



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." – William Arthur Ward

DATES TO DIARISE

13 September	Grade R Occupations Dress-Up Day and Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend
13 September	Glenmore Sugar Relay at Glenmore Primary School from 14h00 - 15h00
15 September	Sunflower Day: wear a new tope (tube of hope) or an old bandana
15 September	Parent Viewing: Grades R to 3 from 12h30 until 13h00
18 -22 September	Walk-a-thon
20 September	Foundation Phase Play 'The Elephant's Child' – Dress Rehearsal with MGPS children audience
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
22 - 25 September	Convention of the International Confederation of Principals
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
9 October	Fourth Term begins

CONDOLENCES

Sadly, past parent Themi Venturas who was a well loved, leading, creative South African theatre practitioner passed away last night after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Trish, the principal of the Patricia McIntosh School of Ballet in Durban, and to their sons, Matthew and Alexander, who are past pupils. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

STAFF NEWS

- We welcome back Mandy Wilken, the school's music specialist teacher, after her extended adoption leave. We look forward to her valuable contribution towards the school's music programme and the forthcoming Supper Theatre at Durban Girls' High School next week and our school's Sunset Proms next term. Merle Angelos, the music locum tenens teacher, and Charlene Moskovitch, a Grade 1 teacher, will continue to be the music directors of the Foundation Phase play.
- The following MGPS teaching posts will be advertised in the local newspapers.

SGB POSTS

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.

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.

SUPPER THEATRE AT DURBAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL: FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

Manor Gardens Primary School will be participating in the Durban Girls' High School Supper Theatre event on 22 September between 18h00 and 20h00. The Senior Choir along with some guitar players and the Acappella Group will be performing on the night. The evening will be a supper theatre format, with 10 seats per table. Audience members are to bring their own snacks and beverages. The entrance to the supper theatre will be R20.00 per person. Tickets WILL NOT be on sale at the door.

Parents may only purchase tickets at Manor Gardens Primary School. Should you require tickets, please send the number of tickets required and the money to the class teacher by **no later than Thursday 14 September 2017**, in an envelope with your name and child's name and grade clearly written on the outside, together with DGHS Supper Theatre.

The children who are performing need to be at Durban Girls' High School by 17h00. They must wear the MGPS music shirt which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at school. They must also wear blue jeans with white takkies, pumps or closed shoes. If they are not in the above uniform they will not be allowed to perform. A school jacket / jersey may only be worn if it is cold but will be removed for the performance.

SWIMMING POOL REPAIRS

The repairs to the cracks in the school's swimming pool fiberglass lining will commence on Wednesday 20 September, weather permitting.

WALKATHON FUNDRAISER: 18 – 22 SEPTEMBER AND MONIES IN BY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

During the week of **18 September to 22 September 2017**, we will be holding our sponsored Walkathon. Every child will be required to walk as many laps around the field as possible in **40 minutes**. The Walkathon will take place during the Physical Education lesson. Please fill in the Walkathon sponsor form which your child brings home today and **return it on or before the 18 September 2017**. Once the Walkathon is completed, the sponsor forms will be returned indicating the number of laps each child has walked. All **monies collected must please be handed in together with the sponsor form by Thursday 28th September**. The funds raised will go towards the upgrade of our sporting facilities and equipment.

Please be advised that children and parents are responsible for looking after the Walkathon sponsor forms and making sure that they are returned to the class teacher as requested. A payment will still be required even though a Walkathon sponsor form is lost.

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

The performances of the Foundation Phase Play, 'The Elephant's Child' by Rudyard Kipling, 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.

ENVIRO NEWS – Ms Hortop

This is an exciting month with Arbor celebrations, National Clean-Up week and Heritage Day coming up. Please follow this link for a beautiful poster on the '2017 Trees of the Year' from the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI): <http://biodiversityadvisor.sanbi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/2017Trees.pdf>

Please follow this link for more information about National Clean-Up week or to participate in the exciting 2017 Clean-Up and Recycle competition for pupils to engage in clean-up activities and a chance to win some great prizes for themselves and their schools. www.cleanupandrecycle.co.za and www.plasticsinfo.co.za

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

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha

Results

Softball

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U13A – Girls	St Mary's DSG in Kloof	3 - 10 Lost
U13B – Girls	Kloof High School B	4 - 9 Lost
Boys B	Westville Senior Primary School	17 - 8 Won

Hockey

Girls vs St Henry's Marist Brothers

- U10 : 1 - 4 Lost
- U11 : 1 - 1 Drew
- U13A : 0 - 1 Lost
- U13B : 0 - 0 Drew

Fixtures

Softball

DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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
14 September	MGPS	Glenwood Preparatory	MGPS
21 September	MGPS	Glenwood Preparatory	MGPS