



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 11th September, 2014

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P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22nd October

6:30pm

Week 3 & 8 each term

Upcoming events

- ❖ School Disco, Friday 12th September
- ❖ K/1 Assembly, Friday 12th September, 2pm
- ❖ Interrelate for Years 5,6, Monday 15th Sept
- ❖ Happy Hatters Preschool visit, Wed. 17th Sept
- ❖ Big Scrub Public Speaking, Wed. 17th Sept
- ❖ Year 1/2 Assembly, Friday 19th Sept
- ❖ Last Day of Term 3, casual dress, Friday 19/9

LOST/FOUND: pair of reading glasses found on fence near carpark 10/9/14

Dear Parents,

Term 3 is traditionally a very busy term, and this year has not let us down. Along with our normal quality class programs, we have had the Athletics Carnivals, the Channon Teams Day, Cricket Knockout games, Performing Arts Festival, Tournament of Minds, Interrelate, Cybersafety Awareness, and Public Speaking. We have also been entertained by class assemblies and are looking forward to meeting the pre-schoolers from our local area at our Happy Hatter's Tea Party. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who make our school a vibrant and inclusive learning environment.

NAPLAN results have been distributed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school and Ryan or I will help you to understand how the tests and reporting are done.

Thank you to Ryan for organising the Cybersafety Awareness program to visit our school. It was an enlightening presentation. It focused on maximising the positive aspects of technology and how it can support your child's learning but at the same time

putting in place procedures at home that can help protect them from the hazards of online interaction.

On Tuesday 9th September, our PSSA Cricket Knockout team travelled to Terranora for the 8th round of the PSSA North Coast knockout games. While giving their absolute best, we were not able to trump the other team. This was a fantastic achievement by our team of boys from small schools against a team chosen from a larger cohort of students. The boys enjoyed the road trip to Terranora and we thank the Dunoon Sports Club for the use of their mini-bus at a very reasonable price.

Our last day of term is Friday 19th September. The Year 1/2 will be presenting their assembly on the day and it is also traditionally a casual dress day on last days of term.

Have a great spring break,

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:

Sept 9, 23 Oct 7, 21

Nov 4, 18 Dec 2, 16

It is here between 2pm and 3:30pm

Assembly: 2pm on designated Fridays

K/1 Friday 12th September

Year 1/2 Friday 19th September

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.

Happy Hatters Tea Party for our pre-schoolers:

Children who are attending Dunoon preschool as well as others who will be coming to our school for Kindergarten in 2015 are visiting on Wednesday 17th September. The day will commence at 9:30 and finish at 11:30. There will be art, craft, music, play and a picnic morning tea for parents and children.

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 30th October
- Thursday 6th November
- Thursday 13th November

Modanville Public Speaking: Congratulations to Grace, Chris and Madelene from the Year 5/6 class and Brad, Brooke, Amy, Lexi, Jack and Tameka from the 3/4 class who all bravely participated in the Modanville Finals of the Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday. It takes courage and confidence to present in front of the whole school, so it was fabulous to see so many children willing to give it a go.

Brad Noonan and Lexi Daly from the 3/4 class and Grace Carey and Madelene Barnsley from the 5/6 class will now go to Jiggi Public School to participate in the Big Scrub finals next Wednesday.



Cybersafety: On Wednesday, Mira Danon from the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) visited our school to present three CyberSafety sessions. Students were informed of risks such as viruses, fake accounts which can result in unsolicited contact and dangerous content. They were provided with some strategies such as scrambling passwords, changing privacy setting and informing adults.

During the teacher session, Mira spoke about parental structure and guidance around children's access to online content and apps. The average age that children are viewing explicit content has dropped to 11 years old in the US. She further informed that only 25% of families have effective guidelines at home. One strong recommendation was that devices should not be available to students in the bedrooms. Students are also liable for the content they upload from the age of 10. The school will be including strategies in upcoming newsletter on how to set Skype, Facebook and other social media account to private.

All parents at the evening session were glad they attended. Mira spoke about the need for strong rules and guidelines around technology use. What was important is that removal of devices is not a problem solving answer. This will just encourage students to create hidden accounts their parents are unaware of. She emphasised that technology was not the problem, but the **behaviour** around technology use was the problem.

A Website can be accessed at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> for more information.

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.



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OPSM Penny the Pirate: Penny the Pirate is a story to use in a screening proves to see if your child needs a vision test. The school has been given a copy that you can borrow, or you can download it to a tablet device of 7inch or more, a free app from Google Play or Apple App or stop in at the OPSM store and pick up a free copy.

Father's Day Stall: Thank you to everyone for their support of the Father's Day stall. We hope the fathers enjoyed their special present. The stall raised \$71.40 for the SRC. Thank you also to Sarah for running the stall.

Northern NSW Local Health District: This service provides **free dental care** to all children and young people up to 18 years of age. Services include routine dental examinations and general dental treatment. We have been told that the waiting list is not very long at the moment, so if you are interested in having your child's teeth checked please call 1300 651 625.

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 - Eating Healthy

Vegetables: Fresh, in season are usually the best buy, however, frozen vegetable can be more economical at certain times of the year and are always convenient with little waste, it's good to keep some in the freezer.

For maximum nutrition, when preparing fresh vegies - minimise the chopping and cutting, clean skins rather than peeling, don't soak your vegies and try not to overcook.



Road Safety - Helmet and safety on wheels



Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it's the law. Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the : 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' procedure.

The latest Pumpkin Patch photo:



Class photos of our wonderful teachers and students:



Our Learning Support Teacher:



Our Learning Support Officer



Our Reading Recovery Teacher





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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:

11/9, L. Vickers
12/9, S. McInerney
15/9, V. McIntosh
16/9, J. Joseph
18/9, R. Smith
19/9, S. Robinson

COOKING ROSTER:

11/9, L. Vickers
12/9, T. Cook
15/9, E. Robinson
16/9, B. Cox
18/9, R. Smith
19/9, S. Robinson

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

WORK OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Imogen, Beatles inspired abstract art
Ryan, Tyler, Padi, Jayden, outstanding chess result
Mia, outstanding description of her 'Grumpy Lady Beetle'
Jessica, Madelene, impressive magazine work

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Week 7

Levi, his calm and sensible approach to work
Harry, sensational effort in Performing Arts
Phoebe, extra hard work in maths
Paul, improved classroom behaviour
Cohen, trying hard in all his learning
Alec, awesome effort with learning sight words

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 7	Week
Persistence: Kiera Confidence: Jarred Confidence: Amity	

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

School Holiday Activities:

Surf Clinic, Sailing for Beginners, Sailing Regatta Day, and Lake Aisnworth Raft and Ropes Adventure activities are on for the upcoming school holidays. For more information contact the Sport and Recreation office on 131302.

Monster Masks & Little Creatures: Northern Rivers

Pottery Supplies are offering workshops for 7 - 12 year olds. Phone 6621 4688 for more information.

Clunes Junior Cricket: upcoming competitions:

In2Cricket - skills program for kids up to 11

T20 blast - competitive 20/20 for kids up to 12

U12 - Saturday mornings

U13&U15 - Saturday mornings

Phone: 0412 221 383 for more information

Goonellabah Sport and Aquatic Centre: School

holidays are fast approaching. Let us entertain your children! To view our action packed program visit

www.gsac.net.au For more information phone 0412 797 916

Kids Art Lab: school holiday art classes from Sept

22 - Oct 3, 10am - 12noon, \$18 per class, to book phone 0429 384 677

Lismore Junior Touch: Friday afternoons Term 4,

2014 and Term 1 2015. Information nights on Friday 12th and 19th Sept at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah. For more information phone 0428 636 175