



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

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
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
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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