



# Manor Gardens Primary School

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*"Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher." Oprah Winfrey*

## DATES TO DIARISE

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| <b>30 August</b>    | <b>The Sharks School Roadshow at 09h00</b>  |
| <b>31 August</b>    | <b>Class and Individual photos</b>  |
| <b>31 August</b>    | <b>Inter-school Athletics Meeting at Port Natal School at 13h00</b>                     |
| <b>1 September</b>  | <b>Spring Day: Children are allowed to dress up in bright spring colours at no cost</b> |
| <b>1 September</b>  | <b>Pizza Friday</b>   |
| <b>4 September</b>  | <b>Eid-Al-Adha Assembly</b>   |
| 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                        |
| <b>24 September</b> | <b>Public Holiday – Heritage Day (Sunday)</b>   |
| <b>25 September</b> | <b>Public Holiday (Monday)</b>  |
| 27 September        | FP Play – First Performance at 18h30  |
| 28 September        | FP Play – Second Performance at 18h30   |
| 29 September        | End of the Third Term   |

## STAFF UPDATE

We warmly welcome Mrs Ronel Blignaut as the new Grade R and Grade 1 Aftercare facilitator. We wish her well and look forward to the special contribution that she will make to the care of our children in the afternoons.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Michaela Crankshaw in Grade 6D and Ella Scharler in Grade 7S received special achievement certificates at the inter-school public speaking competition organised by Durban Girls' High School last week. Past pupil, Thando Mzimela, who left MGPS at the beginning of his Grade 5 year and who is currently a pupil at Berea West Primary, won the best Grade 7 public speaker award.
- The best eight MGPS public speakers will present their speeches over two assemblies. Calene Lalla in Grade 7H, Shiann Pillay in Grade 6D, Michaela Crankshaw in Grade 6D and Ella Scharler in Grade 7S shared their speeches on 28 August. Coamhe Lalla in Grade 6D, Jemma Kasavan in Grade 6S, Litha Mpondo in Grade 7S and Priyanka Govender in Grade 6D will share their speeches on 4 September.

## APPRECIATION: FOUNDATION PHASE SPORTS DAY

We express our gratitude to the many people who made MGPS's 2017 Foundation Phase Sports Day a most enjoyable and successful sporting event during which every FP child celebrated his/her ability to skillfully run on South African soil and work as a team member.

### We congratulate the following trophy recipients:

| TROPHY                               | CHILD'S NAME         | SPORTS HOUSE |       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------|
| Best Under 7 Girl                    | Talia Steela         | Umgeni       |       |
| Best Under 7 Boy                     | Benjamin Church      | Tugela       |       |
| Best Under 8 Girl                    | Juliette Reuning     | Ifafa        |       |
| Best Under 8 Boy                     | Sipheshle Ntshangase | Tugela       |       |
| Best Under 9 Girl – Bricknell Trophy | Divine Onyemauche    | Umgeni       |       |
| Best Under 9 Boy – Dobson Trophy     | Nqubeko Ngwenya      | Tugela       |       |
| <b>Winning House</b>                 | <b>TUGELA - 183</b>  | Tugela       | - 183 |
|                                      |                      | Umgeni       | - 177 |
|                                      |                      | Ifafa        | - 145 |

## SPRING DAY: FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Children may dress up in bright colours to celebrate the arrival of spring on Spring Day, Friday 1 September, at no cost.

## TUCK SHOP: PIZZA FRIDAY ON SPRING DAY

On Spring Day, Friday 1 September, the tuck shop will be selling cheese pizza slices at R8.00 each and pepperoni pizza slices at R12.00 each. 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 pizzas easier. The tuck shop will still be selling the usual hotdogs, pies and other food and drinks on Friday.

## DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS ARE NOT WELCOME AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that dogs or any other animals may not be brought to school.

## LICE CHECK

Parents are requested to please check their children's hair on a regular basis for the presence of lice and treat accordingly.

### LIGHTING AND DRAPING CONTACTS - FOUNDATION PHASE PLAY

We are looking for contacts in the lighting and draping industry to assist with decorating our hall for the Foundation Phase play. If you know of anyone who can assist, or if you are able to, please email Grade 3 teacher, Mrs Andrew-Govender at [agovender@mgps.org.za](mailto:agovender@mgps.org.za)

### UPHOLSTERY RESTORER: RECEPTION OFFICE UPGRADE

We are looking for contacts in the upholstery industry to assist with upgrading the furniture in the reception office. If you know of anyone who can assist, or if you are able to, please email Mrs Daniels at [ydaniels@mgps.org.za](mailto:ydaniels@mgps.org.za)

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEE LETTERS ARE COMPULSORY

In accordance with The South African Schools Act (No. 84 of 1996), it is compulsory for children to attend school every day of the academic year. Furthermore, Manor Gardens Primary is an excellent school and therefore actively encourages 100% pupil and staff attendance as well teaching and assessing on every day of the academic term. Please note that children may not be absent from school on their birthdays.

#### Pupils are obliged to:

- Attend every prescribed school day,
- Never leave the school grounds in the morning before the school day starts or during school hours without the permission of the principal;
- On their first day back to school after an absence, bring a parents letter addressed to the principal explaining their absence;

#### Parents are obliged to:

- Ensure their children attend every prescribed school day;
- Provide a written request, addressed to the principal, with reasons for a child to be excused early from any school activity, or to arrive late at school or to be absent from school;
- Provide a letter, addressed to the principal, on the first day back to school from any absence which explains the reasons for the absence;
- Provide a professional doctor's medical certificate after an absence of three days or more on the first day back to school;
- Make dental, medical and remedial appointments outside school hours.
- Write an absentee letter on a separate piece of paper, and not in the homework notebook, as the letter will be placed in the child's file.

### STAFF ROOM AND STAFF GARDEN ARE 'NO GO' AREAS

The staff room and the garden outside the staffroom's sliding door are out of bounds to children and their parents. The pupil's lost property containers stored outside the staff kitchen may only be accessed from the corridors.

### PARENTS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents are reminded that they must report to the reception office during school hours for the secretary's assistance because they may not accompany late children or take forgotten items to the classrooms. On no account may parents arrive unannounced at any teaching or coaching venue during the school day. The learning process may not be disrupted under any circumstances.

### SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha

#### Results

##### Softball

| TEAM         | SCHOOL                       | RESULT      |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| U13A – Girls | Hillcrest High               | 5 – 11 Lost |
| U13A – Girls | Benjamin Pine Primary School | 0 – 7 Lost  |
| U13A – Boys  | Atholl Heights B             | 9 – 2 Won   |
| U13B – Boys  | Penzance Primary School D    | 0 – 7 Lost  |

##### Hockey

| TEAM      | SCHOOL              | RESULT    |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| U10 Girls | Holy Family College | 6 – 0 Won |
| U11 Girls | Holy Family College | 2 – 0 Won |
| U13 Girls | Holy Family College | 3 – 0 Won |

#### Fixtures

##### Softball

| DATE         | TIME  | TEAM   | SCHOOL      | VENUE                     |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 31 August   | MGPS                          | Glenwood Preparatory | MGPS                            |
| 7 September | MGPS                          | Glenwood Preparatory | MGPS                            |

##### Mini - Hockey Tournaments: Grades 1, 2 and 3

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