



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." Mother Theresa of Calcutta

DATES TO DIARISE

24 August	Foundation Phase Inter-house Sports Day
30 August	The Sharks School Roadshow at 09h00
31 August	Class and Individual photos
31 August	Inter-school Athletics Meeting at Port Natal School at 13h00
1 September	Pizza Friday
4 September	Eid-Al-Adha Assembly
8 September	Grade R Grandparents Day
11 September	Sports Photos
15 September	Sunflower Day
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	MGPS will perform at the Durban Girls' High School Choir Evening
24 September	Public Holiday – Heritage Day (Sunday)
25 September	Public Holiday (Monday)
27 September	FP Play – First Performance at 18h30
28 September	FP Play – Second Performance at 18h30
29 September	End of the Third Term

CONGRATULATIONS

- Nozipho Zikhali in Grade 6D and Jemma Kasavan in Grade 6S, received silver and bronze medals, respectively, for their participation in the Eskom Science Expo on Saturday which is open to children from Grade 5 to Grade 12 (Matric).
- Jemma Kasavan in Grade 6S was awarded the Speech and Drama Festival Bursary. Well done! MGPS is proud of both of you.

APPRECIATION: INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR PHASES ATHLETICS MEETING

We express our gratitude to each person who played a part to make MGPS's 2017 Intermediate and Senior Phases Athletics meeting a most enjoyable and successful sporting event. The trophies were awarded by our Guest of Honour, Johan Van der Molen, MGPS's School Governing Body chairperson.

We congratulate the following trophy winners:

Trophy	Criteria	Child	House Name
Peter Hayes	Girls U12 100m	Nqobile Vumase	Umgeni
Turner	Boys U12 100m	Mondli Ngcobo	Ifafa
Aves	Girls U13 100m	Andrea Morris	Ifafa
Bricknell	Boys U13 100m	Yani Mnguni	Ifafa
MGPS	Boys U10 800m	Linda Mlungwana	Ifafa
MGPS	Girls U10 800m	Ayanda Tshabalala	Tugela
Naude	Girls U11 800m	Nikita Habimana	Ifafa
Horn	Boys U11 800m	Jack White	Umgeni
Fenelon	Girls U12 800m	Nozipho Zikhali	Tugela
Woolacot	Boys U12 800m	Mondli Ngcobo	Ifafa
Spencer	Girls U13 800m	Daisy Mowat	Ifafa
Graham-Jolly	Boys U13 800m	David Dingani	Tugela
Stacey	Girls U12 Relay		Ifafa and Tugela
Bennett	Boys U12 Relay		Ifafa
Haskins	Girls U12 1200m	Nozipho Zikhali	Tugela
Haskins	Boys U12 1200m	Mlondi Ngcobo	Ifafa
Thurtell	Best U10 Girl	Ayanda Tshabalala	Tugela
Holroyd	Best U10 Boy	Dali Maseko	Ifafa
Tyrell	Best U11 Girl	Emihle Zikhali	Ifafa
Bailey	Best U11 Boy	Jack White	Umgeni
Victrix Ludorum	Best U12 Girl	Nqobile Vumase Nozipho Zikhali	Umgeni Tugela
Victor Ludorum	Best U12 Boy	Mlondi Ngcobo	Ifafa
MGPS	Best U13 Girl	Andrea Morris	Ifafa
MGPS	Best U13 Boy	Yani Mnguni	Ifafa
MGPS	Best Open Girl	Nandi Tshabalala	Tugela
Gray	Best Open Boy	Cole Mothilal	Tugela
Spirit Trophy (House)			IFAFA
House Points	IFAFA: 245	TUGELA: 225	UMGENI: 156
WINNING HOUSE	IFAFA		

PASSING OF PAST PRINCIPAL: DR D W MCKELLAR

Sadly, Dr David McKellar, the principal of Manor Gardens Primary School from 1976 until 1980 passed away this week. He is remembered with great fondness because he was a friendly, passionate and innovative leader who did away with staid textbooks and encouraged teachers to design their own activity based worksheets incorporating a language across the curriculum approach. He later took up a lectureship position in the education faculty at Rhodes University before immigrating to the United Kingdom with his wife and children. His family, friends and past colleagues are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

FOUNDATION PHASE SPORTS DAY (Grades R – 3)

Thursday 24 August commencing at 08h30 until approximately 10h45

- All pupils will be participating, including the Grade R children and need to be at school by 07h30 as usual.
- Foundation Phase children may go home with their parents at the end of the Sports Day, provided that the early release slip has been signed and returned to the class teacher. These will be sent home next week.
- Children who remain at school will be supervised by their class teachers until the end of the normal school day which is 12h30 for Grade R, 1, 2 and 13h50 for Grade 3 children.
- Aftercare will operate as usual.
- Pupils must wear their P.E. kit to school on this day i.e. green P.E. shorts and coloured sports house T-shirts.
- Pupils must wear their hats (clearly marked with child's name).
- Sunscreen is to be applied at home.
- Children may not take eats onto the stands; however, they may take a bottle of juice or water with them.
- Children will not be allowed to leave the stands during Sports Day to go to the tuck shop, however, the tuck shop will remain open after the event in order for children to buy lunch.
- Parents may not give or take food or drinks to the children during the Sports Day.
- Parents may not purchase items from the tuckshop for their children until after the Sports Day.
- Parents are encouraged to bring hats and sun glasses, as they may be facing into the sun.

We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Day.

PLEASE NOTE: Mini Hockey matches will take place as usual on this day for the Grade 2 and 3 children if they have been selected to play.

TUCK SHOP – PIZZA FRIDAY

On Friday 1 September, the tuck shop will be selling pizza slices. Individual orders and money for the pizza slices will have to be sent in on Wednesday 30 August in order to make ordering of the pizza easier. The tuck shop will still be selling the normal hotdogs, pies and other food and drinks.

FP READING ROOM: Ms Oosthuizen

Thank you to the Mistrey family - Shahil in Grade 5J and Vayun in Grade 20 - for the wonderful donation of much loved and well cared for books to our FP Reading Room. They will be thoroughly enjoyed for years to come.

MEDIA CENTRE: Mrs Sobey

Thank you to the Hunter family - Leila in Grade 3B - for the generous donation of popular books to our Media Centre. They will bring much joy to our current and future children. We look forward to Leila's correspondence from her home-country Canada and a photograph of her making a snowman.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha**Fixtures****Softball**

DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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

Mini – Hockey Tournaments: Grade 2 and 3

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 14h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
24 August	MGPS	Glenwood Preparatory	MGPS
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Mini - Hockey Tournaments: Grades 1, 2 and 3

DATE	TIME	TEAM	VENUE
25 August	16h00 – 19h30	Penzance Tournament	3 Schools Astro Turf
8 September	16h00 – 19h30	Penzance Tournament	3 Schools Astro Turf

**CAROL LOTTERING
PRINCIPAL**