



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 4

7 February 2017

"Even the wildest dreams have to start somewhere. Allow yourself the time and space to let your mind wander and your imagination fly." – Oprah Winfrey

DATES TO DIARISE

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| 8 February | Senior Phase Gala at 17h30. Children to be at school by 17h00 |
| 9 February | Pre-primary Principal's Breakfast |
| 9 February | Grade 5 Cake Sale |
| 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 |
| 22 February | Girls "D" League Inter-school Gala at Kingspark Pool starting at 13h00 |
| 23 February | Boys "E" League Inter-school Gala at Kingspark Pool starting at 13h00 |
| 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 |

APPRECIATION: HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

A big 'Thank You!' to Mrs Sibson and Mrs Sobey for hosting a very effective High School Expo at Manor Gardens Primary to assist parents of Grade 6 and 7 children educated in the greater Glenwood area to get information about the local public and private high schools.

OPEN DAY APPRECIATION

We had a very successful Open Day last week. Heartfelt thanks go to:

- Mrs Sobey for her leadership and directing the staff in their preparations of the school for Open Day.
- The Grade 7 children for taking the visitors on a tour of the school and proving to be wonderful MGPS ambassadors.
- Miss Wilken, Miss May, Advanced Recorders, Ensemble, Percussion Group, Grade One Choir and Grade One children for once again delighting us with their musical programme.
- Mrs Daniels, Mrs Merchant and Mrs Samuels for providing prospective parents with application forms and assisting with their questions.
- Foundation Phase Head of Department, Mrs Devere-Loots, and Intermediate and Senior Phases Head of Department, Mrs Sibson, and the staff for their preparation and organization of the children.
- Grade 2 parents Maureen and Donovan Lang, Sameera Mather, Mlindeli Masango, Barka Mistrey, Zandile Ntshangase, Rene' Pillay, Emmy Tedder, Boitumelo Tshabalala and members of staff for serving refreshments to our visitors.

APPLICATION FOR SIBLINGS TO GRADE R and GRADE 1 IN 2018

Acceptance of siblings is not automatic. If you have not already made an application, please do so as soon as possible.

GRADE 5 CAKE SALE

The Grade 5 children will be having a cake sale on Thursday 9 February during the breaks. Please give your children coins with which to buy.

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 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.

Nomination 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 for children 3 years of age and older will be available in the Junior Primary Aftercare for parents attending the parent by-election meetings.

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

PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AFTERNOON

Please be advised that parents, guardians, grandparents, drivers, etc. are not allowed to come and watch the extra mural activities that their children participate in during the afternoons because these coaching and training sessions are still part the teaching day. The children and staff may not be distracted and planned lessons may not be disturbed.

Everyone is welcome to watch the inter-house and inter-school matches and will be notified of the dates in the newsletter and on the D6 Communicator.

VALENTINE CIVVIES DAY

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

GLENRIDGE PRE-PRIMARY OPEN DAY

Glenridge Pre-primary in Rif Road will be having their Open Day for 2018 on Saturday 4 March 2017. For further information, please contact Glenridge Pre-primary on 031-261 7272 or at email: admin@glenridgepps.co.za

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 in their PE kit without shoes (house colour T-shirt and green PE shorts). 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.

Fixtures

| DATE | TEAM | SCHOOL | VENUE |
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| 07 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 |
| 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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| 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 on 10, 17 and 24 of February and 3, 10 17 and 24 of March.

**CAROL LOTTERING
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