Dear Parents,

The school year has quickly got underway with all students making a smooth transition back into school routines. Hopefully you can join us this afternoon for our class information sessions and help us welcome our new families to the school. We will also enjoy eating our corn crop and being refreshed by either cordial or coffee. The P&C will also provide a sausage sizzle to make sure everyone is well fed.

A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!
It has finally happened. For years the Modanville school community has been lobbying for a new toilet block with little success. Until now! I have been contacted by Thomas George’s office to confirm that this year it will happen. Exact details are still to be finalised however this should occur soon and work will commence.

CANBERRA EXCURSION
Our Canberra excursion for Years 5 and 6 will be in Week 10 of term two. The dates are Sunday 21st June til Saturday 27th June. We will be joined by our friends at Eltham Public School. The itinerary and costs are being finalised this week and a parent meeting will be held on Monday 23rd Feb at 5.30pm to discuss details including costs and fundraising possibilities. In the past parents have accompanied us on our major excursions and have helped enormously to ensure the students get the most out of their experience. Due to the larger than average number of students participating this year there may not be room on the bus for parents that are keen to participate.

In the past when this has occurred, parents have coordinated their own transport to and from Canberra while still staying at the same accommodation. Please consider this when deciding if you wish to join us for this year’s Canberra trip.

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
An invitation to all Year 5 and 6 students’ families will be sent home Monday to attend The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 Transition Information Evening on Wednesday 25th February at the Lismore Workers Club. There are exciting changes being implemented in Lismore as our public high schools better align themselves to maximise the educational opportunities for our high school students. If you are yet to decide on the high school for your child in 2016 and 2017, I recommend you attend in order to assist in the decision making process.

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. The last dates for this term are:

Feb 24th  March 10th, 24th

SCHOOL PHOTOS: The photographer came yesterday and took photos of our students and their classes. He and his team did a wonderful job and we look forward to seeing some impressive photo packs that you have ordered. We will let you know when they will be arriving at school.

BUS FORMS: The Department of Transport, as part of transitioning to a more online management process, is requiring us to follow up on paperwork more frequently. We thank you in advance for your patience if we need to ask you to fill in another form.

SCHOOL FEES: Our general school contribution is $30 per student or $50 per family. Book fee information has been sent home. To recap:
Year 6: $28; Year 5 $28; Year 4 $28; Year 3 $24;
Year 2 $25; Year 1 $25; Kindergarten $24. There is also an IT levy of $10 and P&C insurance levy of $5 per student.

ONLINE PAYMENTS: Just a reminder that parents can make payments that are over $10 through our school website. There is a tab for Make a Payment. You don’t need your child’s reference number, but information about name, date of birth, and what you are paying for is very helpful.

CLASS MEETINGS: These will be held today, Thursday 12th March: K/1 at 5pm; 2/3 at 5:30pm; 3/4/5 at 6pm.

START OF YEAR MEET AND GREET: After the class meetings, we will be holding a corn, cordial, coffee (and sausage sizzle) social occasion to catch up with both new and existing school members.

Harvesting the corn:

WEBSITE CALENDAR: I am having trouble with inputting times for events on our school calendar. Please don’t be too concerned if the times look a bit odd!
Please keep in mind that our school website is a good resource for keeping in touch with happenings in the school.
http://www.modanville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

BACK TO SCHOOL: The Department of Education and Communities has developed a website as a ‘one-stop-shop’ for back to school information. The link is:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas: please check out this wonderful resource through the News link on our school website.

CANTEEN: Today, we are sending home the canteen roster and the list of donations that people have signed up to provide. Thank you very much for your support.
Canteen News

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

Canteen Roster:
16/2, H. Mulcahy
17/2, J. Joseph
19/2, R. Smith
20/2, L. Vickers
23/2, M. Ianna
24/2, R. Smith
26/2, L. Vickers
27/2, S. Robinson
2/3, V. McIntosh
3/3, J. Joseph
5/3, R. Smith

Cooking Roster:
16/2, H. Mulcahy
17/2, L. McInerney
19/2, R. Smith
20/2, L. Vickers
23/2, M. Ianna
24/2, B. Youngberry
26/2, T. Cook
27/2, S. Robinson
2/3, E. Robinson
3/3, J. Joseph
5/3, cooking donation required

Mr Blanch worked with Year 6 in creating the Derriwong, animal totem of Bundjalung people.

Celebrating Our Students

Work of the Week (to come)

Student of the Week, Week 2
Kiera, great listening and beautiful manners
Grace, settling in beautifully to her new class
Lucas, listening carefully & working hard
Isabella, starting school with enthusiasm & respect
Paul, increased application & cooperation
Christiaan, improvement in waiting for his turn

You Can Do It Awards

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Community News:

Northern Rivers Family Day Care: High quality childcare in a family home environment. Flexible hours, weekend and overnight care, government subsidised fees, before and after school care. Vacancies are available now and in 2015 in Tullera, Modanville and Dunoon.

For more information please phone: 6621 6437
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Lismore Girl Guides: Lismore Guide District is looking for women 18 years and over interested in leadership. You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides. For more information phone Jacki on 0427 728 269.

Clunes Netball Club: registrations are now open for the 2015 season, which starts on 7th March. Girls from 8 through to seniors are welcome, together with coaches and committee members. For enquiries and sign-on information, contact Bronwyn on 0427 213 091.

Italo Stars FC: player sign on (5y +) at the Italo Aust Club, North Lismore, Feb. 14th & 21st, 9am – 12 noon. Info Dallas 0438 250 180

Interrelate Free Courses:
- Parenting by Connection: 20/2 – 27/3, 10am to 1pm
- Circle of Security, 12/3 – 2/4, 10am – 1pm
Phone 6623 2750 for more information

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Dunoon United Football Club
Come and play soccer at Dunoon this year

Registrations now open

- go online and register at myfootballclub.com.au
- or visit us at one of our information sessions
  - Saturday Feb 7 10am-12
  - Wednesday Feb 11 4pm-6
  - Saturday Feb 14 10am-12

all new and returning players welcome
girls, boys, seniors men and women
any child turning 5 this year can join

For more information contact
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