



# Manor Gardens Primary School

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***"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King Jr.***

## DATES TO DIARISE

<b>1 – 4 August</b>	<b>Coastal Principals Conference</b>
<b>2 – 3 August</b>	<b>Speech and Drama Festival</b>
<b>2 August</b>	<b>Final Round of SA Mathematics Competition</b>
<b>3 August</b>	<b>Grade 2 Cake Sale</b>
8 August	Beyond Maths – Round 2 at Glenwood Preparatory School at 15h00 (Grade 5, 6 and 7)
<b>9 August</b>	<b>Public Holiday – National Women’s Day</b>
30 August	The Sharks School Roadshow at 09h00
31 August	Sports Photos
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
22 September	Senior Choir and Acappella group perform at the Durban Girls' High School Choir Evening
<b>24 September</b>	<b>Public Holiday – Heritage Day</b>
<b>25 September</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
27 September	FP Play – First Performance at 18h30
28 September	FP Play – Second Performance at 18h30
29 September	End of the Third Term

## TERM 3 MONITORS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 children who have been chosen as our 3<sup>rd</sup> term monitors. We look forward to the assistance they will render to their fellow pupils.

Joseph Lavoipierre	Kate Naude	Njabulo Dlamini
Lwanda Gumede	Madison Opland	Ntando Hlope
Jamie Marks	Ella Scharler	Kwenzekile Mbele
Aphelele Mkhize	Katelyn Sissing	Kirtania Moodley
Daisy Mowat	Zachary Wagner	Sifanele Ngongo
Tevin Naidoo	Tahiel Gopilal	Charalampos Pantelios

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following children were chosen for the KwaZulu-Natal Touch Rugby team: U15 Girls: Emma-Daisy Ballantine (past pupil), U15 Boys: Luke Foxon (7H), Yani Mnguni (7S), Jake Scholtz (6S), Luke Fowler (past pupil), Nicholas Foxon (past pupil), Abderahman Assila (past pupil) and U17 Boys: Ethan Ballantine (past pupil). Well done, MGPS is so proud of you!

## 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.*

## 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, practice and memorize their presentations.

## 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 until 11h00 or / and during sporting events held at the school, please contact Jo Bredekamp, 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.

### LOST PROPERTY: A CAN OF PET FOOD PENALTY

Many children are misplacing their possessions around the school consequently items are piling up in the lost property containers. We appreciate that replacing lost uniform and equipment is expensive. In order to encourage our children to be more responsible about their possessions, we are going to reintroduce the penalty of producing a can of pet food for the retrieval of an item of lost property. Pocket money should be used to purchase a can of pet food which is presented to Mrs Sibson in her departmental head office in exchange for lost property.

Please mark your child's school clothes, sports clothes, lunch boxes, shoes and sports equipment clearly with first name and surname to make it easier to identify the rightful owner when misplaced.

### CARPARK: DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN SAFELY

In the interests of the safety of our children, pedestrians and motorists, please use the school's off the road, safe, spacious car park area and do not drop off or collect children in Dale, Archer or Wheeler Roads. Please let the principal know of the adults who put our children's lives at risk and supply a description of the motorist, the vehicle and its registration details.

### 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.

### 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

#### Results

##### Softball

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
MGPS A - Boys	Penzance A	10 - 10 Drew
MGPS B	Glenmore B	10 - 13 Lost
MGPS A – Girls	Penzance A	6 - 8 Lost
MGPS B	Woodlands B	7 - 0 Won

##### Chess

MGPS vs Penzance B	1 – 4 Lost
MGPS vs St Henry's Marist College	2 – 3 Lost
MGPS vs Maris Stella	4 – 1 Won
MGPS vs Glenmore Primary School	2 – 3 Lost
MGPS vs Gordon Road Girls School	5 – 0 Won

Congratulations to Vitthal Ramessur (7H) who won all 5 Chess matches. Well done! MGPS is very proud of you.

#### Fixtures

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DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
4 August	15h10	MGPS B	Penzance C	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
	14h00	MGPS A	Athol Heights A	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
	14h00	MGPS A	Westville A	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
11 August	14h00	MGPS A	Greenwood Park A	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
	15h10	MGPS B	Highway College A	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
18 August	14h00	MGPS A	Penzance B	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
25 August	14h00	MGPS A	Athol Heights B	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
	14h00	MGPS B	Penzance D	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
8 September	14h00	MGPS B	Westville B	Queensmead Hockey Stadium
15 September	15h10	MGPS B	Woodlands A	Queensmead Hockey Stadium