Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all our students enjoyed their well-deserved holiday break and are all ready for another great term at Modanville PS.

This term will see our Year 6 students experience their final ten weeks of primary school education before heading off to high school in 2016. I know they are all very excited and we have talked a lot about making the best use of their time in preparation for their successful transition to their various high schools. There will be High School Orientation Visits during this term and some students will have their interviews for entry to the High Achievers’ Program at Richmond River. We have also talked about the positive choices they can make this term to ensure their final memories of Modanville are positive and long lasting.

At the other end of the learning journey we will welcome next year’s Kinder students on 3 separate occasions for Kinder Orientation. The specific dates are the 28th October and the 4th and 11th of November. This program allows our future students to familiarise themselves with our school environment and gives parents an opportunity to learn more about the programs that their children will experience.

PLANNING FOR 2016

Part of our planning for next year involves surveying students, teachers and parents in order to get feedback on how well are programs are meeting individual needs. All teachers were surveyed, along with all students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Log in details and passwords were also sent home for parents to complete the anonymous online survey. To date 16 parents have responded. In order to get meaningful feedback from the survey we need a much greater percentage of our 58 families to respond. If you have misplaced your login details please contact the school and we will resend them. The survey closes on the 15th October.

STATE ATHLETICS
It will be an exciting time for Lexi next week when she competes in the high jump event at the NSW PSSS State Track and Field Championships in Sydney. Lexi has enjoyed an outstanding athletics season and I know she will do us all proud against the best high jumpers in the state. GOOD LUCK and FLY HIGH

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
The Intensive Swimming Program will be conducted in Weeks 6 and 7. We have been allocated 64 places. I hope all students in K to 5 take advantage of this 10 day program to enhance their water confidence and safety as well as consolidate their current swimming skills. The cost is $40 per student. A more detailed note will be sent home in week 3.

CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL TRANSPORT
Just a reminder to parents that travel changes must be communicated to the school either in writing or by phone. This will help avoid unnecessary confusion and stress for children and teachers.

Changes to After school transport

Regular Changes: one note is sufficient stating that this is a permanent change (until further notice). The information will be written into our bus folder.

One off Changes: While we recognise that there can often be last minute changes that will need to be phoned in to the school – we prefer to have a written note from parents. This is then put into the bus folder so that students and staff know what arrangements are.
WELCOME JESS
Year 2/3 are welcoming Jess, who they know from the Healthy Herald Life Education Van, to their class. Jess is completing her last practicum in her teacher training and we are looking forward to her input over the next four weeks.

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
Parents might be interested to know that Richmond River High School has been incorporated into The Rivers Secondary College. If you phone RRHS you will be welcomed to "The Rivers Secondary College Richmond River Campus". This is part of the reshaping of secondary education for students within the Lismore public education system. It is a very exciting initiative and parents should investigate this option when considering their high school options for their children.

Barry Cooper, Principal

2016 Kindergarten Orientation Dates:
Wednesday 28th Oct:
Prospective students only from 9:15 - 11:15
Wednesday 4th Nov:
Prospective students only from 9:15 - 1:30
(bring lunch and recess)
Wednesday 25th Nov:
Prospective students only from 9:15 - 1:30
(bring lunch and recess).

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm
Parents are welcome to attend!

Year 2/3, Thursday 29th October
K/1, Thursday 12th November

Woolworths Earn and Learn: Thank you to parents who collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Also, thank you to our merry band of helpers, who gave up playtime to put stickers on the sheets for us.

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:
6/10, J. Joseph
8/10, R. Smith
9/10, L. Vickers
12/10, M. Ianna
13/10, R. Smith
15/10, L. Vickers
16/10, S. Robinson
19/10, V. McIntosh
20/10, J. Joseph
22/10, R. Smith
23/10, volunteer required
26/10, J. Tandy
27/10, J. Joseph

COOKING ROSTER:
6/10, L. McInerney
8/10, R. Smith
9/10, L. Vickers

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:

Oct 20 Nov 3,17 Dec 1, 15
MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Thursday 8th October, 2015
Newsletter No. 16
Website: http://www.modanville-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au

12/10, M. Ianna
13/10, B. Youngberry
15/10, T. Cook
16/10, S. Robinson
19/10, E. Robinson
20/10, J. Joseph
22/10, K. McIntyre
23/10, cooking required
26/10, J. Tandy
27/10, cooking required

Xavier M, improving his tennis skills
May, working beautifully on literacy activities

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Work of the Week – Week 9
Chelsea C, making a pretty portrait
Tameka, great application to her writing
Bella, great newsletter report on cricket
Madi, great ‘Fox’ artwork

Week 10
Ella, fantastic descriptive writing
Isabella, outstanding bookwork
Lyric, Perfect Potato People Portrait
Ren, great bird craft skills

Student of the Week – Week 9
Will Y, being a great sport
Connor, fantastic participation in Rivers Dance
Lyric, following instructions and helping others
Eddie, consistent writing effort

Week 10
Amity, always striving to do better
Grace, fantastic effort in handwriting
Mitch, great work on his writing task
Xavier E, impressive playground behaviour
Josh R, demonstrating his generous nature

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

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Seeing Daylight

Why is short-sightedness (“myopia”) becoming so common in many countries? 30 – 40% and rising in the US, Europe and Australia? Too much reading? Too much screen time? It would appear that myopia, once rare in human beings, is the result of too much artificial light and not enough natural daylight, which is a thousand times stronger and has more blue and green wavelengths. Children who spend more time outdoors have sharper eyesight than those who play indoors, research from Queensland, Taiwan and Denmark have all revealed, and the mechanism is that artificial light weakens the eyeball’s focussing mechanism. The answer: get your children outdoors for an hour a day, which is enough to improve eyesight in the growing years.

Community News

The school does not endorse any activities advertised in the Community News section – parents are to make their own enquiries and decision on suitability.

1. Clunes Junior Cricket Club: Calling All Cricketers! Clunes Junior Cricket Club (CJCC) invites all primary school aged boys and girls to come and play cricket this summer. CJCC is having a ‘come and try’ muster day on Saturday 10th October between 10am and 12noon at the Clunes Public School Nets, James Gibson Drive, Clunes. New and returning players are invited to come along and enjoy a friendly hit together. Competitions get underway in mid-October. To receive a registration form or for any further enquiries, please email ClunesJuniorCC@outlook.com.au or contact Emma on 0427 151 545

2. Lismore Cricket T20 Blast and In2 Cricket: A ‘come and try’ afternoon will be held at the Italo Stars Soccer Club for boys and girls aged 5 to 11 who would like to learn about playing cricket next Wednesday 14th Oct at 5:30pm. Contact Barry on 6628 2234 for more information.

3. Breast Cancer Awareness: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. BreastScreen NSW North Coast provides free screening mammograms in Lismore all year round. The clinic is located at 29 Uralba Street, Lismore. The service is free to women over the age of 40. Phone 13 20 50 for bookings and 6621 1250 for enquiries.


   Friday 30th October,
   6pm drinks and nibbles,
   7pm movie starts.
   Come join us at Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas Lismore to see ‘The Dressmaker’. Tickets are available from Wilson Park Public School, 230 Wyrallah Road, Lismore phone 6621 7937
   Cost $25 each (includes drinks/nibbles)