



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

Newsletter No. 1

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

## P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th February

6:30pm

Week 3 & 8 each term

### Upcoming events

- ❖ School Photos, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ❖ P&C Meeting, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ❖ Swimming Carnival, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope all families enjoyed a happy and fun filled holiday break. Our students returned today and I would like to make a special welcome to our new Kinder students; Chelsea, Indi, Isabella, Corey and Zac, along with their parents.

I would also like to welcome Harrison and Grace to year 2 and Isabelle to Year 4.

### 2015 CLASSES

We have the numbers to retain 4 classes this year:

K/1 Gavin Henderson

2/3 Geraldine Kerr and Andrea Whitten

3/4/5 Nikkita Lazzaroni

6 Barry Cooper

### STAFF INFORMATION

Gavin Henderson will be relieving for Erin Azzopardi while she is on maternity leave. Gavin will remain the K/1 teacher for the year and Erin will take on other teaching duties on her return part time.

Andrea Whitten will be job sharing with Geraldine on 2/3. Geraldine will work a 7 day fortnight and Andrea will cover the remaining 3 days. Andrea will also be providing additional learning support to the 2/3 class every second Tuesday.

Nikkita Lazzaroni will be relieving for Ryan Swift on 3/4/5. Ryan has taken leave to support his partner who has a teaching position at Wee Waa Central School. Ryan will resume at Modanville at the start of Term 3.

Cameron Blanch will be teaching Monday to Thursday and will cover teacher Relief time on each class as well as my Principal's Release. Cameron will also be providing additional learning support to students in 3/4/5 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Rose Smith continues her learning support role each day up until lunchtime. Rose will initially focus on supporting our new Kinder students in their transition to school.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Linda does a fantastic job of keeping you updated on school events. Please refer regularly to our school website so that you know what is coming up at school for your child. It will also include the sport calendar for parents to plan ahead.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our first sporting event for the year will be the Dunoon District Swimming Carnival at Alstonville Pool on Friday the 13th Feb. Our carnival caters for all swimmers as it includes both 30m and 50m events. It is expected that all students in years 3 to 6 will participate in the carnival. Any other students who would like to participate are welcome to attend.

However, those students in K-2 who are not participating will attend school as normal. **If you are unsure about your child's ability to participate, please speak to me.** We had a very successful Learn to Swim Program at the end of last year and I am very keen to promote our swimming skills and water confidence.

### CORN & CORDIAL EVENING

Our corn crop has grown wonderfully over the school holidays. We plan to harvest it shortly and celebrate our success at a school community gathering on Thursday 12th February. On this day, we will organise

for parent/teacher class meetings to occur from 5pm and this will be followed by a welcome to new families and our corn feast. Any volunteers who can assist with our corn cooking would be greatly appreciated.

### **OPERA HOUSE CHOIR**

Our Rivers Small Schools' Choir was successful in their audition to perform in the Sydney Opera House Choir. Congratulations to Georgia, Jemma, Maia and Lillian.

### **CANBERRA EXCURSION**

This year our major excursion for Years 5 and 6 will be to Canberra. This will be quite costly and we would like to encourage parents to begin paying instalments now. The office staff will receipt it to your child for the major excursion and will be able to provide you with an update of what you have paid. Please mark the envelope with your child's name, what the money is for and how much you have enclosed.

Have a great fortnight.

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 van is here between 2 - 3:30pm. The last dates for this term are:

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>      Feb 10<sup>th</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup>    March 10<sup>th</sup> , 24<sup>th</sup>

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** The date has changed and our school photos will now be taken on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Order envelopes are coming home today. Please remember that the school does not receipt or deal in any way with the orders or money, we simply pass the orders on to the photographer. Money and orders to be in by photo day.

**SCHOOL FEES:** Our general school contribution is \$30 per student or \$50 per family.

There will also be a **Book Fee** and we will send you out an invoice once we have the final amount calculated.

It is very important that these fees are paid as soon as possible. Thank you

**ONLINE PAYMENTS:** Just a reminder that parents can make payments that are over \$10 through our school website. There is a tab for **Make a Payment**. You don't need your child's reference number, but information about name, date of birth, and what you are paying for is very helpful.

**CLASS MEETINGS:** We are hoping to hold these on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm. More information will come out soon.

**START OF YEAR MEET AND GREET:** Each year the P&C holds a BBQ to provide an opportunity for parents, both new and existing school members, to come along for a social occasion. This year, we have the added bonus of the corn from our corn patch. We think it will be ready to harvest and cook up a good feed. This BBQ is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. after the class information meetings.

**PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS:** We need to replenish our supply of plastic shopping bags. If you have an excess at home, please send them in with your child - we really appreciate that.

**WEBSITE CALENDAR:** I am having trouble with inputting times for events on our school calendar. Please don't be too concerned if the times look a bit odd!

**An interesting website for parents:**

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

### **Back to School Checklist:**

A heads up about some things that will be happening at the start of next year:

- Swimming Carnival Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - School Photos: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - School fees will most probably remain the same as this year: \$30/student or \$50/family
  - Book fees: you will be advised as soon as we know
  - Uniforms are available from the canteen.
  - There will be many forms at the start of the year for you to complete and send back to us.
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- Permission to Publish
  - First Aid
  - Updating/confirming contact details
  - Updating/confirming medical details



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It is very important that we get these back as soon as possible to ensure that we are able to provide a high standard of care for your child/ren.

Also, the Department of Education and Communities has developed a website as a 'one-stop-shop' for back to school information. The link is:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au>

Please keep in mind that our school website is a good resource for keeping in touch with happenings in the school.

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

**Michael Grose Parenting Ideas:** please check out this wonderful resource through the News link on our school website.

**CANTEEN:** You will find a form with this newsletter regarding helping out at the canteen. Please fill it in and return it as soon as possible. For now, we have had kind offers to fill the roster for

### CANTEEN NEWS

*Lunches available Monday and Friday only*

#### CANTEEN ROSTER:

30/1, C. Nilon  
2/2, L. Vickers  
3/2, J. Joseph  
5/2, R. Smith  
6/2, S. Robinson

#### COOKING ROSTER:

30/1, C. Nilon  
2/2, L. Vickers  
3/2, J. Joseph  
5/2, R. Smith  
6/2, S. Robinson



Thank you to all our canteen volunteers who have provided the students with a healthy canteen experience.

### CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

## Watch this space!!

#### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

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### Community News:

**Northern Rivers Family Day Care:** High quality childcare in a family home environment. Flexible hours, weekend and overnight care, government subsidised fees, before and after school care. Vacancies are available now and in 2015 in Tullera, Modanville and Dunoon.

For more information please phone: 6621 6437  
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

## Dunoon United Football Club

Come and play soccer at Dunoon this year

### Registrations now open

go online and register at [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au)  
or visit us at one of our information sessions

**Saturday Feb 7 10am-12**

**Wednesday Feb 11 4pm-6**

**Saturday Feb 14 10am-12**

all new and returning players welcome  
girls, boys, seniors men and women  
any child turning 5 this year can join

For more information contact  
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