Dear Parents,

Is it really Week 5? As they say, time flies when you are having fun and our start to the year has been very enjoyable and rewarding. Our Corn ‘n’ Cordial evening was a huge success with all enjoying our fresh corn and a sausage sizzle. It was a great opportunity to catch up and also welcome our new families to our school community. Many thanks to those who helped make the night such an enjoyable occasion.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Swimming carnival held at Alstonville recently was extremely successful. The level of participation from our students was the highest ever. It is reassuring to see an increase in the number of students who can confidently swim 25m in deep water. And not just once! Many students backed up for breaststroke and backstroke. We also had a full pool for the first time for the 200m medley event. Our success can be traced back to the increased numbers attending our intensive swimming program in Term 4. Special thanks to the Dunoon Sports Club for contributing significantly to our bus costs. This year I hope to include our whole school in this Swimming Program.

Our age champions this year were Jemma (Snr ), Maddy (11yrs) and Kyle (11yrs). Our Runners Up were Maia (12yrs), Tameka (11yrs) and Josh (Snr).

Modanville also won the Average Points Trophy for the very first time. A fantastic effort by all involved. A report on our Zone swimmers will be in our next newsletter.

LEARNING SUPPORT AT MODANVILLE
Our school survey at the end of last term highlighted the importance parents place on their child/children receiving additional support for their learning at school.

This year Reading Recovery has commenced. We have funding for two students to participate. Reading Recovery is a program specifically for Year 1 students.

Rose has been spending 10 hours a week to support our Kinder students make a successful start to school as well as assisting our Yr1 students continue on their learning path. Rose is also working 6 hours a week in the Yr2/3 class.

In addition Andrea Whitten spends one day per fortnight supporting the academic needs of the 2/3 class.

Mr Blanch works closely with Nikkita Lazzaroni for 4 hours per week to support the learning needs of students in 3/4/5. Our level of funding support is...
limited however we have managed to provide a relatively high level of support to help our students achieve their full academic potential. The time allocations are reviewed regularly to meet changing needs. Parents are encouraged to fully support these additional programs to maximise their success.

**CRICKET KNOCKOUT**

Six of our students joined players from Whian Whian, Dunoon, Corndale and The Channon in the first round of the State PSSA Cricket Knockout against Bexhill. They were Brent, Reid, Maddy, Brad, Jarred and Josh. With the wet weather about we were thrilled to get our game in. Unfortunately we came second by 15 runs. Our top scorer was Maddy on 12 not out and our best bowler was Jarred who took 3 wickets. A great day was had by all and everyone displayed the true spirit of Cricket.

**TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL – NEW DATE**

An invitation to all Year 5 and 6 students’ families to attend The Rivers Secondary College Year 7 Transition Information Evening is now on Wednesday 5th March 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:

- March 10th and 24th

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**: Our new SRC students have been elected for this year. The students are: Chelsea D, Beau, Amity, Harry, Eve, Kaitlyn, Kyle, Jack, Bradley, Christopher, Brent, Bella, Jessica Gs and Lilian. Congratulations to these students. Badges are being organised and will be presented at our next assembly.

**SRC EASTER RAFFLE**: We would like to remind parents that the SRC are asking for donations of Easter Eggs to create the prizes for Easter Raffle. The Raffle tickets are being prepared and will be coming home in the near future. Please remember that if you are not comfortable selling raffle tickets, just return them to school. Traditionally, this raffle has been very successful and has been the major fundraising event for the SRC.

**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.

**DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

[Image of Modanville overall winners of the 2015 District Swimming Carnival]

- Madelene 11 years Girls Champion
- Tameka 11 years Girls Runner Up
MODANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Thursday 26th February, 2015
Newsletter No. 3
Website: http://www.modanville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Jemma Senior Girls champion
Maia Senior Girls Runner Up

Josh Senior Boys Runner Up

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: A big thankyou to all our wonderful parents/carers that have sent in their donations for the canteen. It is really appreciated.

Also bucket hats are still available until sold out. The wide brim hat will be the only hat available for purchase at a cost of $10. Sizes are M/L and L/XL.

Lunches available Monday and Friday only

CANTEEN ROSTER:
26/2, L. Vickers
27/2, S. Robinson
2/3, V. McIntosh
3/3, J. Joseph
5/3, R. Smith
6/3, NEED HELP PLEASE
9/3, J. Tandy
10/3, J. Joseph
12/3, R. Smith
13/3, C. Bull

COOKING ROSTER:
26/2, T. Cook
27/2, S. Robinson
2/3, E. Robinson
3/3, J. Joseph
5/3, cooking donation required
6/3, cooking donation required
9/3, J. Tandy
10/3, cooking donation required
12/3, L. McInerney
13/3, T. Daly

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Work of the Week, Week 4
Xavier E, Fantastic Handwriting
Chelsea C, Amazing letter A craft
Josh Mc, Fabulous book work
Ren, Masterful Aboriginal artwork

Student of the Week, Week 2
Amy, always ready to learn
Padi, always ready to learn
Max, working hard with a great attitude
Indi, lovely manners
Harrison, a great start to the year
Ella, great participation in all class tasks
Bella, showing initiative for personal profile
Reid, showing initiative for personal profile

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.

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