Dear Parents,

After a wonderful five weeks in Ireland, Scotland and England it’s great to be back at Modanville. I was so pleased to hear that our athletics carnivals were so successful. I am particularly proud of the fact that Modanville won the Handicap Shield for the first time in many years. It is based on a school’s total points divided by the number of students enrolled in the school. To win you need maximum participation. And that is exactly what Modanville students excel at, having a go and trying their best.

Tomorrow we have a large number of students competing at the Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival. I wish them all good luck. A full round up of results will be included in our next newsletter.

I would also like to thank Geraldine for the great job she did as Relieving Principal. For me it is very reassuring to know that our school is in such capable hands and the personal, social and academic needs of all students are never compromised. All staff are to be commended on the additional work they do outside of their own classrooms to enhance opportunities and experiences of our students. Ryan has done an excellent job facilitating our Tournament of Minds team who compete on the 22nd August. Gavin has been busy successfully applying for sports grants to provide coaching in tennis and AFL. Our Lismore Performing Arts item will be fantastic thanks to Geraldine’s creative guidance. Cameron did a wonderful job with my Year 6 class. I appreciate the effort he put into ensuring my established teaching/learning routine was maintained while continuing to do his regular teaching program. It is also great to have Erin back after her maternity leave.

SCHOOL SURVEY

Included in this newsletter is information about this year’s school survey. **All students in Yrs 4,5 and 6 will hopefully complete the student survey online.** Parents of students in 4, 5 & 6 only need to return the consent note IF THEY DO NOT WISH FOR THEIR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE. Every parent and teacher will also have the opportunity to participate in an online survey that will help enhance our learning practices at Modanville Public School.

Barry Cooper, Principal

**2016 Kindergarten Orientation Dates:** We have locked in some dates for the Kindergarten Orientation. Please mark these in your diary if you have a little one starting Kindy next year or if you know of someone who has a child starting school next year.

**Thursday 17th Sept:** Introduction and Orientation to our school. Parents and children are invited for morning tea and some informative presentations.

**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).

**Former Students Achieve:** As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, two former students - Tyson and
Danielle travelled to San Diego, USA to participate in the Association of National Aerobic Championships. They came home the proud bearers of a Bronze medal. They were pipped at the post by China (1st) and Mexico (2nd). Congratulations and well done in following your dreams.

**IMPORTANT!! YEAR 6 PARENTS:** Richmond River High School has red school sports polo shirts size 12 and 14 FREE, one per student - ring the office and ask to speak to the librarian and mention your child will be attending RRHS Year 7 next year. You can also go to Lowe's for other uniform needs.

*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:

- **August 25**
- **Sept 8, 22**
- **Oct 6, 20**
- **Nov 3, 17**
- **Dec 1, 15**

**ASSEMBLIES:** 2pm

- **Year 6**  Thursday 20th August
- **Year 3/4/5**  Thursday 10th September

**Gardiner Chess:** Once again our team of champs came back with recognition of their achievements and skills. The team placed 1st, Tyler came 1st in the Individual and Ryan came 3rd in the Individual. Well done, we are very proud of you. Thank you to Monica for her commitment to providing transport to the events.

**Public Speaking:** Our school’s Public Speaking finals will be held on Tuesday 18th August at 2pm and two students from Years 3 and 4 and two from Years 5 and 6 will be chosen from our school comp to go out to Jiggi Public School for the Big Scrub Public Speaking finals on the 3rd Sept.

**Sporting Schools Grant:** We have successfully secured funds through the Federal Government’s Sporting Schools Program to run sporting activities in both Term 3 and Term 4.

In Term 3, the K/1 class will be involved in a 6 week tennis coaching program delivered by Raising Aces. The 3/4/5 class will take part in a 4 week AFL clinic in partnership with AFL Queensland. Both of these sessions take place on Thursdays during the middle session.

Funds will also be used to purchase new tennis racquets and AFL equipment.

Next term the 2/3 and Year 6 classes will be involved in similar programs. Gavin Henderson

A combination of Book Week characters and the first day of tennis with the Sporting Schools Grant, provided by Raising Aces, Lismore Tennis Centre:

**Library:** Last Tuesday students from K to Year 4 travelled to Lismore library as part of early Book Week celebrations. The students were read some of this year’s finalists from the Children’s Book Council of Australia Short List. K-2 students particularly enjoyed “Pig the Pug” by Aaron Blabley.

The students participated in craft activities related to the books and then went upstairs to explore the “Brick by Brick” lego exhibition. They watched a short video on the buildings in Canberra and then worked in small groups to create a new building for Canberra.

It was a highly engaging activity and all students demonstrated exemplary behaviour.

Geraldine Kerr
Trivia Night: Our trivia night on Friday was a great success. Thank-you to everyone who attended and provided donations. We had five full tables with everyone there having a great time. I would like to thank Wendy Pannach for assisting before the night with questions and scoring on the night. Donations for the Christmas drive are still encouraged for those who were unable to attend. We will be taking our donations down midway through Term Four.

Ryan Swift

COOKING ROSTER:
13/8, S. McInerney
14/8, S. Robinson
17/8, H. Foster
18/8, J. Joseph
20/8, R. Smith
21/8, H. Mulcahy
24/8, B. Youngberry
25/8, S. Friske
27/8, L. Vickers
28/8, S. Barnsley
31/8, J. Tandy
1/9, H. Gosper

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:
13/8, R. Smith
14/8, S. Robinson
17/8, N. Goulding

Celebrating Our Students

Work of the Week – Week 3
Zac, Fabulous Food Drawing
Ella, Fantastic Pattern Art
Lexi, outstanding discussion on sharks
Bowen, creative google logo
Josh R, creative google logo

Student of the Week – Week 3
Josh M, fantastic effort in all areas
Keira, positive approach to school
Chelsea D, being organised with home learning
Xavier M, reading with confidence and expression
Padi, great optical illusion art work
Jarred, consistent effort in literacy groups
Lilian, excellent work in Earth Picker comp
Madeline, great progress in magazine work
Week 4
Mia, outstanding effort at Athletics Carnival
Eve, always doing her best in every situation
Cohen, working hard on his speech
Alec, improved effort in spelling

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| **Week 3** Getting Along: Will R | **Week 4** Confidence: Connor
Resilience: Max                Getting Along: Eddie
Getting Along: Xavier E        Persistence: Ren

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

5 Tips to help with screen time at home?
Are you having trouble getting your child off technology and television?
Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day.
- Go screen free for week days
- Try technology free Tuesdays or Imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as “no screens before dinner”
- Issue 2-5 year olds with two half hour screen time vouchers a day, and 5 – 18 year olds with four half hour screen time vouchers for recreational use a day. Once they’re used, no more screen time!
- Restrict access by not allowing any screens in the bedroom, this has lots of other positive outcomes such as better sleep as well.

Community News

MEGA RAFFLES
Dunoon Sports Club
Friday 28th August 2015

40 + Prizes (not just meat trays)
We are raising funds so that we can sponsor local schools’ Learn To Swim Classes
Come along and buy some tickets - you may win some fabulous prizes as well as support your club’s endeavour

This is at the Whian Whian Hall not Wall.