



# Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 30

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

*"It is essential to our well-being, and to our lives, that we play and enjoy life. Every single day do something that makes your heart sing." – Marcia Wieder*

## DATES TO DIARISE

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| 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 from 09h00 until 10h30  |
| 22 September      | MGPS will perform at the Durban Girls' High School Choir Evening from 18h00 until 20h00   |
| 22 - 25 September | Convention of the International Confederation of Principals                               |
| 22 September      | End of the Third Term Extra Mural Programme   |
| 24 September      | Public Holiday – Heritage Day (Sunday)  |
| 25 September      | Public Holiday (Monday)   |
| 26 September      | Heritage Day Dress up   |
| 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  |

## STAFF NEWS

The following MGPS teaching posts have been 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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 brought home last week and **return it asap**. 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.

## 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 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 denim 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.

## HERITAGE DAY DRESS-UP

Children may dress up in their cultural attire to celebrate the many diverse cultures of our rainbow nation on Tuesday 26 September at no cost.

## 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.

## TUCK SHOP

The tuck shop will be open on Friday 22 September for the last time this term. The Foundation Phase pupils will be able to buy their treats and enjoy their pre ordered food after they have done their dress rehearsal in the morning.

## PUPIL INDEPENDENCE

Please allow your Grade R to 7 children to walk independently from the parent's car park or the main gate to their classroom in future.

## PUPIL RESPECT REMINDER

The pupil's code of conduct states that children will respect their own emotional and physical well-being and that of others and will:

- show respect, tolerance and consideration for others
- be caring and friendly to each other
- not physically hurt any person or animal
- not bully, victimize or ridicule others
- not use foul, abusive or inappropriate language
- not hurt the feelings of others by name-calling or by passing notes
- observe rules that ensure their own and other's physical safety
- stay out of 'no go' areas.

## REMINDER: SCHOOL FEES / AFTERCARE FEES

Thank you to all parents who have paid their school fees and aftercare fees timeously. Please settle any outstanding school fee balances urgently before month end to avoid being handed over. Aftercare fees for permanent attendance is payable in advance and casuals are due immediately.

***Please note: ALL 2017 school fees MUST be settled by end of October 2017.***

## PUPIL NUMBERS FOR 2018

Parents who intend removing their children at the end of this year are asked to kindly notify us in writing as soon as possible. This **does not** include parents of children in Grade 7 who will progress into Grade 8 next year. This information will assist MGPS conclude our enrolment process of children for 2018.

## 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 of you are able to, please email Mrs Daniels at [ydaniels@mgps.org.za](mailto:ydaniels@mgps.org.za)

## ENVIRO NEWS – Ms Hortop

Manor Gardens Primary School was visited by a small group of people who were interested in our Eco School and Water Explorer activities. Two of the visitors are working on a water documentary to be shown in Brazil. Thank you to all at MGPS for their continued commitment to environmental teaching and activities. They were very impressed by our environment and ethos.

## SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Ms Botha

### Results

#### Softball

| TEAM         | SCHOOL                     | RESULT      |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| U13B – Girls | Highway College            | 17 - 13 Won |
| U13B – Boys  | Woodlands Primary School A | 16 - 2 Won  |

### Fixtures

#### Mini – Hockey Tournaments: Grade 2 and 3

| DATE         | GRADE TWO – Starting at 14h00 | VENUE                | GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00 |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 21 September | MGPS                          | Glenwood Preparatory | MGPS                            |

**Please note: THE EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER.**

**CAROL LOTTERING  
PRINCIPAL**