



MPS Newsletter - Term 1 Week 8

Upcoming events



Week 8

- **Tuesday 19th March** - *All Students* - Modanville Public School Office Closed from 12:00pm
- **Thursday 21st March** - *All Students* - Modanville Public School Office Closed
- **Thursday 21st March** - *All Students* - Harmony Day- Orange Mufti Day- please donate a gold coin for SRC initiatives.

- **Thursday 21st March - 2:45pm - 3:15pm** - *Parents and Carers Invited* - Harmony Day Picnic
- **Friday 22nd March** - *Selected Students* PSSA Cricket Knockout v Goonellabah PS

Week 9

- **Thursday 28th - 2pm - 3:15pm** - Easter Hat Parade and P&C Raffle Drawn
- **Friday 29th March** - *All Students* - Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10

- **Monday 1st April** - *All Students* - Easter Monday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April** - *All Students* - 3-Way Conversations between Teachers, Parents and Students
- **Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April** - *All Students* - Intensive Swimming at Lismore Memorial Baths
- **Wednesday 3rd April** - SRC selling icy poles for \$1 and ice creams for \$2 after intensive swimming. Pre-orders to the office please.
- **Tuesday 2nd April** - The Rivers Yr6-7 High Achievers Application are due.
- **Thursday 4th April** - SRC selling icy poles for \$1 and ice creams for \$2 after intensive swimming. Pre-orders to the office please.

Week 11

- **Monday 8th April** - *All Students* - Modanville Public School Office Closed until 12:30pm
- **Tuesday 9th April** - SRC selling icy poles for \$1 and ice creams for \$2 after intensive swimming. Pre-orders to the office please. **Thursday 11th April** - SRC selling icy poles for \$1 and ice creams for \$2 after intensive swimming. Pre-orders to the office please.
- **Friday 12th April** - Last Day of Term

Term 2

Week 1

- **Tuesday 30th April** - *All Students* - First Day of Term
- **Thursday 2 May - 2pm - 3pm** - *Selected Students* TBC - RASE Bottle Rocket Challenge
- **Friday 3rd May** - *All Students* - Modanville Public School Cross Country

Week 2

- **Monday 6th May - 12:30pm - 3pm** - *Selected Students* TBC - RASE: Forces - Self Propelled Cars

Week 3

- **Thursday 16th May - All Day** - *Selected Students* - Grip Leadership Program at SCU
- **Friday 17th May** - *All Students* - Dunoon District PSSA Cross Country at Corndale

Week 4

- **Monday May 20th - Wednesday May 22nd - Years 3 - Year 6 - Bornhoffen PCYC Camp**

Please note: All dates, times and activities above are subject to change due to weather. Advice will be sent to families when the school is aware.

Message from Mrs Bertuzzi



Adjustments to our classroom structures from the beginning of term two students will be in their home classes all day. This is due to budget adjustments. This means the home class teachers will be responsible for English, maths, and most other key learning areas/ subjects. Mr Swift and I will provide learning support for students and release teachers from class for their weekly lesson planning time. The 4/5/6 class will have Miss Kerr, with Mr Swift and myself supporting the teaching load. Other exciting news is that we have swapped lunch and recess times to avoid the hottest part of the day, in line with being SunSmart. Students will have two lessons in the middle of the day broken up with an energiser or brain break activity. The afternoon session will only be 45 minutes therefore most of our learning will be done in the earlier part of the day. The timetable change is to ensure our students are receiving the correct amount of time required by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority or NES and to ensure we can cover the expense of extra teaching staff for 2024.

Congratulations to years three and five for completing the NAPLAN assessment in a positive, relaxed manner. A big thank you to Mr Swift and Mrs Onslow for assisting with coordinating NAPLAN.

Invites for the 3 Way Learning Conversations have been sent out via School Bytes. These conversations are for students, parents/carers, and teachers to work together in sharing what our students are doing well in and areas in which students could improve. It is an initiative for students to begin to take ownership of their learning by driving this conversation and showing their work samples. Teachers look forward to catching up with our families.

The Rivers Secondary College has begun its transition program for year six moving into year seven. This is a reminder that the application for the High Achievers class is due on Tuesday 2 April. The High Achiever Class initiative provides the opportunity for students who have high potential or are gifted in different learning areas to excel. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact the relevant campus where your child would be enrolling. Mr Swift and myself are keen to support all students in their transition process.

The Dunoon District PSSA will now be renamed as the 'Bandjalaam District' representing the butterfly in our area. This name has been verified and accepted by the Lismore and Regional AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) and supported by Aboriginal Elders within the community. Our first official event using our new title will be 'The Bandjalaam District Cross Country Carnival' to be held at Corndale PS on Friday 17 May.

Regarding the administration of prescribed medication, a phone call from parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school is appreciated but a written request also needs to be completed. The form for this request can be downloaded from School Bytes. All medicines and medication requests are to be handed in at the office.

We had 100% attendance last Thursday (14/3) and celebrated by giving all students a special treat, thanks to the P&C for donating Quelch ice blocks. Keep up the great effort!

Don't forget the Easter raffle coming up!

Rachel Bertuzzi

From the Office



Hi Everyone,

Office Closed

Please note this week the office will be closed for some time due to Professional Learning occurring this week.

On Tuesday the office will be open until 12:00 pm.

On Thursday the office will be closed all day.

Please email any non-urgent message this will be checked throughout the day.

There will be teaching staff available to answer the phone during their break time for urgent messages only.

Recess: 11:15am – 11:45am

Lunch: 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Canteen

We will have a regular canteen this year, with Ivana (as per Term 4 2023) filling the role. She has updated and created the below menu, all items can be ordered online via the school bytes portal with instructions available [here](#) We need your support to continue the great work Ivana is providing to our families. If you have suggestions for specials please let the office know. We are keen to meet the 'taste' buds of our wonderful students.

. This week's special will be Sushi with 3 options available below for \$4.50 each:

- Avocado Sushi
- Tuna and Avocado Sushi
- Teriyaki Chicken and Avocado Sushi

We will also have Mini Pizza's again this week for \$4

- Ham & Pineapple
- Cheese and Tomato

Parent Helpers - Book Covering

Last year Modanville PS purchased many new books to refresh the library and for the new curriculum. We would very much appreciate it if some parent helpers could come in to assist with getting these books covered. Perhaps a group of parents could make an afternoon of book covering at the school.

Please contact the office if you can do so.

Start of Year Forms

There are a small number of families that have not returned their start of year notes. These notes do need to be returned ASAP.

Students who do not have these notes returned will be unable to participate in PBL rewards (such as movie time) or receive stingose for bug bites until they have been returned to the office.

Health Care Plans

Students with Health Care Plans have all had their individual plans created in School Bytes, These can be reviewed under "Resources" in the Parent Portal. Further advice on how to access this is available [here](#).

Book Club

Book Club Issue 2 catalogue has been given to the students. The catalogue will close on the 22nd March (Friday).

Parent Helpers- Missy Moo, the fibreglass cow!

Missy Moo (currently under the trees) would like a fresh coat of paint. She needs to be lightly sanded back and sprayed white. This preparation step is an adult job. The plan would be to paint an amazing design on her possibly to reflect a theme eg. Harmony Day 21 March or sustainability. We are open to suggestions. She then might like to find a spot in our gardens with Delilah (near the office) her friend for all our visitors to see. If you are interested please contact the office.

Modanville Public School

Harmony Day

Hi parents and carers,

Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st March our students are invited to wear any cultural clothing or the colour orange. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Please have students bring a gold coin donation for SRC Initiatives.

We will be having a shared food dish for a picnic at 2:45 pm Please bring a picnic rug and cultural dish or plate of your family's favourite food to share (please list ingredients). If your child requires specific dietary requirements e.g. gluten-free, please provide a plate suitable for your child to share and enjoy.

Angela Hardie



K/1/2 Literacy and Numeracy

What a whirlwind of activity these past few weeks have been! In our literacy sessions, our K/1/2 students have been diving into the world of persuasive texts. Imagine our surprise when we arrived one morning to find a note from our class pens, informing us they had taken a holiday due to neglect. To convince them back, students wrote persuasive letters, hoping to persuade them to return. With the letters sent off on Friday, fingers are crossed our letters are compelling enough to lure back our trusty pens.

In maths, students have been busy exploring numbers, 2D shapes, and area. Their latest project involved constructing area robots, which they will now use multiplication to calculate the total area covered by their robots.

In Visual Art, our budding artists have embarked on their Dreamscapes Collage, drawing inspiration from the colourful works of Australian artist Laura Blythman. Armed with squeegees and a rainbow of colours, students been experimenting with various techniques to bring their dreamscapes to life.

In science, students have been deepening their understanding of how humans use animals and plants. From exploring how First Nations People utilised natural resources for clothing and jewellery to crafting their pieces using shells and materials from the school garden. This week, we were excited to welcome special guests from the Lismore City Council, who will be helping us to create beeswax wraps and learn about sustainability.

I hope you all have a fantastic week.

Angela Hardie



2/3 Literacy and Numeracy



Congratulations to all of the year three students on completing NAPLAN last week. They all gave their very best effort and showed great resilience and determination when faced with some challenging questions. Well done!

This fortnight in maths, the 2/3 class has been exploring measurement. Measurement is always an engaging and hands-on topic that the kids enjoy. They practised their skills in measuring length, volume and capacity, area and mass. Ask them to show you how to 'heft' two household items to determine which one is heavier.

Each Monday the students participate in an activity that I call 'walk and talk'. They partner up and we head outside for a 5 or so minute walk around the playground. During this time they take turns sharing what they did on the weekend. The purpose of this activity is to get their brains ready to write a recount when they return to the classroom about what they did on the weekend. I have noticed an increase in the students' engagement with writing their recounts since commencing this activity last year. I encourage them to partner up with a different person each week too.

Have a great week!

Sonya Onslow

Student Representative Council (SRC)



What's coming up for the SRC you ask????

The SRC met last Thursday and finalised a fundraiser for Weeks 10 and 11 this term. The students would like to sell icy poles and ice creams to students to enjoy when they return from intensive swimming on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 10 and Tuesday and Thursday Week 11. **Quelchy Icy poles will be \$1 and ice creams/ice blocks will be \$2.** Options include rainbow paddle pops, choc coated vanilla ice creams and frosty fruits. Please note that the frosty fruits are gluten and dairy free and the paddle pops and choc coated ice creams are gluten free only.

Please send your orders in to the office prior to by Tuesday 2nd April to purchase for the Wednesday or Thursday of Week 10. This will help us to cover the cost of purchasing the ice creams/ice blocks and know how many we need.

Orders for week 11 don't need to be in until the Monday of that week.

The SRC will also be running an **Easter colouring in and drawing competition** for the whole school in the lead up to Easter. They will be judged in the three home classes- K/1/2, 3/4 and 4/5/6. The winners from each home class will be announced at the Easter assembly on Thursday 28th March and will be presented with a prize. Happy colouring!

Thank you!

Sonya Onslow and the SRC.

Year 4 Literacy and Numeracy



Another busy fortnight has passed in the year 4 literacy and numeracy class. In English we have been exploring genre through different texts. We have read *Iceberg* by Claire Saxby and *Earth's Incredible Oceans* by Jess French. We wrote some descriptive writing this week based on the sunlight zone of the ocean. I was very impressed with the end results and these will be published over the next week in google classroom. We use google classroom in our literacy session to complete various tasks. All students have now completed at least one fluency (reading) task and one writing task. I encourage you to ask your child to log on at home and show you their work. We have a homework task on there at the moment which is to write a sequel story to fantastic Mr Fox. This could be presented via a slide show, word document or some other media type and uploaded to the google classroom. All students have Mathletics log on cards and I regularly update tasks to reflect what we have been learning in class. This week we have been exploring measurement of length and time. Regular practice of multiplication tables is still needed by many in our class. Have a great week!

5/6 Numeracy and Literacy

Literacy

A key focus of the new English curriculum is reading fluently. Fluency is reading expressively with accuracy and at a good pace. In literacy session, we are working on developing students reading fluency to allow for accuracy in reading. This involves reading the same text throughout the week to develop accuracy, rate (correct words read per minute) and prosody (expression). Fluency is about developing student reading ability, I am also encouraging all of the students to have an age-appropriate book or books to ensure they are reading regularly for enjoyment and develop a love of reading.

Numeracy

In numeracy we have just finished learning about measuring lengths. Students explored conversions between measurements and how to do this quickly and accurately. We discovered that there is a pattern - to convert from mm to cm you divide by 10, and to convert from cm to mm you multiply by 10. For cm to m, it is multiplied and divided by 100, and for m to km, it is multiplied and divided by 1 000. In weeks 2 and 3 we looked at strategies for multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 which was reinforced during this unit. We also explored estimating and measuring distances and the perimeter of a variety of shapes.

Our next unit will explore fractions and how they can be represented in different ways.

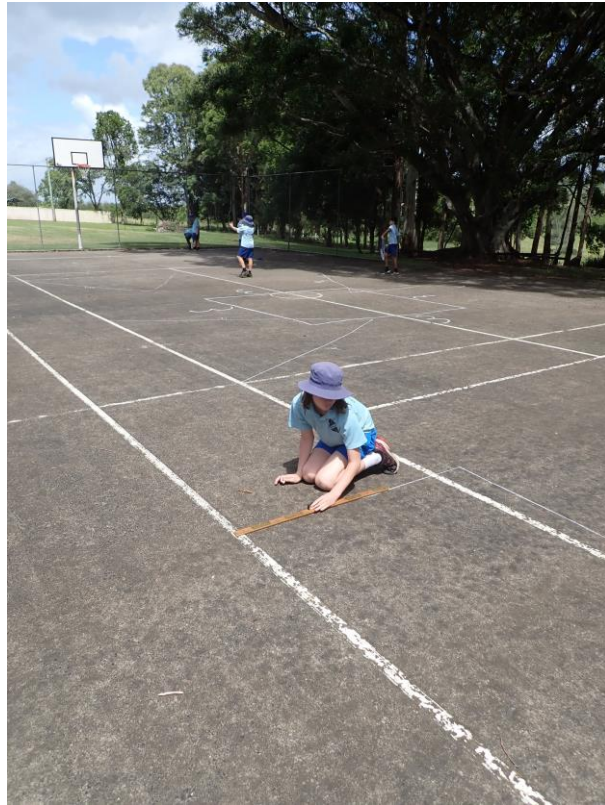
NAPLAN

Congratulations to year 5 students who completed NAPLAN last week.

Year 6 Parent Meeting

There will be a Year 6 parent meeting on Tuesday 2 April. At this meeting, we will discuss the year 6 gift. It will also be a good opportunity to ask any questions about High School transition. Students are encouraged to attend.

Ryan Swift







Sports News

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Eliza who qualified for Regional Swimming. She will be competing this Wednesday against the best swimmers from the North Coast. A fantastic effort.

PSSA Cricket

This Friday, Rex, Henry and Riley will be representing our community of school at PSSA Cricket.

Intensive Swimming

We are lucky enough to have our whole school participating in intensive swimming in Weeks 10 & 11 of this term. Information and notes have been sent out via School Bytes. This is a great program that supports important safety and survival skills and improves student confidence and ability in the water.

Ryan Swift



Mobile Library



The next Library Van visit is: **26 March**

If you wish to reserve a book or have any questions please contact Richmond Tweed Regional Library

Richmond Tweed Regional Library

6 Centenary Drive, Goonellabah NSW 2480

Tel: 02 6625 5100

Email: rtrl@rtrl.nsw.gov.au

The Library will also be visiting on the below dates

April: 9, 23

Bus Details

Modanville Public School has 3 Bus Companies that service the school dependent on the students destination.

M&M (Modanville) - 0423 643 155

Sodhi (Dunoon) - [\(02\) 6621 2279](tel:0266212279)

School Item Price Lists

Modanville Public School School Uniform



Girls & Boys Shirt with emblem	\$20.00	Royal Blue Hoodie	\$25.00
Royal Blue Knit Shorts	\$15.00	Royal Blue Trackpants	\$15.00
School Blouse	\$35.00	School Dress	\$45.00
Royal Blue Pleated Skort	\$17.00	Sport Singlet	\$15.00
Royal Blue Wide Brim Hat	\$10.00	Sports Cap	\$4.00
Blue Socks & Black Shoes			

The school Canteen stocks most uniform items.
Second hand uniforms are also available.



Modanville Canteen Menu Term 1|

Hot Lunch (Friday only)		Snacks and Drinks	
Sausage Roll 120g	\$4.50	Quelch icy tube (GF)	\$1.00
Spinach and Fetta mini rolls (3 per serve)	\$4.50	Packet of chips (Red Rock (GF))	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.80 each	Salty Popcorn (GF)	\$2.00
Garlic Bread (GF available)	\$1.20		
Mini Quiches	3 for \$2.50	Chocolate Milk (GF)	\$2.50
Veggie Spring Rolls	3 for \$2.50	Strawberry Milk (GF)	\$2.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato Toasties (GF available)	\$4.50	Banana Milkshake (Vanilla,honey,banana,milk)	\$2.00
Tuna,Cheese and Tomato Toasties (GF available)	\$4.50	Fruit popper (GF)	\$2.50
Cheese and Tomato Toasties (GF available)	\$3.50		
Orders for canteen must be in strictly by 3.15pm on Thursday afternoon. No late orders will be accepted.		Frozen Yoghurt with Fruit Cup	\$2.50
		Frozen Fruit Cup	\$2.00

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- ✓ Be 18+ years old

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