



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Wisdom only comes to those that are willing to search for it and learn from their experiences."
 – Celestine L. Gray

DATES TO DIARISE

12 October	Aarnout Brombacher's Mathematics Number Sense Staff Development Workshops
16 October	Start of the fourth term extra mural activities programme
17 October	Junior Primary Choir Evening at Maris Stella from 18h00 – 19h30
17 October	Glenmore Primary School General Knowledge Quiz from 18h00 until 19h30
18 October	Grade R Excursion to The Animal Farm
18 October	Senior Primary Choir Evening at Maris Stella from 18h00 – 19h30
19 October	Diwali
20 October	Phendulani Quiz
25 October	Grade R and Grade 1 Cake Sale
27 October	Sunset Proms Evening
1 - 10 November	Grade 7 Exams
14 November	2017 AGM and 2018 Budget and School Fee Presentation Meeting
15 November	Grade R Orientation Day - 2018
17 November	Grade 1 Orientation Day - 2018
20 November	Christmas Assembly
21 November	Music Evening
24 November	End of the fourth term extra mural activities programme
24 November	Grade 7 Market day
27 November	Sports Assembly
28 – 29 November	Book Fair
30 November	Grade R Play and Picnic
1 December	Inter-house General Knowledge Quiz
4 December	General Assistants and Security Guards Appreciation Assembly
5 December	Grade 7 Prize giving
6 December	End of Fourth Term
17 January	Start of Term One - 2018

WELCOME TO TERM FOUR

We warmly welcome all members of our school community to the fourth academic term. May the final term be a rewarding and happy one as we collectively accomplish the school's remaining 2017 goals!

CONGRATULATIONS

- Nozipho Zikhali in Grade 6D was awarded The Scifest Africa Prize for Science Communication as she excelled in her presentation of her project and communication of science to the public. She won an all-expenses paid trip to the 2018 National Science Festival in Grahamstown next year.
- Nozipho won a Gold Medal for her participation at the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists International Science Fair and was also awarded the 3rd Prize Chemistry Award for Grades 6 – 12 at the Eskom National Science Expo.
- Karl Berger in Grade 7S, won the Gold medal in the U13 Epee event and also participated in the U20 Men's Epee and Senior Foil events at the Fencing KZN Provincial Championships which were held in Kloof Last week.

Well done. MGPS is very proud of you!

APPRECIATION: Foundation Phase Play – "The Elephant's Child"

Congratulations to the many people who used their special talents to create the Foundation Phase Play titled, 'The Elephant's Child,' based on the book by Rudyard Kipling.

- The Foundation Phase children for their captivating performance, hard work and dedication. We are very proud of their achievements in song, music, dance and drama on stage.
- The parents and other family members for their marvelous assistance with the costumes, back drop paintings, make up, disco lights and choreography.
- Grade 7 stagehands and props team comprising Nandi Tshabalala, Emma Samuel, Daisy Mowat, Madison Opland, Neliswa Ngubane and Lisakanya Ngcakaza for their sterling backstage management skills.
- Past Grade 3 teacher, Mrs de Fleuriot, for assisting with the initial planning of the play.
- Mrs Merle Angelos, locum music teacher, for arranging and adapting some of the music and lyrics.
- Mrs Moskovitch for her outstanding music direction and for composing, arranging and adapting some of the music and lyrics.
- The staff for their cheerful and committed support of the FP play production team and the cast of children.
- Miss Oosthuizen and her co-directors, Mrs Andrew-Govender and Mrs Oosthuizen, for their superb contribution towards this worthwhile cultural experience which teaches the significant message about curiosity opening up new abilities, ideas and knowledge and a splendid school play of which the school community is proud.

The genius, Albert Einstein, also advocated curiosity. He said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvellous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity."

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY ON 5 OCTOBER 2017

We celebrated World Teachers' Day during the school holiday and paid tribute to people in the profession who have had a positive influence in our lives. As these anonymous people so aptly said, "Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions" and "Teachers don't impact for a year, but for a lifetime". We celebrate the wonderful teachers at Manor Gardens Primary and thank them for their dedication to our children.

SWIMMING POOL READY FOR COMMENCEMENT OF SWIMMING SEASON

The cracks in the swimming pool's fibre glass lining were been repaired last term and the swimming pool is in perfect condition for swimming lessons and coaching sessions during spring and summer from October to March.

STORM DAMAGE

Fortunately, Manor Gardens Primary School didn't experience too much damage from the heavy rain and strong winds yesterday. Other than the flooding of the Grade 3 classrooms and toilets which necessitated the children to be relocated to the hall, there was some seepage into the remedial room carpet, a few leaks in the hall roof and two sections of the concrete fence at the end of the property in Dale Road collapsed. The school's maintenance manager and some professionals will do temporary and permanent repairs as soon as possible.

SUNSET PROMS – FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017

On Friday 27 October, the school will be hosting a Sunset Proms Evening. Other schools have been invited and have confirmed attendance. To ensure a successful evening, we require assistance with the following:

- Volunteers to serve food and to assist in the tuck shop.
- Food donations, by way of cash, prepared food items or items such as braai wors. etc.
- If you are willing to prepare and sell food items on the evening, this will be greatly appreciated.

Should you be able to assist with any of the above, kindly send an e-mail to barka.mistrey@gmail.com

If you confirm a cash donation, kindly inform the principal via email and payment must please be noted as Sunset Proms Donation on any EFT or deposits.

REMINDER: SCHOOL FEES AND 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.

ALL 2017 school fees MUST be settled by end of October 2017.

2017 AGM AND 2018 BUDGET AND SCHOOL FEE PRESENTATION

The 2017 AGM and 2018 Budget and School Fee Presentation meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 18h00 in the school hall. Parents are urged to attend the AGM and Budget presentation meeting which has a dual purpose of reflecting on 2016 activities and identifying matters needing reinforcement in 2017 and beyond. Active participation in these meetings will help ensure that the school can continue to develop to meet the needs of the children and the communities it serves. Please complete and return the reply slip attached by Monday 6 November 2017.

PUPIL NUMBERS FOR 2017

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.

ENVIRO NEWS – Ms Hortop

Thanks to the recycling efforts of our children, parents and staff, last year we managed to prevent tons of waste landing in our landfill sites and large amounts of resources being used to produce products from raw materials. We also managed to raise funds which have been earmarked for environmental projects. We are still collecting waste for recycling so please continue with your efforts!

We collect bread tags, paper, newspaper, cardboard, plastics, tetrapak, tins and now also polystyrene (yay!). These may be brought to school on any day and placed outside Grade 7H (unless otherwise instructed by class teachers). The bread tags are made of high quality plastic that can be recycled. We donate the bread tags to Mary Honeybunn who uses the funds raised by the recycling of the tags for her 'Bread tags to Wheelchairs' project. This project raises funds to provide mobility apparatus (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) for people who are unable to afford such apparatus themselves and who, without the much needed support, would be 'trapped' by their circumstances.

Thank you to all for your support. Please keep it up!

If you would like any information on recycling or any other environmental initiatives, please contact Mia Hortop on mhortop@mgps.org.za and I will do my best to assist you.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin

Please note:

The extra mural activity programme begins on Monday 16 October 2017. An extra-mural activity programme was sent home last term.

**CAROL LOTTERING
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