



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use." – Earl Nightingale

DATES TO DIARISE

31 July	Third term extra mural activity programme begins.
1 – 4 August	Coastal Principals Conference
2 – 3 August	Speech and Drama Festival
3 August	Grade 2 Cake Sale
8 August	Beyond Maths – Round 2 at Glenwood Preparatory School at 15h00 (Grade 5, 6 and 7)
9 August	Public Holiday – National Women's Day
30 August	The Sharks School Roadshow at 09h00
20 September	Foundation Phase Play 'The Elephant's Child' – Dress Rehearsal
22 September	Foundation Phase Play 'The Elephant's Child' – Pre-Primary Schools and Grandparents
24 September	Public Holiday – Heritage Day
25 September	Public Holiday
27 September	FP Play – First Performance at 18h30
28 September	FP Play – Second Performance at 18h30
29 September	End of the Third Term

WELCOME TO TERM 3

We welcome all members of our school community to the third academic term! May this term be a happy and rewarding one.

Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the time of Nelson Mandela's death, told newspaper reporters that Mandela was "a giant for justice" whose "selfless struggle for human dignity, equality and freedom" inspired many people around the world. He said, "No one did more in our time to advance the values and aspirations of the United Nations. Nelson Mandela showed what is possible for our world, and within each one of us, if we believe a dream and work together for justice and humanity. Let us continue each day to be inspired by Nelson Mandela's lifelong example to keep working for a better and more just world."

Let our lives be guided by Ban Ki-moon's words and by our past South African iconic leader during every day of the year, not only during the month of July.

STAFF UPDATE

- We warmly welcome:
 - Mrs Tory Joubert back to her Grade 5 teaching post after six months maternity leave. We thank Mr John Connellan, the locum tenens teacher, for giving the children in her class a very good grounding inside and outside the Grade 5 classroom.
 - Miss Caitlin Hempel, the new Grade 3 teacher. We wish her well and look forward to the special contribution that she will make to the school.
- We congratulate Miss Teagan Botha and Julian Fernandez, her fiancé, on their engagement during the July holidays. We wish them everything of the best as they enter the new chapter of their romantic journey.
- We will have to bid farewell to Mrs Glenda Samuels, the half day financial assistant, during this term as she plans to spend more time supporting her husband with his business endeavours. We thank her for her sterling contribution towards the effective running of the finance office operations. We will do our best to recruit someone as capable, conscientious and cheerful.

MGPS VACANT HALF DAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANT SGB POST FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

The following advertisement will be printed in the local newspapers and is supplied here for your information.

MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY
½ DAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANT
SGB POST - SEPT 2017

Require English proficient financial assistant with matric, financial and administrative skills and experience to be responsible for receipting all monies, school fees and Aftercare fees in arrears, legal collections and school fee exemptions. Word, Excel and 5 years current experience are essential. Edupac and 5 years school experience are advantages.

Send a 2-page CV with 2 traceable references **to Fax No. 031-261 6166 or info@mgps.co** by 14h00 on Monday 14 August 2017.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. MGPS is not obliged to fill the post.

APPRECIATION

- Our heartfelt thanks to parent Jacqui Hardman for taking over the running of the uniform shop at very short notice until a parent was found to replace Margie Erasmus as the uniform shop co-ordinator. We are also extremely grateful to Jacqui Hardman, Barbara Watt and Derryn McInnes for putting in many hours of their time and effort to do the annual stock take and sort out the systems to make the hand over to Sandipa Ramkissoon as easy as possible.
- We apologize to parent Sandipa Ramkissoon who unfortunately was omitted from the 50th celebratory social evening's vote of thanks list last term. We sincerely appreciate her assistance in the various areas during our special social evening.

SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL – Mrs Sibson

The Speech and Drama Festival will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, 2 and 3 August 2017. Please ensure participating children prepare and practice their presentation.

SWIMMING POOL UPGRADE

The swimming pool has been drained of water so that we can undertake the repairs to the fibre glass lining. It will be ready for use next term when the swimming season commences again.

GRADE 2 CAKE SALE

The Grade 2 children will be having a cake sale on Thursday 3 August during the breaks. Please give your children coins with which to buy the delicious treats on sale.

TUCK SHOP

The tuck shop is open every Friday as a service to the children. If you are available to assist in the tuck shop on Fridays from 07h30 to 11h00 or / and during sporting events held at the school, please contact Jo Bredenkamp, the tuck shop co-ordinator, on 084 500 0659. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to be of service to the school and to make friends and have fun in your free time.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2017

Congratulations to the following Inter-House Cross Country Trophy Winners:

Age Group	Trophy Name	Winners Name	Sports House
Under 7 Boy	Valodia/Stanford Trophy	Benjamin Church	Tugela
Under 7 Girl	Simthandile Xaba Trophy	Catrina Horner	Tugela
Under 8 Boy	Colledge Trophy	Evan Murray	Tugela
Under 8 Girl	Naidoo Family Trophy	Amy Rose George	Ifafa
Under 9 Boy	Mallett Trophy	Thomas Howard-Davies	Tugela
Under 9 Girl	Button Trophy	Divine Onyemauche	Umgeni
Under 10 Boy	Von Weichardt Trophy	Samora Leslie	Umgeni
Under 10 Girl	MGPS Trophy	Ayanda Tshabalala	Tugela
Under 11 Boy	Muller Trophy	Jack White	Umgeni
Under 11 Girl	Garfield Stacey Trophy	Nikita Habimana	Ifafa
Under 12 Boy	Robert Yuill Trophy	Mlondi Ngcobo	Ifafa
Under 12 Girl	Greville Trophy	Nthabiseng Serakoeng	Tugela
Under 13 Boy	Dewar Trophy	David Dingani	Tugela
Under 13 Girl	Dyer Trophy	Daisy Mowat	Ifafa
Open Boys	Diana/Browning Trophy	Cole Mothilal	Tugela
Open Girls	Stella Hortop Trophy	Nandi Tshabalala	Tugela
Winning House	Potter Trophy	IFAFA	
	IFAFA – 814	UMGENI - 835	TUGELA – 875

MGPS UNIFORM IN THE COLDER MONTHS

Please ensure that your child upholds the school's uniform dress code during the cold winter months as this instills a sense of self-respect in your child and a sense of pride in the unique identity of MGPS.

All Grade 1 – 7 children may wear the full green tracksuit with the green golf shirt. **All Grade R children** may wear a full green tracksuit with their house colour T-shirt. Please note that the green jersey may not replace the tracksuit jacket when wearing the tracksuit pants. Children may only wear a school jersey under their tracksuit jacket but not without the tracksuit jacket.

DROPPING OFF AND PARKING IN THE CARPARK

Please be advised that it is illegal to park on the pavement or to drop off children in front of the stop street markings at Wheeler and Archer Roads. These actions endanger the lives of children alighting from vehicles as well as the pedestrians who are forced to walk in the road. In addition, these actions obstruct the right of way of other motorists and put their lives at risk too.

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.

Parents are encouraged to be considerate of and courteous to pedestrians and motorists and to set a good example to the children of Manor Gardens Primary School.

SCHOOL FEES

The School Governing Body thanks all those parents who have paid their school fees in full and those whose school fee payments are up to date. We are most appreciative of your financial support and commitment which ensures the provision of the excellent quality of education and high standard of facilities at MGPS.

Please be advised that 6 months school fees should have been paid by the end of June 2017. The July school fee statements will be sent out shortly and parents in arrears are urged to settle their accounts to prevent being handed over to the school's debt collection agency. Parents are advised to contact the finance office should they not receive their monthly statements via email.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha

Please note that the third term extra mural activity programme will begin on Monday 31 July. The extra mural timetable was sent home on Tuesday and the signed commitment form must be returned on Thursday this week.

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