



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015

Newsletter No. 6

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# *P&C Meeting*

## *Wednesday 6th May*

### *6:30pm*

### Week 3 & 8 each term

#### Upcoming events

- ❖ K/1 Assembly, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- ❖ Canteen AGM, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3:30pm
- ❖ School Plan Parent meeting, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Corndale Cross Country, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Mother's Day Stall, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Brainstorm Show, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ GRIP Leadership Year 6, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Stewart House envelopes due, Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ NAPLAN Years 3 & 6, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Year 6 Assembly, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

#### P&C Executives

President:	Lisa McInerney
Vice President:	Sarah Robinson
Secretary:	Liz Vickers
Treasurer:	Hannah Mulcahy
Fundraising:	everyone!!!



Thank you to all parents who have paid their school fees. Prompt payment supports us in delivering the quality education that we strive for. We are in the process of collating names of those parents who have paid fees in full by end of last term for the P&C draw to win one of two petrol vouchers.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope you all enjoyed your Easter holidays. The next ten weeks promise to be very exciting at MPS. We start the term off with the District Cross Country at Corndale next Thursday. All classes have been training hard and we hope to see all students participating to the best of their ability. Please remember that this is a whole school event and there will be no supervision at Modanville.

It is great to have Mr Swift back from his time in Wee Waa. At the end of last year Mr Swift was keen to establish a Lego Club at school and now that he's back we can look forward to seeing this happen.

#### NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit an assessment of their skills in numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions in week 4. This is a national program and our school receives valuable feedback on the academic progress and development of our students individually as well as compared to their peers across Australia.

It is very important for parents to realise that additional funding support for student learning is based on the results in the NAPLAN program. For this reason it is vital that all students complete the tests. If your child is in Yr3 or Yr5 they have had practice at school in completing past NAPLAN tests. If you have any questions about this process please speak to your child's teacher or myself.

#### SCHOOL PLANNING PROCESS

The draft school plan for Modanville Public School for the next three years has been completed. I would like to present this draft plan to the school community prior to finalising it for publication on our school website.

A meeting will be held next **Wednesday, April 29th at 6pm** in the Year six classroom. I invite all parents to attend to discuss the content and direction that

our school is heading and make any final adjustments so that it accurately reflects the needs of our students.

A sausage sizzle and supervision for children will be available and I will ask Mr Henderson to bring along his coffee machine. **Please let us know if you can make it via the EOI at the end of the newsletter.**

### **PRAC STUDENTS**

Fourth year Practicum students from Southern Cross University will be teaching at Modanville during Weeks 3 to 8. It will be great to have these young future teachers at our school assisting our students learning and benefitting from the expertise of our teachers.

### **ANZAC DAY MARCH**

We hope to see as many of our students as possible participating in the ANZAC Day march this Saturday. A note has been sent home with details of this event. In the past our younger students have had the option to march and then join their parents instead of sitting through the formal ceremony. This will again be the situation. We will also ensure each child receives a water bottle for the service. Remember that parents are very welcome to march with the school

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 on the following dates:

May 5, 19 June 2, 16

### **ASSEMBLIES: 2pm**

Year K/1	Thursday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 6	Thursday May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3/4/5	Thursday May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Year 2/3	Thursday June 11 <sup>th</sup>

**SRC Raffle:** We had many happy winners last term for our Easter Raffle. Congratulations on your win and thank you to everyone for supporting our school. We have just one person who hasn't collected their

win - we have left a message on their phone, but if you sold a ticket to Nathan Kelly, can you please let him know he has a prize to collect.

The SRC Easter Raffle contributed \$959 to the SRC funds. The SRC use this money to pay for various educational and community activities that the whole school benefits from.

Thank you!!

**New Policy for Student Absences for Extended Family Holidays:** The Department of Education and Communities has updated its Student Attendance Policy. Parents are now requested to complete and return to school an **Application for Extended Leave - Travel** for their child/ren with copies of their travel itinerary. The principal will then sign this form and issue a **Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel** for parents to take with them on their holiday. The application, certificate and copies of itinerary will be filed in the student's Student Record Card.

**Lego Club:** This term our school is starting a Lego club. We have lots of interest and the SRC has purchased some blocks to begin our collection. If you have any spare blocks at home that no longer get used we would love to add them to our collection. Thank you for your support.

**Stewart House:** The school is sending home envelopes for Stewart House. Please return your envelopes by Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> and we will forward your entry and money to Stewart House. There is no obligation to donate. This is some information from their website:

"Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.



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All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations."

**Canteen AGM:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30 in the Year 6 classroom. We would love to see some new faces on the committee. We will be electing Office bearers of:

Coordinator

Secretary

Treasurer

Roster coordinator

Purchasing officer

The positions aren't too involved and it would be great to have some new input into running the canteen.

So come along and get involved - we would love to have you on our Canteen team.

Thanks, Rose Smith, Canteen Coordinator

### Canteen Roster Volunteers:

➡ Please take note of the days you are on roster for the canteen and **if you cannot make it**, notify the school (as much ahead of time as possible) so that we can arrange someone else to prepare lunches/fruit/recess or let parents know that there is no canteen for that day.

It is very difficult if we need to find a staff member to do the canteen responsibilities at the last minute when we realise the rostered parent has not arrived.

We thank you for your time and support of our students by providing them with the opportunity to purchase lunches on Monday and Friday.

### CANTEEN NEWS

**Lunches available Monday and Friday only**

### CANTEEN ROSTER:

21/4, J. Joseph

23/4, R. Smith

24/4, L. Vickers

27/4, M. Ianna

28/4, R. Smith

30/4, L. Vickers

1/5, A. Sattler

4/5, V. McIntosh

5/5, J. Joseph

7/5, R. Smith

8/5, C. Bull



11/5, J. Tandy

12/5, J. Joseph

14/5, R. Smith

### COOKING ROSTER:

21/4, L. McInerney

23/4, R. Smith

24/4, L. Vickers

27/4, M. Ianna

28/4, B. Youngberry

30/4, T. Cook

1/5, **cooking required**

4/5, E. Robinson

5/5, J. Joseph

7/5, **cooking required**

8/5, **cooking required**

11/5, J. Tandy

12/5, **cooking required**

14/5, L. McInerney

### CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

**Work of the Week**

**Student of the Week**

### YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Week	Week

### Live Life Well

#### Love those Legumes!!

What are legumes? Apart from nutritious AND delicious, they are:

- Dried or canned peas, beans, lentils
- High in protein and fibre, low in fat and cholesterol
- Best for the land as they produce a higher yield of many nutrients than foods of animal origin
- Cheap and very flexible in recipes
- Good for freezing before and after cooking
- Are great meat enhancers in any stew or mince dishes

Buying and storing legumes:

- Legumes are quite hardy and store for a year in well-sealed containers
- Look for uniform size, strong colour and plump, smooth appearance
- There are many varieties available in cans

### **Recipe: Mexican Enrollada (serves 6)**

1 tablespoon oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 med red capsicum, chopped  
35g packet salt reduced taco seasoning mix  
810 g can crushed tomatoes  
750 g can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained  
1 packet pita bread, halved

1. Saute onion, capsicum in oil until soft
2. Add taco mix and cook 1 minute
3. Stir through tomatoes, beans, heat through
4. Roll bean mixture into halved pita breads with chopped fresh tomato and grated cheese.

Enjoy!!!

### **Road Safety**

#### **Driving and Parking Near the School**

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information, visit  
[www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)

### **Community News**

Blakebrook Public School and Community Bonfire Night will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, from 5 – 9pm. Local craft and fresh produce stalls will be on show. Fun activities will be available for the whole family including face painting, glow sticks, competitions, raffles and dancing around the bonfire under the stars.

Blakebrook P&C will be serving a delicious BBQ all evening and a selection of homemade baked goods will be on sale.

Non-hot food related stall sites are available for booking at \$25 per site.

Please email [louisetate@bigpond.com](mailto:louisetate@bigpond.com) for further information or to book a stall site.

### **Year 3/4/5/ Origami with Greg**



### **MPS Cross Country**

