



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Newsletter No. 16

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## *P&C Meeting*

*Wednesday 21st October*

*6:30pm*

*Week 3 & 8 each term*

### **Upcoming events**

- Year 2/3 tennis, Weeks 1 - 5, Thursdays
- P&C meeting, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Responsible Pets presentation, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct
- Kindergarten Orientation, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Year 2/3 Assembly, Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all our students enjoyed their well-deserved holiday break and are all ready for another great term at Modanville PS.

This term will see our Year 6 students experience their final ten weeks of primary school education before heading off to high school in 2016. I know they are all very excited and we have talked a lot about making the best use of their time in preparation for their successful transition to their various high schools. There will be High School Orientation Visits during this term and some students will have their interviews for entry to the High Achievers' Program at Richmond River. We have also talked about the positive choices they can make this term to ensure their final memories of Modanville are positive and long lasting.

At the other end of the learning journey we will welcome next year's Kinder students on 3 separate occasions for Kinder Orientation. The specific dates are the 28th October and the 4th and 11th of November. This program allows our future students to familiarise themselves with our school environment and gives parents an opportunity to learn more about the programs that their children will experience.

### **PLANNING FOR 2016**

Part of our planning for next year involves surveying students, teachers and parents in order to get feedback on how well our programs are meeting individual needs. All teachers were surveyed, along with all students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Log in details and passwords were also sent home for parents to complete the anonymous online survey. To date 16 parents have responded. In order to get meaningful feedback from the survey we need a much greater percentage of our 58 families to respond. If you have misplaced your login details please contact the school and we will resend them. The survey closes on the 15th October.

### **STATE ATHLETICS**

It will be an exciting time for Lexi next week when she competes in the high jump event at the NSW PSSS State Track and Field Championships in Sydney. Lexi has enjoyed an outstanding athletics season and I know she will do us all proud against the best high jumpers in the state. **GOOD LUCK and FLY HIGH**

### **INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**

The Intensive Swimming Program will be conducted in Weeks 6 and 7. We have been allocated 64 places. I hope all students in K to 5 take advantage of this 10 day program to enhance their water confidence and safety as well as consolidate their current swimming skills. The cost is \$40 per student. A more detailed note will be sent home in week 3.

### **CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Just a reminder to parents that travel changes must be communicated to the school either in writing or by phone. This will help avoid unnecessary confusion and stress for children and teachers.

#### **Changes to After school transport**

**Regular Changes:** one note is sufficient stating that this is a permanent change (until further notice). The information will be written into our bus folder.

**One off Changes:** While we recognise that there can often be last minute changes that will need to be phoned in to the school – we prefer to have a written note from parents. This is then put into the bus folder so that students and staff know what arrangements are.

## WELCOME JESS

Year 2/3 are welcoming Jess, who they know from the Healthy Herald Life Education Van, to their class. Jess is completing her last practicum in her teacher training and we are looking forward to her input over the next four weeks.

## RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Parents might be interested to know that Richmond River High School has been incorporated into The Rivers Secondary College. If you phone RRHS you will be welcomed to "The Rivers Secondary College Richmond River Campus". This is part of the reshaping of secondary education for students within the Lismore public education system. It is a very exciting initiative and parents should investigate this option when considering their high school options for their children.

Barry Cooper, Principal

## 2016 Kindergarten Orientation Dates:

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct:

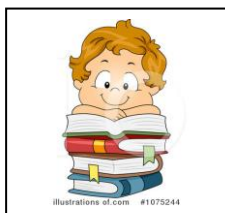
Prospective students only from 9:15 - 11:15

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov:

Prospective students only from 9:15 - 1:30  
(bring lunch and recess)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov:

Prospective students only from 9:15 - 1:30  
(bring lunch and recess).



## 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 van is here between 2 - 3:30pm on the following dates:

Oct 20

Nov 3, 17

Dec 1, 15



## ASSEMBLIES: 2pm

Parents are welcome to attend!

Year 2/3,  
K/1,

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Woolworths Earn and Learn:** Thank you to parents who collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Also, thank you to our merry band of helpers, who gave up playtime to put stickers on the sheets for us.

## CANTEEN NEWS

*Lunches available **Monday and Friday** only-  
please do not send food to be heated up other than  
on Mondays or Fridays. Thank you.*

*If you cannot make it for your rostered day,  
please let the school or Juanita know so we  
can try and arrange a replacement.*

## CANTEEN ROSTER:

6/10, J. Joseph  
8/10, R. Smith  
9/10, L. Vickers  
12/10, M. Ianna  
13/10, R. Smith  
15/10, L. Vickers  
16/10, S. Robinson  
19/10, V. McIntosh  
20/10, J. Joseph  
22/10, R. Smith  
23/10, **volunteer required**  
26/10, J. Tandy  
27/10, J. Joseph



## COOKING ROSTER:

6/10, L. McInerney  
8/10, R. Smith  
9/10, L. Vickers



12/10, M. Ianna  
 13/10, B. Youngberry  
 15/10, T. Cook  
 16/10, S. Robinson  
 19/10, E. Robinson  
 20/10, J. Joseph  
 22/10, K. McIntyre  
 23/10, **cooking required**  
 26/10, J. Tandy  
 27/10, **cooking required**

### CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

#### Work of the Week - Week 9

Chelsea C, making a pretty portrait  
 Tameka, great application to her writing  
 Bella, great newsletter report on cricket  
 Madi, great 'Fox' artwork



#### Week 10

Ella, fantastic descriptive writing  
 Isabella, outstanding bookwork  
 Lyric, Perfect Potato People Portrait  
 Ren, great bird craft skills

#### Student of the Week - Week 9

Will Y, being a great sport  
 Connor, fantastic participation in Rivers Dance  
 Lyric, following instructions and helping others  
 Eddie, consistent writing effort

#### Week 10

Amity, always striving to do better  
 Grace, fantastic effort in handwriting  
 Mitch, great work on his writing task  
 Xavier E, impressive playground behaviour  
 Josh R, demonstrating his generous nature

Xavier M, improving his tennis skills  
 May, working beautifully on literacy activities



#### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week 9	Week 10
<b>Getting Along:</b> Alec	<b>Resilience:</b> Will R
<b>Confidence:</b> Michael	<b>Getting Along:</b> Kaleb
	<b>Getting Along:</b> Zac





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## Seeing Daylight

Why is short-sightedness ("myopia") becoming so common in many countries? 30 - 40% and rising in the US, Europe and Australia? Too much reading? Too much screen time? It would appear that myopia, once rare in human beings, is the result of too much artificial light and not enough natural daylight, which is a thousand times stronger and has more blue and green wavelengths. Children who spend more time outdoors have sharper eyesight than those who play indoors, research from Queensland, Taiwan and Denmark have all revealed, and the mechanism is that artificial light weakens the eyeball's focussing mechanism. The answer: get your children outdoors for an hour a day, which is enough to improve eyesight in the growing years.

### Community News

*The school does not endorse any activities advertised in the Community News section - parents are to make their own enquiries and decision on suitability.*

1. **Clunes Junior Cricket Club:** Calling All Cricketers! Clunes Junior Cricket Club (CJCC) invites all primary school aged boys and girls to come and play cricket this summer. CJCC is having a 'come and try' muster day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12noon at the Clunes Public School Nets, James Gibson Drive, Clunes. New and returning players are invited to come along and enjoy a friendly hit together. Competitions get underway in mid-October. To receive a registration form or for any further enquiries, please email [ClunesJuniorCC@outlook.com.au](mailto:ClunesJuniorCC@outlook.com.au) or contact Emma on 0427 151 545

2. **Lismore Cricket T20 Blast and In2 Cricket:** A 'come and try' afternoon will be held at the Italo Stars Soccer Club for boys and girls aged 5 to 11 who would like to learn about playing cricket next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 5:30pm. Contact Barry on 6628 2234 for more information.
3. **Breast Cancer Awareness:** October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. BreastScreen NSW North Coast provides free screening mammograms in Lismore all year round. The clinic is located at 29 Uralba Street, Lismore. The service is free to women over the age of 40. Phone 13 20 50 for bookings and 6621 1250 for enquiries
4. **Movie Fundraiser:** Wilson Park Public School Movie Fundraising event for students with a disability.  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October,  
6pm drinks and nibbles,  
7pm movie starts.  
Come join us at  
Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas Lismore to see  
'The Dressmaker'.  
Tickets are available from Wilson Park Public School, 230 Wyrallah Road, Lismore  
phone 6621 7937  
Cost \$25 each (includes drinks/nibbles)

