**P&C Meeting**

**Wednesday 18th March**

**6:30pm AGM**

**Week 3 & 8 each term**

Upcoming events

- Rural Fire Service Firewise Program, 27/3
- MPS Cross Country, Monday 30th March
- Art Smart, 31st March to 2nd April
- Easter Fun Day, Thursday 2nd April
- School Holidays, 7th April to 17th April
- Corndale Cross Country, Thursday 30th April
- Brainstorm Show, Friday 8th May

Term Dates

Last day of Term One: Thursday 2nd April
First day of Term Two:
    - Staff: Monday 20th April
    - Students: Tuesday 21st April

Dear Parents,

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Our cross country next Monday will be a fun event where we encourage all students to have a go and do their best. Each student will run in their own age group and everyone who finishes the race will get points for their house. Boys and girls will run together but final placings will be judged by gender.

For parent’s information, your child’s age group is the age they turn in 2015. 5/6/7 year old students will run 1km. All other age groups run 2km. Our cross country course uses our school grounds and a neighbouring property to the north of the school.

When we all go to the District Cross Country at Corndale on Thursday 30th April, the age groups change to fall in line with PSSA guidelines. Boys and girls run separately in the following age divisions; 5 & 6 years old, 7 years old, 8 & 9 years old, 10 years old, 11 years old and 12 & 13 years old. From 8 years division and up the top 4 runners progress to the Zone Cross Country, also held at Corndale.

**MR SWIFT**

As you may be aware Mr Swift took leave at the start of the year with the intention of returning to Modanville at the start of Term 3. His circumstances have since changed and he will now be returning for the start of Term 2. While this is great news it is also sad to have to farewell Mrs Lazzaroni earlier than expected. Nikkita has done an outstanding job on Mr Swift’s class and I am certain she will be missed by the class. She has also been a valuable member to our teaching team and has brought some great ideas to our school.

I would like to thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school and wish her all the best for the future.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP**

Our year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in this student leadership initiative that will be held at Tweed Heads on May 3rd next term. Many schools in our broader Community of Small
Schools will be participating in this event. Transport will be by bus. The total cost for this program is $45 including transport. However with our Canberra Excursion later in the term, our school will heavily subsidise this cost. The total cost to parents will be $25. More information will be sent home closer to the date, however if you have access to the internet, do a search for ‘Grip Student Leadership’ where you will find information about the program.

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP
This camp is held at Lennox Head and caters for students in Years 4, 5, & 6 who show an above average ability in music, dance, vocals, art or drama. It is held from Sunday 26th July to Friday 31st July. The total cost is $480. If you would like more information about this opportunity please contact Modanville PS.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards,

Barry

2015 SRC representatives

Congratulations and we look forward to a fantastic year of your leadership, supporting our school and your fellow students.

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:
April 7, 21 May 5, 19 June 2,16

ASSEMBLIES: 2pm
Year 2/3 Thursday 26th March

BOOK FAIR:
Thank you to everyone who purchased books at our recent Book Fair. We hope you enjoy your purchases. We sold $1000 worth of books and that gives the school library $300 worth of books in commission. These will be a valuable and appreciated addition to our library resources.

Juanita and Cameron

Modalville Cross Country: Our schools cross country run will be held on Monday 30th March commencing at 1pm. We will have an early lunch that day. Students are encouraged to wear their House colour and will earn points towards their Houses by participating in the run:
Kookaburra: Red
Magpie: Yellow
Lorikeet: Green

Your child should know what House they are in, however if you aren’t sure, give us a call. Siblings are always in the same Houses.

New Students’ Houses are:
Chelsea: Magpie
Lyric: Kookaburra
Noah: Magpie
Corey: Kookaburra
Zac: Lorikeet
Isabella: Kookaburra
Indi: Kookaburra
Harrison: Kookaburra
Isabelle: Kookaburra
Grace: Lorikeet
May: Lorikeet

SRC Raffle: The Easter Raffle is an annual and major fundraising activity for the SRC. They use money from this to support educational programs at the school, such as subsidising bus travel and the Life Education Van visit. So far we have sold $400 worth of raffle tickets. In the past we have averaged $800. We thank you for any help you can give in selling raffle tickets for the SRC.

New Policy for Student Absences for Extended Family Holidays: The Department of Education and Communities has updated its Student Attendance Policy. Parents are now requested to complete and return to school an Application for Extended Leave
- Travel for their child/ren with copies of their travel itinerary. The principal will then sign this form and issue a Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel for parents to take with them on their holiday. The application, certificate and copies of itinerary will be filed in the student's Student Record Card.

**Head Lice:** We would like to make parents aware that we have had some notifications of these visitors to students' hair recently. Please be extra vigilant in spotting and treating.

**Funky Hair Day:** What a great day was had by all! $121.20 was raised and deposited into the account for the Leukaemia Foundation. Here are some photos from the day:

**Year 3/4/5 Funky Hair Day Dance:**
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Lunches available **Monday and Friday only**

**CANTEEN ROSTER:**
- 27/3, H. Mulcahy, N. Leis
- 30/3, N. Goulding
- 31/3, J. Joseph
- 2/4, L. Vickers

**COOKING ROSTER:**
- 27/3, H. Gosper
- 30/3, B. Youngberry
- 31/3, cooking required
- 2/4, L. Vickers

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**CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS**

**Work of the Week – Week 7**
- Cohen, colourful cellophane window
- Connor, great mythical creature
- Jack, excellent presentation
- Bowen, impressive self-portrait

**Week 8**
- Indi, sensational Seasons poster
- Harry, great persuasive writing
- Maia, impressive self-portrait Triptych
- Isabelle, excellent Book Fair story

**Week 9**
- Jayden, clever dinosaur shape collage
- Mitchell, excellent rabbit construction
- Beau, wonderful story writing
- Jason, creative ‘Hookey’ design

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**YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS**

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**Week 9**
- Resilience: Charlie
- Persistence: Jayden
- Getting Along: Chelsea C
- Persistence: Lilian

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**Proud students putting in their ‘Gotcha’ awards**

- Solomon, applying himself to reading activities
- Charlie, fantastic progress in reading
- Joshua M, working well in maths groups
- Jessica, consistent effort
- Grace, consistent effort

**Week 8**
- Amity, always trying her best in all areas
- Will R, improved effort during independent work
- Max, trying his hardest in all activities
- Isabella, great reading progress

**Week 9**
- Kaitlyn, improved respect, cooperation and work ethic
- Stella, always completing set tasks
- Alex, working hard on spelling activities
- Jemma, positive attitude to school
- Lily, consistent effort
A snapshot of our school foyer

Live Life Well

Vegie Prices dropped 10% according to CPI
There’s never been a better time to increase your family’s vegetable consumption.
- Send carrot sticks, cauliflower or snow peas for snacks
- Add grated carrot and mixed lettuce to sandwiches or wraps
- Aim for at least one yellow AND a green vegetable on your dinner plate
- Half the plate should be vegetables, a quarter meat/fish/chicken/lentils/beans and a quarter starchy potato/rice/pasta
- Add grated or chopped vegetables to pasta sauces, stews and casseroles.

Road Safety

Hold Your Child’s Hand
As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:
- In the car park
- When crossing the road

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

For more information, visit www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Community News

1. Basketball Holiday Clinic: at the Lismore Basketball Stadium, 342 Keen St, Thursday 16th April from 9am to 1pm. $10 per child (5 – 14 years). Please bring your own lunch, drinks. For more information contact Tanya 0410 777 572

2. Clunes Tennis Club for Winter Competition: commencing on 18th April, played on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 onwards at Clunes and Booyong and/or Eltham courts. Teams consist of 4 players, graded 1-4, all games are doubles and each player plays four sets. Games finish by around 4:30 after which players are invited to stay for refreshments and a light supper. For more information phone Andrew 0431 602 640.

3. The fonebooth mobile phone repairs: Broken screens/damaged camera/buttons and speakers/ water damage assessments/ Apple and Android/ iPads and Tablets/ cases/ screen protectors/ chargers; friendly service and quality assurance. Phone 6622 1927/0434 827 818 or visit 2/111 Dawson Street, Lismore