



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 2

24 January 2017

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller

DATES TO DIARISE

26 January	Grade 3 Cake Sale
31 January	Grade 1 Reading Talk at 18h00. Grade 1 parents and new Grade 2 and 3 parents are invited.
1 February	High School Expo in the school hall from 18h00 to 20h00
3 February	Open Day for Grades R – 7 pupils: 2018
9 February	Pre-primary Principal's Breakfast
9 February	Senior Phase Gala
13 February	SGB Parent Representative By-Election Meeting
14 February	Valentine's Day - Civvies
21 February	Inter-school Lit Quiz
22 February	Grade 4 Cake Sale
24 February	MGPS 50 th Tea Party
27 February	Adjourned SGB Parent Representative By-Election Meeting
1 March	National Lit Quiz Finals
3 March	Family Social (Tentative)
6 – 7 March	Grade 5 Excursion to Roselands
8 March	Grade 4 Excursion to Tala Game Reserve
15 March	Grade 6 Cake Sale
16 March	Foundation Phase Gala
24 March	End of Extra-Mural Programme
25 March	MGPS 50 th Fun Walk
28 March	Foundation Phase Movie Night
31 March	Break-up Day
18 April	Second Term Starts

APOLOGY

Ms Sullivan apologizes to Joseph Lavoipierre (Grade 7S) for having left his name off the list of achievers for the Living Maths Mathletics Olympiad 2016. Joseph achieved third place in Grade 6. Well done, Joseph.

TERM 1 MONITORS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 children who have been chosen as our 1st term monitors. We look forward to the assistance they will render to their fellow pupils.

Karl Berger	Liyah Ally	Benjamin Humphrey
Jenna Fourie	Naledi Letuka	Divine Haguma
Aphelele Mbonambi	Erin Joubert	Yani Mnguni
Anikwa Mkhabela	Litha Mpondo	Andrea Morris
Ayabulela Ngalwa	Neliswa Ngubane	Vitthal Ramessur
Levash Padayachee	Nthabiseng Serakoeng	Eleanor Webber

GRADE 1 READING TALK AND NEW GRADE 2 AND 3 PARENTS WELCOME

Date : 31 January 2017
 Day : Tuesday
 Time : 18h00 – 19h30
 Venue : School Hall

We encourage **ALL** Grade 1 parents and new parents of children in Grades 2 and 3 to attend so as to become familiar with the MGPS approach to teaching reading. There will be books on sale which may be donated to the school in your child's name. A child minding facility will be available in the reading room in the Junior Primary Aftercare room.

GRADE R - 7 OPEN DAY 2018

Date : **Friday 3 February 2017**
 Time : **07h30 – 10h00**

We invite all prospective 2018 parents and children to attend a special assembly and a guided tour of the school. For further information, contact Mrs Daniels on 031-261 1401 or email ydaniels@mgps.org.za. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

APPLICATION FOR CURRENT GRADE R TO GRADE 1 IN 2018

Please be advised that admission into Grade 1 is not automatic. Application forms will be sent home with your child for re-registration in Grade 1 in 2018. Do not submit documentation unless your details have changed (address, contact numbers, etc.), kindly rectify it on the form and attach documentation. Please return this application form as soon as possible to the Grade R class teacher.

MGPS 2016 GRADE 7 PRIZE GIVING AWARDEES

We congratulate the following Grade 7 children who were our high academic, sporting and cultural achievers in 2016.

ACHIEVEMENT	NAMES
Harries Sporting Achievement Trophy	Luke Fowler
Chess Trophy	Nashlin Pather and Luay Wernich
Benn Sporting Achievement Trophy	Emma-Daisy Ballantine
Star Reader Certificates	Sharon Adejimi, Sophia Brink, Bethany Chappe De Leonval, Rachel Thorne
STEEN READING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY	Sophia Brink
MERIT CERTIFICATES (Pupils who have achieved a year's average of 80% and over)	Sharon Adejimi, Sophia Brink, Jessica Jolley, Nidhi Mahabir, Shivaan Naicker, Nashlin Pather, Rachel Thorne
SUBJECT PRIZES:	
ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT	Rachel Thorne – 91%
ENGLISH EFFORT	Jessica Jolley
AFRIKAANS ACHIEVEMENT	Sophia Brink and Nidhi Mahabir – 81%
AFRIKAANS EFFORT	Rachel Thorne and Sharon Adejimi
BILINGUALISM TROPHY: (English and Afrikaans)	Rachel Thorne – 82.5%
ZULU ACHIEVEMENT	Akum Mkhwanazi – 85%
ZULU EFFORT	Olwami Goneke
BILINGUALISM ACHIEVEMENT (ENGLISH AND ZULU)	Siphokazi Mkhize – 76%
MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT	Jessica Jolley – 95%
MATHEMATICS EFFORT	Rachel Thorne
THE MEYER PROBLEM SOLVING TROPHY	Nashlin Pather: 1 st HMC and 2 nd Beyond Maths
NATURAL SCIENCES ACHIEVEMENT	Rachel Thorne – 97%
NATURAL SCIENCES EFFORT	Emma Rixon
THE WEBB TROPHY	Jessica Jolley – 88%
SOCIAL SCIENCES ACHIEVEMENT	Rachel Thorne – 86%
SOCIAL SCIENCES EFFORT	Nidhi Mahabir and Kieran Zinn
TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT	Sharon Adejimi – 93%
TECHNOLOGY EFFORT	Naomi Pillai
ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCES ACHIEVEMENT	Jessica Jolley – 88%
ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCES EFFORT	Sharon Adejimi
KAY MULLER ART ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY	Nidhi Mahabir
ART EFFORT	Naomi Pillai
MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY	Jessica Jolley and Sharon Adejimi
MUSIC EFFORT	Sophia Brink
THE ROSELT BOOK PRIZE	Mathew Van Vuuren
SOBEY PRIZE FOR PERCUSSION	Sharon Adejimi
THE EWAN SLABBER MUSIC TROPHY	Jessica Jolley
FELLOWSHIP TROPHY	Rachel Thorne
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TROPHY	Nicole Oosthuizen
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL	Sharon Adejimi
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	Emma-Daisy Ballantine
DUNCAN MCDONALD ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT	Sharon Adejimi and Rachel Thorne
DUX PROXIME ACCESSIT	Sharon Adejimi and Rachel Thorne – 84%
DUX AWARD	Jessica Jolley – 88%

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY PARENT REPRESENTATIVE BY-ELECTION MEETING

There is a parent representative vacancy on the SGB so Manor Gardens Primary will be holding a nomination and by-election meeting on Monday 13 February 2017 at 17h30 in the school hall. Should a quorum of 15% of parent voters on the voters roll not be present, the nomination and by-election meeting will be adjourned to Monday 27 February.

I trust that you will give much thought to the nomination and by-election of a parent representative member to the School's Governing Body and select someone who has the 'will and the skill' and the time to work with fellow SGB members in the best interests of your child's school.

Nominations forms are available from the school's administration office. A Nomination Form and an Acceptance of Nomination Form must be completed by the nominee and his/her proposer and seconder and returned to school by Friday 10 February 2017.

A child minding service will be available for parents attending the parent by-election meeting in the JP Aftercare room.

Please find attached the notice of the parent representative by-election meeting and return the reply slip by Wednesday 8 February 2017.

NAME BADGES – IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

All children are requested to wear their name badges to school every day so that they can be referred to by their names. This will promote a sense of identity and a sense of belonging within the school community.

ALL new children and current children, who require replacement name badges, must please send R20.00 in a clearly marked sealed envelope to the class teacher by Tuesday 31 January 2017.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

In the interest of MGPS being an eco-friendly school, newsletters will be put onto the D6 communicator for parents to easily access. Kindly complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter specifying whether you would require a hardcopy of the newsletter.

D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

Manor Gardens Primary uses the D6 School Communicator which is an innovative and exciting way of communicating with parents and keep you up to date with what's happening at the school. It updates automatically, and brings you all the latest news and calendar events. It also contains a photo gallery, contact list and a range of useful links and documents.

In order for us to improve our communication with you, we encourage you to install the d6 School Communicator on both your computer and mobile phone. It is safe and secure, and is used daily by more than ¼ million people worldwide. Please find attached an easy to install guide for your mobile and office computer.

TUCK SHOP PRICE LIST 2017

ORDERS:	
Pies (Steak / Chicken)	R14.00
Hot Dogs (Meat / Veg)	R 9.00
Popcorn	R 4.00
PURCHASE AT THE TUCK SHOP:	
Energade	R12.00
Milk drinks / Biltong	R10.00
Cans / Jelly Beans	R 9.00
Flavoured water / Fruit juice (200ml) / Wine gums	R 8.00
Chips / Jelly tots	R 7.00
Still water / PS chocolate / Wonder bars / Lunch bars	R 6.00
XXX mints / Smarties / Milk lollies	R 5.00
Fizzers	R 2.00
Eclairs (2)	R 1.00

DO NOT SEND SICK OR TIRED CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Parents are urged to please keep their sick or tired children at home and **NOT** send them to school. Some children come to sleep in the Sick Room as they have had a late night. If your child is not well or tired, please **DO NOT** send them to school as it is a disruption to the teacher and the rest of the class. It is also disruptive when the secretary has parents calling in to find out about the wellbeing of their children as they were sick before they left home.

FREQUENT ADMIN OFFICE INTERRUPTIONS

The front office is frequently interrupted during the course of the school day by parents bringing forgotten items to school for their children or parents phoning in requesting a message be passed on to their child. Please ensure that all necessary items and arrangements for the day are made before leaving home. This will reduce interruptions during valuable teaching time. Please ensure that your child comes through to the office to collect forgotten items at break times.

SPORTS NEWS – Mr Goodwin and Miss Botha

Sports Practices and Matches: Dress Code

Please ensure that your children come to school with the correct sports kit required for that particular sport. Please be advised that if they are not appropriately attired, they will not be allowed to participate in a sports practice or match. Please teach them to be responsible by making sure that they do not leave their sports kits at home, but pack them in their bags the night before.

Please note: The white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge is worn at sports matches only and the house colour T-shirt is worn at sports practices only.

Swimming

Senior Primary Gala

The Intermediate and Senior Phase Inter House Gala will be held on Tuesday 9 February starting at 17h30. Spectators are welcome.

All swimmers and spectators need to be at school at 17h00 for the gala to commence at 17h30. The gala is compulsory, so those pupils who are not swimming have to attend the gala as spectators. The tuck shop will be open with a selection of food for parents. We urge all parents to come and show their support for the swimmers.

Please note: There will be no Grade 4 – 7 Extra-Mural Activities on Tuesday 9 February.

Fixtures

Cricket

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
25 January	U10	St Henrys Marist Brothers	MGPS
28 January	U11	St Henrys Marist Brothers	MGPS
	U13B	St Henrys Marist Brothers	St Henrys Marist Brothers
	U13A	St Henrys Marist Brothers	St Henrys Marist Brothers
01 February	U10 / U11	Sherwood Primary School	Sherwood Primary School
02 February	U13	Sherwood Primary School	MGPS
08 February	U10	Clarence Primary School	MGPS
	U11	Clarence Primary School	Clarence Primary School
09 February	U13	Clarence Primary School	MGPS
15 February	U10	Port Natal School	Port Natal School
	U11	Port Natal School	MGPS

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
16 February	U13	Port Natal School	MGPS
	U13	Clarence Primary School	MGPS
22 February	U10	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
	U13B	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS
23 February	U11	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS
	U13A	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
25 February	U10	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School
	U11	Pitlochry Primary School	MGPS
	U13	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School
MARCH			
01 March	U10	Durban Primary School	Durban Primary School
	U11	Durban Primary School	MGPS
02 March	U13	Durban Primary School	Durban Primary School
08 March	U10 /U11	Morningside Primary School	Morningside Primary School
09 March	U13	Morningside Primary School	MGPS

Mini cricket

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
02 February	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1
09 February	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1
16 February	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1
23 February	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1
02 March	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1
16 March	MGPS 1	Eden College	MGPS 1

Touch Rugby

Matches to be played at Kings Park Stadium: 3, 10, 17 and 24 of February and 3, 10 17 and 24 of March.

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REPLY SLIP: NEWSLETTER HARD COPY

I, _____ parents of _____ (name/s of child/ren)

in Grade/s _____ would like to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter.

Parent / Guardian's signature: _____