



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 28

5 SEPTEMBER 2017

**"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."
- Edgar Allan Poe**

DATES TO DIARISE

8 September	Grade R Grandparents Day
11 September	Sports Photos
13 September	Grade R Occupations Dress-Up Day and Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend
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

STAFF NEWS

The following MGPS teaching posts will be advertised in the local newspapers.

SGB POST NOV 2017 – MAR 2018:

Part time isiZulu locum tenens teacher required with M+4 primary school isiZulu teaching qualification and 1st and 2nd additional language experience.

SGB POSTS FROM JAN 2018:

- **SP TEACHER** required with M+4 and Grade 4 - 7 teaching qualification and experience.
- **Part time Afrikaans teacher** required with M+4 primary school Afrikaans teaching qualification and 1st and 2nd additional language experience.

Send a 2 pg CV with references **to Fax No. 031-261 6166 or info@mgps.co** by Tuesday 26 September 2017.

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

TUCK SHOP: APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE

A big thank you to the following people who kindly assisted at the tuck shop while parent Jo Bredenkamp was down with the flu for 2 weeks.

- Parent, Barka Mistry, for her leadership role on 16, 23 and 25 August and 1 September.
- Parents Mare Brook, Marcel Edouard-Betsy and Katie Harries for their assistance on 16 August, the Senior Primary Sports Day.
- Parent Olga von Eck for her leadership role on Friday 25 August.
- Parent Marcel Edouard-Betsy for her assistance on Friday 25 August and parents Katja Correa and Shamila Naidoo for their assistance on Friday 1 September.
- Staff members Tegan Botha, Charlene Moskovitch, Isobel Sobey and Shiralee Mill for their assistance on Friday 25 August and Trisha Anderson, Charlene Moskovitch, Amanda Bega and Louise Penman and children of the Grade 1 and 2 Arts and Crafts club for the Spring Day decorations outside the tuckshop.

TUCK SHOP: NO SPORTS DRINKS AND SODA CANS FROM FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER – JO BREDEKAMP

We have done some research on the effects of sports drinks and soda cans on children's health and wellbeing. Attached please find an article from The Star newspaper which explains that ideally we should only be drinking water and milk. Sports drinks are designed to replace electrolytes lost during intense physical activity of long duration. Sodas contain high levels of sugar (and caffeine) which is not conducive to optimal concentration for learning and a healthy diet. Therefore, as a school, the tuck shop will not be selling Energades and soda cans to pupils during the school day, as of Friday, 8 September 2017. The shop will continue to sell a selection of still, sparkling and flavoured waters, flavoured milk drinks and fruit juice to children. Soda cans will still be available for sale at social events to everyone but only to adults at sports matches and athletics meetings and galas.

TUCK SHOP ORDERS ON FRIDAYS

Children will place their orders for tuck shop food items with their class teacher on Fridays and not Wednesdays, from this week onwards.

FOUNDATION PHASE PLAY: 'THE ELEPHANT'S CHILD' – Mrs Devere-Loots

The performances of the Foundation Phase Play called, 'The Elephant's Child', will be on Wednesday 27 September and Thursday 28 September at 18h30. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 5 September. The price of these tickets is R35.00 each. Please send the correct amount of money in an envelope which indicates clearly:

1. Your child's name and class
2. The evening for which you require the tickets: Wednesday 27 September or Thursday 28 September
3. The number of tickets required
4. Your preference for seats - on the stands or chairs

Tickets will be processed on the day the money is received and sent to you on the following day. Please keep your tickets in a safe place until the performance.

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

DVD / VIDEO RECORDER CONTACTS REQUIRED – FOUNDATION PHASE PLAY

As no use of cell phones, iPads and other recording devices will be allowed during the Foundation Phase play, we would like to have a DVD recorded for parents to purchase. Should any parent be able to film the play, or have a contact to do this, please contact Mrs Oosthuizen at moosthuizen@mgps.org.za, Miss Oosthuizen at doosthuizen@mgps.org.za or Mrs Andrew-Govender at 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

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.

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 as 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.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha

Results

Softball

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U13A – Girls	Athol Heights B	17 – 12 Won
U13B – Girls	Sarnia Primary School B	15 – 5 Won

Chess

The following children participated in a Chess Tournament at Glenwood Preparatory School last week. They each received a certificate for their participation:

Joshua Kippen (6S), Ethan Chinniah (6D), Kiran Malek (6D) and Jaskaran Rajaruthnam (6S) each won 3 out of 5 boards and Ronin Chetty (4MC) won 2 out of 4 boards.

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
14 September	MGPS	Glenwood Preparatory	MGPS
21 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

**CAROL LOTTERING
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