet their daily nutritional needs.

Young children have smaller stomachs than adults, so they need to eat every few hours to keep up their energy levels and get the right amount of nutrients.

Teens get particularly hungry during periods of fast development and snacks are important.

Snacks based on fruit and veges, reduced fat dairy products and whole grains are the healthiest choices.

It's important to limit snacks that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fats - such as chips, cakes and chocolate - which can cause children to put on excess weight. These 'extra foods' should only be offered occasionally.

"Stock the pantry, fruit bowl and fridge with healthy snacks"

Community News

Northern Rivers Family Day Care,
Providing high quality childcare in a family home environment.

Vacancies are available in

Dunoon / Modanville / Tullera

For more information phone

6621 6437 Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Gemfest

Lismore's 24th Annual Gemfest is on.

When: Saturday 17th 9am - 5pm

Sunday 18th May 9am - 3pm

Venue: Lismore Showground

Entry: \$5 per adult, \$1 per child (under 5 free)

Centre of Gravity

Invites you to attend the Blue Moon Gala Ball on the 11th October 2014

Money raised from this event will assist in gaining their own premises to operate full time to assist families & individuals with Autism

For further information please contact Wendy Briggs 0418 280 669 or email

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