



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 3

31 January 2017

"Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow." – A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

DATES TO DIARISE

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| 31 January | Reading Talk – Grade 1 and new 2 and 3 parents are invited to a reading talk at 18h00 |
| 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 | Grade 5 Cake Sale |
| 8 February | Senior Phase Gala at 17h30. Children to be at school by 17h00 |
| 13 February | SGB Parent Representative By-Election Meeting at 17h30 |
| 14 February | Valentine's Day - Civvies |
| 21 February | Inter-school Lit Quiz |
| 22 February | Grade 4 Cake Sale |
| 23 February | HPV Round One – Grade 4 girls or girls who are nine years old |
| 24 February | MGPS 50 th Tea Party |
| 27 February | Adjourned SGB Parent Representative By-Election Meeting at 17h30 |
| 27 February – 3 March | Swim-a-thon |
| 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 |
| 30 March | Foundation Phase Movie Night |
| 31 March | Break-up Day |
| 18 April | Second Term Starts |

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Charlene May and her fiancé, Jason Moskovitch, on their marriage last Saturday. We wish them everything of the best in life as husband and wife. Fortunately, Mrs Moskovitch's class will still be known as '1M'!

APOLOGIES FOR POOR COMMUNICATION DUE TO AN INTERNET CABLE FAULT

We apologize for the School's poor email communication over the last two weeks. Unfortunately, our access to the internet has been either intermittent or none existent due to a fault in the ADSL cable. Manor Gardens Primary will be using an optic fiber cable soon.

APPRECIATION: GRADE 3 CAKE SALE

Thank you to the Grade 3 parents who kindly brought cakes and delicious eats for our cake sale. Well done to the parents and children for their sterling work in sorting and pricing the eats, manning the tables and cleaning up afterwards. An amount of R3810.90 was raised.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Past pupil, Glenda Watt who matriculated at Durban Girls College, did exceptionally well in the Independent Examinations Board National Senior Certificate examinations in 2016 and featured on the list of outstanding achievers, meaning she was in the top 1% in the country in the 6 or more subjects! MGPS is so proud of you, Glenda.
- Well done to Karl Berger in Grade 7S, who has been selected to represent KZN Fencing in the U13 epee event at Junior Nationals in Johannesburg on 4 and 5 February 2017. Good luck, Karl.

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.

TUCKSHOP FOOD ORDERS AND MONEY PAID ON WEDNESDAYS NOW

Children are requested to place their Tuckshop food orders and pay for them on Wednesdays in future so that the correct number of pies, hotdogs and packets of popcorn can be prepared timeously for Friday's break period. Tuckshop food orders may not be changed or placed after Wednesdays. This new procedure will help to improve Tuckshop service delivery.

TUCK SHOP PRICE LIST 2017

| ORDERS: | |
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| Pies (Steak / Chicken) | R14.00 |
| Hot Dogs (Meat / Veg) | R 9.00 |
| Popcorn | R 4.00 |
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| PURCHASE AT THE TUCK SHOP: | |
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| 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 |

CHILDREN TO BE ESCORTED TO THE GATE ONLY IN FUTURE

During the first week of school, parents may accompany their child to his/her classroom, however, from the second week, children must be allowed to walk independently from the gate to their classroom.

DROPPING OFF AND PARKING IN THE CARPARK

Please be advised that it is illegal to park on the pavement. We have engaged the Ethekeeni traffic department to help MGPS put a stop to parents parking on the pavement because it endangers the lives of children alighting from vehicles and pedestrians who are forced to walk in the road.

Please only use our car park which has been allocated for the sole use of safely dropping off and collecting children. Please park at the far end of the car park closer to the end of Dale Road if you need to park and leave your vehicle. In this position your vehicle will be out of the way and will not obstruct the free flow of cars closer to the school's entrance.

APPLICATION FOR CURRENT GRADE R TO GRADE 1 IN 2018

Please be advised that admission into Grade 1 at Manor Gardens Primary School is not automatic. An application form will be sent home with your child for re-registration into Grade 1 in 2018. If your details have changed (e.g. address, contact numbers, employment, etc.) kindly update them and attach the required supporting documents. If your details have not changed, do not attach any documents. Please return this completed application form to the Grade R class teacher as soon as possible.

INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Departments of Health, Basic Education and Social Development provide health services to the Grade 1 and 4 pupils at Manor Gardens Primary through the implementation of the Integrated School Health Programme. However, Grade 1 and 4 parents have to complete and return the 'Permission/Consent' forms to school before their child may receive these services. The forms will be sent home with all Grade 1 and 4 children on Tuesday 31 and they must be returned by Monday 6 February.

The Grade 1 children will undergo health screening for oral health, vision, hearing and general good health in August (date to be confirmed) and the Grade 4 girls will receive their HPV vaccinations on 23 February by qualified nurses at school.

The Grade 1 parents are also requested to send the children's Road to Health Charts to school before the health screening date in August so the nurses can ensure that their immunization status is up to date. Of particular concern is the tetanus, diphtheria and inactivated polio vaccine that should be administered when a child turns 6 years of age.

Any Grade 1 or 4 child who requires the other services listed on the form will be seen by the nurses on the day of their visits to the school.

SCHOOL EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES SUPERSEDE PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons on the school property may only commence after the school's extra mural activities have ended for a particular age group. Children may not leave an extra mural activity early to attend a private lesson. For example, the Grade 3 children may not leave mini-netball or mini-cricket before 15h00 to attend a ballet lesson in the hall or an Experi-Buddies class in a classroom. Children have to remain committed to the extra mural activity of their choice and attend for the duration of the lesson or coaching session.

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 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 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 who you believe 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 election meetings.

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

VALENTINE CIVVIES DAY

Children may dress-up in the traditional red and white on **Tuesday 14 February** at no cost.

SPORTS NEWS – Mr Goodwin and Miss Botha

Swimming

Senior Primary Gala

The Intermediate and Senior Phase Inter House Gala will be held on **WEDNESDAY 8 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 Wednesday 8 February.

Results

Cricket

- U10 vs St Henry's Marist College
 St Henry's – 143/ 2
 MGPS – 60/ 5
 Ronin Chetty – 25 not out
St Henry's won by 83 runs
- U11 vs St Henry's Marist College
 St Henry's – 156
Best MGPS Bowler: Sa'ad Hansa – 2 for 43
 MGPS – 156
 Jack White – 51
 Samora Leslie – 52
Match was a tie
- U13A vs St Henry's Marist College
 St Henry's – 156/9
 Keaton Murray – 2 wickets
 Daniel Butterworth – 2 wickets
 MGPS – 126/7
 Jake Scholtz – 32
St Henry's won by 30 runs

Fixtures

| DATE | TEAM | SCHOOL | VENUE |
|--------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 02 February | U13 | Sherwood Primary School | MGPS |
| 07 February | U10 | Clarence Primary School | MGPS |
| | U11 | Clarence Primary School | Clarence Primary School |
| 09 February | U13 | Clarence Primary School | Home |
| 15 February | U10 | Port Natal School | Port Natal School |
| | U11 | Port Natal School | MGPS |
| 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 – Miss Botha

| DATE | GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00 | VENUE | GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00 |
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| 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: 10, 17 and 24 of February and 3, 10 17 and 24 of March.

**CAROL LOTTERING
 PRINCIPAL**