Dear Parents,

This term continues to fly by and it won’t be long until we celebrate our Christmas Concert Get Together. This year we will be holding our concert on the grassed area outside the admin block. Families are encouraged to bring along a picnic basket and blanket to enjoy the night. If weather becomes an issue we will move under the COLA, so bring a chair just in case.

A HUGE THANKYOU

This year our students from K - 6 have continued to enjoy a wonderful gardening experience thanks to the fantastic effort of Renee Borrow. Our vegetable garden has provided a steady flow of produce for our children to sample as they learn about propagating from seed, planting, fertilizing, mulching and harvesting.

This year Renee helped establish our Round Garden which has yielded a magnificent corn crop and we are now awaiting the harvest of our potato crop. Renee’s influence has also extended to this year’s Year 6 group who are establishing a Citrus Grove as their parting gift to the school.

Renee is redirecting her energies next year and will not be able to contribute hands-on to this project, so I would like to thank her on behalf of the entire Modanville school community for the many years of expertise and time given so generously.

Next year will provide us with the challenge of continuing Renee’s great work. Hopefully we may have another parent or two who can find some time to assist students and staff to ensure our edible gardens continue to prosper.

Have a great fortnight

Barry
Former Modanville Public School students at their RRHS Year 12 formal:

Malachi, Maddie, Jacob, Olivia, Jack and Elise

Year 6 Art Work: Year 6 students summarised their personality into one word. Then they chose lines, curves and shapes that represented that word and created an artwork based on this.

Book club orders due: Just a reminder that Book Club is due next Tuesday, 24th November. If you are looking for a Christmas present, birthday present or for your child’s enjoyment, what better gift is there than a book. Remember, the school benefits from the number of sales we take as a percentage goes into reward points which allows the school to purchase books for our school library. Happy reading, Juanita

2016 Kindergarten Orientation Date
Wednesday 25th Nov:
Prospective students only from 9:15 - 1:30
Please bring lunch, recess, and a hat for playing outside.

Helpers Morning Tea: On Friday 27th November, we invite all of our valued volunteers to a morning tea at 11:15, to be followed by the entertaining Modanville students’ Talent Show. A flyer was sent home yesterday. For catering purposes please send back the reply note. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

MPS Talent Show:
Parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles, etc. are invited to our Modanville Talent Show on Friday 27th November at 11:45am. Students will be entertaining everyone with their very own talent pieces.

Young Performers Concert
The talented students from the Modanville Public Musicorp Program with Mr Earl will be performing on Tuesday December 1st starting 2pm at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert and hope to see you there.

Regards, Mark Earl

Cooking with Rose: Year 2/3 had the wonderful opportunity of cooking with Rose – having an extra pair of hands to implement hands-on activities is a big bonus for the education of our students. The students made ANZAC biscuits - yum!!!
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:

Dec 1, 15

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm
No more assemblies for 2015

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:
19/11, L. Vickers
20/11, S. Barnsley
23/11, J. Tandy
24/11, L. Vickers
26/11, R. Smith
27/11, HELP NEEDED
30/11, H. Mulcahy
1/12, J. Joseph
3/12, L. Vickers
4/12, S. McInerney
7/12, A. Kenny
8/12, J. Joseph
10/12, R. Smith
11/12, S. Robinson
14/12, cooking donation required
15/12, cooking donation required

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19/11, L. Vickers
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24/11, H. Gosper
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1/12, H. Foster
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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Work of the Week – Week 5
Year 2/3, amazing Rainforest collage
Blake, getting all his spelling words correct!
Imogen, excellent effort in writing description
Chris, best ever BTN report on Uluru

Week 6
Jayden F, spooky ‘Day of the Dead’ collage
Brooke, great effort on Remembrance Day writing
Solomon, great rounding work in mathematics
Jemma, informative BTN report about CPR

Student of the Week – Week 5
Harrison, completing his art and helping clean up
Annabelle, thoughtful suggestions during music
Beau, working independently and efficiently
Jayden P, being a great buddy
Ryan, having a positive attitude to all activities
Lachlan, great ‘Home Learning’ effort

Week 6
Sam, improved participation in classroom activities
Madi, fantastic maths!
Kaitlyn, consistent work in class
Tameka, displaying positive behaviour
Chelsea C, enthusiastic approach to swimming
Xavier M-F, always following instruction in swimming

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Year 6 digging holes for the Citrus Grove which will be their gift to the school:

Fuel them up with the right kind of energy!

- Grate carrot & other vegies into lean mince for healthier sausage rolls or burgers
- Try delicious kebabs made with lean meat, chicken or pork pieces and lots of vegies
- Simple cheesy vegie muffins packed full of favourite vegies and reduced-fat cheese.
- Sandwich sushi made with popular vegie fillings - cut crusts off wholegrain bread, spread thinly with low-fat cream cheese, add colourful vegie fillings, roll and slice
- Mini pizzas of half a wholemeal muffin topped with a range of fresh chopped veg, ham, tomato sauce, grated cheese - grill for 5 minutes.

Live Life Well @ School
(a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Health)
Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if:

- their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and
- Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people’s points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

Our K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with Questions and Puzzlement, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference.

Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child’s school, you should:

- let your principal know that you would like ethics classes for your child,
- go to the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering, and
- email Primary Ethics at info@primaryethics.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year he/she is in.

We will contact you and/or your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child’s year?

If there are ethics classes at your school but none for your child’s year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know you would like ethics classes for your child. We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask your friends/family if they are interested. See www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html