Planting passionfruit vines at school

WELCOME TO

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Statement of Purpose:

Modanville Primary School students will experience quality teaching and learning in a positive, happy and caring environment.

Through our close school and community partnership, students will be encouraged to reach their maximum potential and to relate positively and cooperatively towards others.

We acknowledge difference and individuality as positive attributes and promote tolerance, resilience, flexibility and adaptability in a culturally diverse world.

We strive for excellence in all we do.

Emphasis of Modanville School Curriculum:

* Our emphasis is on the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics.

* Each child is encouraged to develop a positive self-belief concept and take part in activities to develop positive self esteem.

* We aim to foster respect and responsibility in all students.

* We provide opportunities for talented students in all curriculum areas.

* Personal Development lessons are held regularly in all classes. These cover areas such as feelings, communication, self esteem, resilience, relationships, decision making, child protection and drug education.

* The Creative Arts give students the opportunity to express themselves in music, drama, craft and visual arts.

* Technology is seen as an integral part of the curriculum and is used in most key learning areas. All classes have access to interactive whiteboards.
Welcome to our school. We hope you and your child/ren will be happy here. Modanville Primary School currently has 95 children within five classrooms.

We are especially proud of our friendly atmosphere and continually encourage parental participation in the life of our school. Visitors are always welcome.

Our successful school/community partnership has produced a comprehensive range of programs, policies and an improved physical environment.

We have high expectations of all the children, both in their academic work and in their attitude towards others.

We are confident that your child's time at Modanville Primary School will be rewarding and happy.
A Quick Snapshot of Our School

Modanville Primary School is a country school for children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school has extensive playing fields, an adventure playground, games court and a well-stocked library and technology centre, with Broadband Internet access. All permanent classrooms are equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard.

We are particularly proud of our vegie garden, worm farm and composting program that educates our students about sustainable living and promotes a healthy lifestyle and diet.

The vast majority of students travel to and from school by bus.

The P&C operates the canteen two days per week (Wednesdays & Fridays) and often conducts special lunch days. This is all volunteer work.

The curriculum at Modanville Primary School is broad and balanced. We strive for excellence in all we do. Lesson delivery is carefully planned to cater for the different learning styles of the children. This targets progression in all areas and makes for interesting and stimulating days in the classroom.

Our staff are highly qualified and very experienced and are kept up to date with the latest in curriculum and focus areas through regular training and development opportunities.

Modanville Public School is part of the Big Scrub Learning Community which includes schools from Caniaba, Corndale, Coffee Camp, Dunoon, Jiggi, Larnook, The Channon, Tuntable Creek and Whian Whian

Students have fun with science!!
Staff Members:

Barry Cooper
Principal

Teaching Staff:

Erin Azzopardi
Geraldine Kerr
Ryan Swift

Mim Burgess
Kimberley Taylor

Other Staff Members:

Linda DeBolt
Office Manager
Juanita Joseph
Admin Officer
Rose Smith,
Learning Support Officer

Ian McPherson
General Assistant
Greg Durrington
Cleaning Staff
Modanville Primary School strives to provide all students with comprehensive quality educational experiences in academic, social and physical areas. We endeavour to create a happy, positive and friendly environment where all students are valued for the contributions they make towards the good of the school and the general well being of others. The school motto “Big enough to excel, small enough to care” reflects our family school. Parents are considered to be a valuable part of the school community and are welcome to become involved with the school.

We are an open school and encourage parents to communicate with us on any matter involving their child at school. This of course means a concern or any positive feedback. For a personal interview please ring the office and we will organise a good time for you to see the required teacher or principal.

On behalf of the students, parents and staff of Modanville Primary School we hope your association with our school and that of your children will be a happy and fruitful one.

P&C Association

On behalf of the P&C Association, we would like to welcome you to our school. Our P&C meets twice a term, generally in Week 3 and Week 8 of each term, at 6:30pm in the admin block. Everyone is welcome to attend and take the opportunity to meet other parents and keep up to date with the goings-on at the school. We are an active association and contribute substantially in fundraising and support of our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Timetable:

8:45 am supervision begins, students are to remain in the courtyard area until the morning play bell.
9:10am assembly bell, students line up in assembly area for a short assembly and then begin classes
11:15 - 11:45 recess
1:15 - 2:00 lunch
3:15 end of school day
4:00 last bus to leave, end of teacher supervision of bus students
Homework: The development of home study skills becomes increasingly important as a student progresses through the school. The amount of time spent on homework will vary with the individual student and his/her year level. Early in the school year each child will receive a written note from the class teacher stating the particular homework policy for that class.

Excursions: Each class participates in excursions throughout the year. These are carefully planned by the teachers and are seen as important parts of the curriculum. They are usually tied with some unit of work taught at school and have educational value as well as providing social contact and interaction in areas pertinent to the children's needs. Major Excursions occur every 2nd year usually for students in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Sport: All children compete in our own cross country and athletics carnival. We compete against other local schools in the Dunoon District PSSA in swimming, cross country and athletics. We also enter in the Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) knockout competition. Sports include cricket, soccer, and tennis which are held throughout the year. A non-competitive sport day is held at The Channon Oval during Term 3 each year. This is known as Teams Day. We also attend the 10 day Special Swimming Scheme for non-swimmers and students who cannot swim 25m in deep water.

Student Progress: Our school uses a program of continuous and progressive assessment for each pupil. Formal Departmental school reports are issued twice a year at the end of terms 2 and 4. Parent interviews are arranged, usually at the end of term 2 when reports are given out. At other times throughout the year parents are invited to contact their child's teacher through the school office when a mutually convenient meeting time can be arranged.

Kid of the Week: Each week a child is chosen randomly from each class. He/she becomes “Kid of the Week”. Every child in the school will have received this award by the end of the year. The award entitles the “Kid of the Week” to a special certificate and certain privileges during that week in their classroom. Their special certificate is displayed in the office foyer for the week. This program is aimed at making all students feel special.
The Department of Education and Training has 6 curriculum documents in all Primary schools. These are known as Key Learning Areas. These are outlined below.

**English**
- Talking/Listening
- Reading
- Writing

**Mathematics**
- Number
- Space
- Measurement
- Chance & Data
- Working mathematically

**Science & Technology**
- Science
- Computer Education

**Human Society & It’s Environment**
- Change and Continuity
- Cultures
- Environments
- Social Systems & Structures

**Physical Education**
- Games skills, Fitness, Sport

**Health & Personal Development**
- Health
- Personal Development

**Creative & Practical Arts**
- Visual Arts/Craft
- Music
- Drama
**School Equipment:**

Please clearly label everything your child brings to school, eg. school bag, lunch box, drink bottle, jumper, cardigan, raincoat, shoes, pencil case, etc. At the end of each term we usually send our unclaimed lost property into St. Vincent DePaul or the Smith Family.

**School Absences:**

Send a note or ring the office to explain absence when your child has missed school for any reason, eg. sickness, family holidays, family occasions, etc.

**Change of Travel Routine**

Please send a note for any changes to your child’s normal routine for leaving school in the afternoon. These notes are placed in the bus folder which the bus duty teacher will check for any changes. It is up to parents to make arrangements with the bus driver if there is any change as to where their child is getting off the bus that particular day.

**Art/Craft Shirt**

Please bring in or send in an old large shirt to put over uniform for Art/Craft. This can be left at school in your child’s classroom. Please label this. This applies to all classes K to Year 6.

**Newsletters** and other notes are sent home throughout the school year. We endeavour to put notes needing replies on coloured paper. Newsletters come out fortnightly by email and the school website. Newsletters and notes are put on our school website for easy access by parents from home.

**Student Banking:** The Commonwealth Bank offers a service through the schools for students to open a bank account with them and bank through the school. If you are interested in this service you may get a form from the school office or see the bank personally to open an account. Once you receive your account details you send the book with a deposit to the school on the designated day (Wednesday at the time of printing) and it is processed via the internet. The bank books are then returned to your child to bring home.

**Voluntary School Contribution (School Fees):** This is used to assist in purchasing school resources for use by students. This money is usually used for purchasing exercise books, pens, merit certificates and the annual ambulance contribution. While families are encouraged to pay this, it is not compulsory. The current levy is $25 per student or $40 per family per annum. This is reviewed annually by the P&C at the first meeting of each year.

You will also be asked to reimburse the school for the purchase of a Maths workbook each year and an English workbook in some classes.

**Scripture Lessons:** These are available for all students on Friday mornings. There is a form with the enrolment pack for you to return. At present Scripture is offered for Catholic and Christian classes. If students do not attend these they will have will be supervised for study time.

**Toys:** Unless part of news or assemblies, students are discouraged from bringing toys or valuables to school as they can be lost or damaged, causing the students to become upset. The school has board games and construction equipment for students to access.
Money, Notes, Order, etc.: These items are to be given to the class teacher each morning or put in the Office Green Busy Box. Please put in a clearly marked envelope or a small sealable plastic bag with note inside.

School Assemblies: Each class runs an assembly once a term. These are advertised in the newsletters. Parents are most welcome to attend. They are on designated Fridays commencing at 2pm.

Parent Information Meetings: These are conducted in term 1 of each year. Please watch out for dates in the school newsletters. These meetings focus on class procedures and priorities for the year and are on to provide you with information.

Transport of Students on School Activities by Parents: From time to time parents are asked to transport children on bona fide school activities eg. a single class local excursion, a sporting team, kinder swimming lessons. Parents who volunteer to help out here are required to show their current drivers licence and vehicle current registration. A copy is taken of these and kept on file in the office.

We appreciate the assistance we get from parents to make many small trips and activities possible.

When students are travelling in private vehicles, parents will be asked to provide us with written permission before this occurs.

Library: Library lessons are held for each class. During this time students are encouraged to borrow books, videos and audio sets. The borrowing period is 2 weeks. Students need to have a library bag (cloth or plastic) to protect items from damage.

Book Club: We offer students the opportunity to order from the Scholastic Book Club approximately eight times a year. You will receive forms home and you then send in the order and money to the school by a due date. Books are usually back within ten days of us sending off the order. This is not compulsory and is only there for you if you wish to use the service.

Access to School Carpark: Please be mindful of our carpark area. Although children are not meant to play there, they are dropped off and picked up, resulting in a very busy place at times. To keep traffic flow under control the southern opening is the entrance and the northern opening is the exit - signs are displayed for your information. There is a 5kph speed limit.

Mobile Phones at School: There is no real need for these. Therefore students are not allowed to have them at school

Emergency Contacts: When you initially enrol your child at school you complete an enrolment form. Part of this form is the details of the emergency contact. We realise that details can change over the years and appreciate your keeping us up to date.
**Student Welfare:**
This means the general well being of each and every child at our school. Student Welfare is encompassed in most things we do at school. We try to promote student self esteem through various methods of positive reinforcement. Our ultimate goal is to develop student self discipline and ensure that students take responsibility for the choices they make at school. We also like to involve parents in the discipline process and parents are automatically informed of consistent positive behaviour or serious breaches of discipline.

**Supervision of Students:** Teacher supervision begins at 8:45am each day. The playground is supervised by teachers before school, during recess and lunch times. In the afternoon the bus leaves at approx. 3:15, 3:50pm and 4pm. Teacher supervision continues until the departure of the last bus.

**Violence:** Violence of any kind is not tolerated at our school. Serious physical violence will result in immediate suspension.

**Bullying:** The school has an anti-bullying policy. Bullying in any form is not tolerated.

**Students are not allowed to:**
Play violent games while at school eg. play fights, kung foo
Bring toy guns, swords, etc. to school
Wear camouflaged type army clothing

**Medication:** If your child requires medication during school hours:
* parents/doctor to provide name of medication and medical condition
* clear, written instructions for administering the medication is to be provided.
Please ring the school for further information as certain medication needs special procedures, as in a health care/emergency care plans.
It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the medication at school is current and not out of date.

**Footwear:** Footwear should be worn at all times unless directed by staff for specific school activities.

**Hats:** We have a policy of ‘no hat, play in the shade’, at our school. A broad brimmed hat is required in terms 1 and 4, a cap may be worn in terms 2 and 3.

**Infectious Diseases:** A list of these conditions and the recommended treatment and exclusion periods provided by the Department of Health is included in your enrolment pack.
* Please inform the school of any medical condition that may impact on your child’s performance in class.
**Parental Participation:** The school encourages parents to become involved in their children's education. Throughout the year we have activities and assemblies that parents can attend. There are also opportunities for you to help in the classrooms, canteen, fundraising activities and the P&C organization. A 'prohibited employment declaration' must be completed before anyone can help at the school. This is available from the school office.

From time to time parents are asked to become part of school committees.

**P&C Canteen:** The canteen operates on a voluntary basis. It is currently open on Monday and Friday. This depends on the number of volunteers we have come forward. Our aim is to provide healthy and nutritious food and drinks for students, parents and staff. A note is sent home each term for parents to put their names down if they would like to help out in some way.

**Supplies:**
At the beginning of the year each class teacher will let the students know of essential items needed for school. A general starting point can be taken from the following list:

- Coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Textas
- Pencil
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil Case

* Liquid paper is not needed.

**Ways parents can help to prepare their child for school (Kinder):**
It is helpful if children are able to do the following things by the time they start school:

* do up buttons
* put on or take off own jumpers or cardigans
* put on or take off own raincoats
* take off and put on own shoes and socks
* tie own shoelaces
* be able to say their own name and address
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school t-shirt with emblem
Royal blue shorts
Black shoes/sneakers
Royal blue hat

Girls:
School t-shirt with emblem
School blouse
School dress
Royal blue culottes
Black shoes/sneakers
Royal hat

***Girls and Boys Winter Uniform includes a royal blue tracksuit***

Hats, socks, shorts can be purchased from Lowes, Lismore or Big W
The school stocks school t-shirts with emblem – these are available from the school canteen
Second hand uniforms are available from the school canteen.
A price list and contact details have been included in your pack.
# UNIFORM PRICE LIST AND ORDERING INFORMATION

This pricing is current at time of publishing and may change at any time.

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Modanville P.S. canteen is open five days a week with help of parent volunteers and senior students.

The canteen is organised and run by a committee of parents-a sub committee of our P & C Association.

Monday - regular canteen
Tuesday - no lunches or hot food, just over the counter sales by senior students
Wednesday - no canteen
Thursday - no lunches or hot food, just over the counter sales by senior students
Friday - regular canteen

A special lunch is held 2-3 times a term on Wednesdays, eg; hot dogs, pizza, fish and chips, spaghetti bolognaise. The details are advertised the week before on a special note.

Like most canteens we are completely reliant on parent helpers to do roster duty or we will not be able to stay open. Please think about putting your name down on our roster as little as once per term so we can keep this fabulous service going. At the beginning of term 1 we send a note home for you to indicate if and how you would like to help out on canteen. Then at the end of the term we send home a note indicating the following terms roster this gives you a chance to make any changes due to appointments or work commitments. If there is no change you need not let us know and we presume that you will continue as before.

If you are a first time canteen volunteer we will be happy to roster you on with an experienced helper until you feel more confident. The students are friendly and are discovering that patience is a virtue when waiting in line for canteen.

If you are unable to help in the canteen you make like to donate supplies or home cooking to the canteen instead as this helps us keep our costs and prices low. Our canteen is not about making a large profit, but anything we do make does towards the same school recourses as all other school fundraising eg; readers for the children, sporting equipment.

All orders must be in a lunch bag {bags are available from the canteen for 5c each} and deposited in the lunch order box before morning assembly. Please make sure that your child's name and class is clearly printed on the bag.
Modanville School is serviced by the Dunoon/Lismore Bus, The Channon/Lismore Bus & Mike McIntosh's Modanville Service.

High School Students are taken to Lismore daily by The Dunoon & The Channon Services. Contact details for these services are available at the office.

**Timetable - Modanville Bus Service**

Mike McIntosh, bus proprietor, has provided the school with these times for the bus service. His phone number is 6628 2075

**Morning:**

7:58  leave depot (18 Highview Crescent)
8:00  Eversham Drive
8:05  Dunromin Drive
8:13  Funnell Drive
8:17  Sunny Valley Place
8:24  Currie Road
8:28  Highview Crescent
8:31  Craiglea Court
8:35  **Modanville Public School**
8:39  Borton Road Tullera
8:41  Borton Road (quarry)
8:45  Borton Road (Weaver)
8:52  Bentley Road
8:58  Pagotto Ridge Road
9:02  Lismore/Dunoon Road
9:07  **Modanville Public School**

**Afternoon**

3:20  leave **Modanville Public School**
3:24  Highview Crescent
3:26  Eversham Drive
3:30  Craiglea Court
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