



MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 22nd March, 2018

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P&C Meeting

Wednesday 16th May 2018,

6:30pm

Week 3 & 8 each term

Upcoming events

- Easter Hat Parade, Thurs 29th March
- Easter Public Holidays: Friday 30th March and Monday 2nd April.
- School Disco, Thurs 12th April

Term Dates

Last day of Term 1: Friday 13th April

First day of Term 2:

Staff: Monday 30th April

Students: Tuesday 1st May

Dear Parents,

This term is moving very quickly and classes have settled into some great routines.

There are a few messages for families.

P&C

First, last night was the P&C AGM. Thank you to the people who attended. Our P&C have been unable to fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. At the next meeting we will be needing to fill these positions. Over time our families have children move onto high school which means that they move on and support the high schools that their children attend. We really need the support of as many families as possible as this is a valuable resource to our school that enables the school to purchase many resources. Could you please carefully consider filling these positions.

Skoolbag App

This term our P&C have supported the school in setting up a school App. This App is SkoolBag and can be accessed on any device. It is free to families and in the App store or Play store. This app will push notifications to your phone about activities taking place at school. This will replace our current texting system. Please be aware as of the end of this term the school will not be sending texts to families. Instructions have been sent home this week and are at the bottom of the newsletter.

School Plan

Last night at the P&C I shared the school direction for the next three years. We have three broad areas that we are focusing on.

1. Successful learners. This will have a focus on Literacy and Numeracy specifically writing. We are also looking for a consistent support for all students to reach their goals.
2. Expert Teaching Team. Our staff have started to access specific Professional Learning to support our school's direction. This included L3 training and specific writing program.
3. Community Engagement. This goal focuses on ensuring all partners in your child's learning are focusing on your child reaching their full potential. Our see-saw app and sharing your students work with you is the start of working in this area.

We are looking forward in continuing to improve outcomes for all students well as catering to a range of extra curriculum needs.

Student behaviour

At the start of 2018 teaching staff were keen to have some clear, easy to understand rules for all students. This has been discussed across staff and with the P&C last night.

Modanville's 4 school rules will be:-

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Resilient and
- Honest

Over the next few weeks staff will be talking to students about what this looks like in their classroom, the playground and in other settings across the school.

We have also renewed our management processes. Students who are following our school rules will have several positive outcomes. These include:-

- Gotcha's
- Merit awards
- Student of the month
- Individual classroom rewards

Those students who are not following our rules will have consequences.

These consequences include:-

First offence-	Initials on the board, a warning to stop.
Second offence	Cross beside initials, 5 min sit out at next break.
Third offence	2 nd cross and sitting out all of next break. This will be also recorded in our 'Yellow book.'
Fourth offence	3 rd cross, the student is sent to the Principal for the rest of the session. This will also be recorded in the Yellow book and the students will have to sit out during the next break.

If a child has three offences in the Yellow book over a week (5 school days) they will be placed on a Yellow card to monitor their behaviour.

If the student has three additional offences while on a yellow card they will be placed on a red card.

While on a red card the student will be withdrawn from the playground.

An additional offence on a red card could have the consequence of suspension.

Please be aware that the majority of students at Modanville Public School display positive behaviours at all times.

Easter

Next week will see our Easter hat parade, Easter raffle and to end the day our Easter egg hunt. We welcome all families to come along and join in our Celebrations. Our Easter hat parade will start at 11.45 after our recess break.

Harmony Day

Thank you to the families that came along to our Harmony morning this week. We have produced a beautiful Harmony Day tree from all of our hand prints which will be displayed in our Library. We will also put some photo's in the next newsletter once it is finished and in place.

I hope you have a happy Easter break and a great fortnight.

Kerry

Pupil Free Day: On the first day of term 2 all staff will be participating in a Mindfulness workshop. We are inviting parents (only) from 9.30am to 10.30am on Monday 30th March on Mindfulness in Education. This is an introduction to a Mindfulness program plus Home Mindfulness Tools.

Absences: This is a reminder to parents/carers to explain any absences either by writing a note and sending it into school or by verbal advice over the phone, as this is very important for our records.

It should also be noted that any late arrivals will need to be explained as well so we enter the data correctly in our Attendance system.

Premier's Reading Challenge: The Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced and we are encouraging all students to participate in this fantastic program. We are hoping to get a 100% participation in the program. Children select books that are for different years eg K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 and then enter them into the website.

Students can either log on through their student portal or through the Premiers Reading Challenge website using their school username and password to enter their book titles.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Importance of Reading: This year our school is promoting and supporting regular reading as a pathway to increased reading fluency and comprehension skills. These have far reaching advantages in all areas of the child's immediate and future ability to engage with the world.

Our cohort of volunteer parents is increasing and we want you to know how important your involvement is in assisting students and staff to reach educational goals and how much we appreciate your help. An added bonus is that your presence and involvement in the school demonstrates your value of education.



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We can always use more volunteer helpers in the classroom. Volunteers work under the supervision of the teacher in the class so please don't feel you need any specialised skills, just a willingness and enjoyment of helping children with their learning. We assure you that everyone who would like to help will be supported and welcomed. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you can spare a couple of hours either weekly or fortnightly.

Thank you.

Harmony Day,

Celebrating our Diversity as a Nation



Coles Sports for Schools vouchers: Thank you for sending in your vouchers and please keep them coming. Our senior students have been counting them into bundles of 100 to prepare for them to be sent off.

Easter Hat Parade: Thursday March 29th. Students will be creating their Easter Hats at school to wear for the Easter Hat Parade. They will not need to work on this at home.

Book Fair: The school has received \$434.00 credit to use towards book purchases for the Library through Scholastic Book Fairs. Once again, thank you to all those families who supported our Book Fair this year.

Stewart House: Stewart House envelopes have arrived at the school. For those of you who are not aware of this service, Stewart House provides children who are in need of a break from their everyday life to participate in a positive, structured experience.

If you would like to make a donation to Stewart House, please ask your child to pick up an envelope from the school office. They will need to be returned to the school by Monday 7th May (Week 2 or Term 2).

Visiting MOBILE LIBRARY - fortnightly Tuesdays

The mobile library comes to the school on a regular fortnightly basis and community members are welcome to make use of this service. The van is here **between 2 - 3:30pm** on the following

Apr 3rd and 17th

May 1st, 15th and 29th

Jun 12th and 26th



School Library News: Since library has started, we have had an average of 30 students borrowing each week. We would love to see every child borrowing books to take home. Please ensure your child has a library bag with their name on it. If your child does not have a library bag, an old pillowcase will do.

School Fees: Thank you to all parents who have paid their child's school fees. We appreciate prompt payment to assist with the school's budget balance. If you haven't paid yet, please do so by the end of Term 1. Remember that your name will go into a draw for a \$50 fuel voucher if you have paid all of your child's fees by the end of Term 1.

- **School General Contribution and Book fees** should be made to the school (cash, cheque - made out to Department of Education or on-line).
- **The IT Levy, P & C insurance and the P & C fundraising levy** are to be paid directly to the P & C.

DO NOT PAY THE P & C CONTRIBUTIONS through the school website parent online payment options WITH YOUR SCHOOL FEES.

However the school is happy to collect the cash or cheque payments and pass them onto the P&C.

If you wish to make a direct deposit for your P & C payment, the details are as follows:

Account Name: Modanville P&C Association

BSB: 062565

Account No: 00901710

Please leave your child's family name as the reference.

If you have not received a P & C note (which was sent home 16th Feb), please let the office know.

Celebrating our Students

Student of the Week - Week 6

Eliza H, great work in quick Maths
Lyla, for being organised, respectful and attentive
Tayah, improvement in her Persuasive Writing
Will Y, excellent participation in Tension Writing

Week 7

Ella M, amazing effort all week
Isabella, being responsible, caring and friendly all the time

Flynn, great vocabulary work
Zara, great engagement with abstract art
Will Y, improved effort in all writing tasks

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunches only available on Monday and Friday
Please do not send food to be heated up except on Mondays and Fridays

CANTEEN ROSTER:

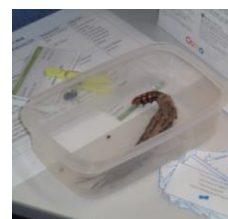
26/3, D. Chai
27/3, R. Smith
29/3, R. Smith
30/3, GOOD FRIDAY
02/4, EASTER MONDAY
03/4, R. Smith
05/4, R. Smith
06/4, C. Floyd
09/4, C. Floyd
10/4, R. Smith
11/4, R. Smith
13/4, C. Nilon

COOKING ROSTER:

26/3, Mi Ianna
27/3, Me Ianna
29/3, R. Smith
30/3, GOOD FRIDAY
02/4, EASTER MONDAY
04/4, B. Cox
05/4, D. Miller
06/4, L. McInerney
09/4, L. Randle
10/4, B. Funnell
11/4, S. Fiske
13/4, C. Nilon

Science:

The students found a Case Moth Caterpillar



We have released it in the garden to continue its lifecycle.



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There are lots of great TV shows, apps, games, and websites geared for school aged children. But too much time spent in front of a screen interferes with the activities that are essential for growing brains and bodies, not to mention their imagination.

When you give a child a digital device you give them predetermined entertainment. When you give your child a book or some paints and pencils you give them the opportunity to create their own entertainment. Children have wonderful imaginations, and are the most curious creatures on the planet. You don't always need to give your child an IPAD or your smart phone to occupy them, there's loads of easy and fun ways for kids to create, just by using everyday objects. They can make it up as they go along, that's all part of the exploration.

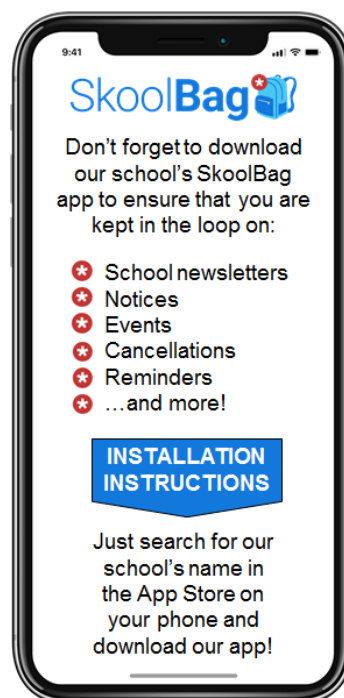
Here are some ideas to explore:

- Use empty toilet rolls or small plastic juice bottles to make a family. Draw on faces, stick on paper clothes, and use cotton wool for hair.
- Make use of found and natural material. For example, could collect fallen leaves for your child to draw, paste onto paper, or dip into paint.
- Use small plastic lids, patty pan cases and other 'threadables' with your child to make jewellery.
- Pick up a book with real pages

Community News

An advertisement in our school newsletter is not to be taken as an endorsement of the activity.

1. Free Holiday Fun: Upcycle your Holidays at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore on Tuesday 24th April from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Activities include: a tour of the facilities; operate a garbage truck; meet our stingless bees, make a bees wax wrap; have fun and learn about water; get to know more about koalas; build a cubby; investigate the native plants and gardens. Phone 1300 878 387
2. The World Education Program Australia is seeking families to host an overseas student in their home. This is a not-for-profit organisation and you can ring 1300 88 4733
3. Northern Rivers Family Epilepsy Awareness Day, Cherry Street Sports Club, Ballina on Sunday 25th March between 10:30am and 3pm
4. Dunoon United Football Club, for more information ph 0428 884 222





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UNIFORM PRICE LIST AND ORDERING INFORMATION

This pricing is current at time of publishing and may change at any time.

	SIZES	PRICE	PURCHASE
Girls & Boys Screen Printed Polo Shirt	4-16	\$20.00	Canteen / \$25.00 new design
Fleecy Hoodies	4-16	\$25.00	Order form @ Office
Girls Cotton Culottes with Elastic Waist	10	\$10.00	At Canteen and Big W or Lowes
Half zip polar fleece jacket	4 - 16	\$20.00	Order form @ Office
Crew neck fleecy sweater	4-16	\$15.00	Order form @ Office
Boys Rugby Knit Shorts	4-12	\$15.00	Canteen
Blue Wide Brim Hat	All sizes	\$10.00	Canteen
Girls Stretch Bootleg Pants	4-12	\$10	Canteen
		.00	
Tracksuit pants	4-16	\$16.00	Order form @ Office
Polar Fleece Vests	4-16	\$15.00	Order form @ Office
Full Zip Polar Fleece Jacket	4-16	\$25.00	Order form @ Office
Microfibre Tracksuit Pants	4-12	\$26.00	Order form @ Office