



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 3rd December, 2015

Newsletter No. 20

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P&C Meeting

Wednesday 25th November

6:30pm

Week 3 & 8 each term

Upcoming events

- School Disco, Thursday 3rd Dec
- Year 6 Dinner, Tuesday 8th Dec
- Year 3-6 Ballina excursion, Thurs 10th Dec
- K-2 Bowling excursion, Friday 11th Dec
- Christmas Tree Night, Wed 16th Dec
- Last day of school, Wed 16th Dec

School Dates

Last day of Term 4, 2015:

Students: Wednesday 16th December

Staff: Friday 18th December

First day of Term 1, 2016:

Staff: Wednesday 27th January

Students: Thursday 28th Jan (Y2-6)

Kinder/Y1: Monday 1st February

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 9 Term 4. The year is nearly over and all classes are working hard on their Christmas Concert items. This year we will be having a picnic event on the grass outside the main admin block. So bring your blanket and picnic basket and enjoy our last community event for the year on Wed 16th December.

As well as entertainment we will have a few formalities to recognise significant events in our school year. Firstly we will farewell those families who will be leaving us this year. It is important to

acknowledge the significant support that families provide to their school both for the benefit of their own children and also all children in general. The close relationship that is established over an extended period of time between families and their school is a significant reason why small schools are wonderful environments for teachers and parents to work together to help children achieve their full potential. Children who see their parents supporting the teacher in the classroom, working in the canteen, contributing to fundraising events, attending assemblies and community events or simply visiting the school and chatting to teachers throughout the year, come to value the importance of school and make the most of the opportunities that it offers.

We will also acknowledge the 18 Year 6 students who will move on to high school next year. They have enjoyed a wonderful year. It is not often in a small school that you get to be in a straight Year 6 class. I know they have enjoyed the experience. I have talked regularly to them about representing their school with pride and making the best of every opportunity they get. I regard Year 6 students as the number 1 advertisement for Modanville Public School. When families visit our school, they should be about to judge us by the standard set by those students who have been with us for the longest time.

They are the "finished product", and reflect all that is great about our small school learning environment. I believe this Year six class has been excellent. I take great pride in being part of their personal, social and academic development and wish them well in their transition to high school life.

Year Six students will also officially hand over their gift to their school. Their citrus orchard will be a living reminder of their time at Modanville and each time students of the future enjoy a juicy orange or mandarin, the spirit of this year's Yr 6 will be rekindled.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the night. Please extend an invitation to friends and neighbours to join us to celebrate a wonderful year at Modanville Public School.

PLANNING FOR 2016

As the year is drawing to an end we have begun to plan for 2016. Our school surveys completed by students, staff and parents have given us very positive feedback on how we are meeting the needs of all individuals in our school community. They have also given us an indication of the areas in which we can further enhance the opportunities available and ensure everyone experiences success in their day to day teaching and learning.

While I am very positive about student numbers for next year and believe we will form 4 classes, I am not making any public announcement about individual classes until we return after the holidays.

I am pleased to announce that Erin Azzopardi will be returning to classroom teaching next year. Erin will resume teaching our youngest students. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job that Gavin Henderson has done this year on the K/1 class. He is a wonderful teacher who has contributed many talents to our school which have been greatly appreciated by our students, staff and parents. Gavin has accepted a 12 months contract at another small school. Hopefully it won't be longer until he is given a permanent position in the Education Department.

Yvette Bice will also be returning to our school during Semester 1 as our Learning and Support Teacher. Yvette will teach every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, supporting those students who are identified as needing additional support.

All other staffing will remain the same as 2015

Have a great fortnight, Barry

Challenge

If you received all the gifts 'my true love gave to me' in the song, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', how many gifts would you receive?

(From Woolworths December magazine)

SRC Mufti Day: The Mufti Day on Friday 27th November raised \$82.60 for the SRC funds

Helpers Morning Tea: A very enjoyable morning tea was had by volunteers and staff on Friday 27th Nov in honour of the valuable contribution parents and community members make to our school and the education of the students. Volunteers were then invited to stay and watch the talent show.



Modanville Talent Show: Students enthusiastically contributed to our annual talent show:





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Lego Club:



Musicorp Concert: On Tuesday 1st Dec, we enjoyed a showcase of the musical abilities of the students learning music with Mark from Musicorp. They overcame a power outage and continued to perform despite this challenge and the very hot weather.



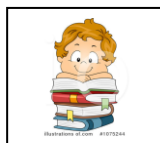


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Visiting Mobile Library

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:

Dec 15

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm

No more assemblies for 2015

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:

3/12, L. Vickers
4/12, S. McInerney
7/12, A. Kenny
8/12, J. Joseph
10/12, R. Smith
11/12, S. Robinson
14/12, V. McIntosh
15/12, J. Joseph



COOKING ROSTER:

3/12, K. McIntyre
4/12, S. McInerney
7/12, A. Kenny
8/12, J. Joseph
10/12, R. Smith
11/12, S. Robinson
14/12, **cooking donation required**
15/12, **cooking donation required**

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Work of the Week - Week 7

Lachlan, outstanding 'Op Art'

Lexi, outstanding effort in maths

Harrison, fantastic effort in handwriting

Ren, great mathematics assessment results

Grace, great mathematics assessment results

Week 8

Cohen, terrific tessellation art

Jessica, excellent project on lyrebirds

Harry, fantastic huckabuck

Bella, great 'graffiti' art



Student of the Week - Week 7

Josh, being a great leader in the 2/3 class

Connor, a fantastic week at school

Lyric, enthusiastic approach to swimming

Lucus, nice manners and great listening

Paul, excellent behaviour at swimming

Binnie, extending herself in maths

Week 8

Will Y, great goal setting for 2016

Zac, working well in maths groups

Max, working hard all week

Tyrone, returning his homework 2 weeks in a row

Phoebe, successfully solving average problems



YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS	
Week 7	Week 8
Persistence: Ben	Organisation: Michael
Confidence: Noah	Persistence: May
Persistence: Xavier M	



Live Life Well @ School

(a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health)

Rethink sweet drinks

Many children are so used to sugary drinks; it will take time to break the bad habit, as taste buds need to be retrained away from the sweetness overload these drinks provide. Here are some things you and your child can do to help break the sugary drink bad habit:

- Decrease frequency: if your child is having juice three times per day, start by cutting out one serve
- Only carry water to quench your thirst
- Water down juices
- Stop buying sweetened drinks

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Christmas Tree Night

When: Wednesday 16th December

Times: 6:00pm picnic
6:30 the show begins!

Come along and enjoy our social evening

Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner for themselves

Remember to bring along a picnic rug or chairs for your comfort

There will be no BBQ food available

Approximate times for activities are:

6:30pm Welcome
National Anthem
Presentations
Class items
Choir

8:00pm Santa arrives – children receive chips and an icy pole if they've been good!