



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones." – Phillip Brooks

DATES TO DIARISE

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
23 October	Diwali Assembly
25 October	Grade R and Grade 1 Cake Sale
26 October	Last day for photo money
27 October	Sunset Proms Evening
1 - 10 November	Grade 7 Exams
13 November	Final Waltons Collection
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
27 November	Instrumental Evening
27 November	Waltons Stationers hand-out: 12h30 - 14h30
28 November	Waltons Stationers hand-out: 08h00 - 09h00
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

TERM 4 MONITORS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 children who have been chosen as our 4th term monitors because they have consistently been good role models to all MGPS pupils and have shown outstanding leadership qualities. We look forward to the assistance they will render to their fellow pupils.

Jenna Fourie	Luke Foxon	Calene Lalla
Jamie Marks	Litha Mpondo	Andrea Morris
Kate Naude	Sanesha Naidoo	Madison Opland
Eleanor Webber	Emma Samuel	Anikwa Mkhabela

MARIS STELLA SCHOOL CHOIR FESTIVAL

The children who are performing at the Maris Stella School Choir Evenings, need to be at the school by 17h00 for 17h30. They must wear the MGPS music shirt and their blue denim jeans with white takkies, white pumps or white 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.

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 at barka.mistrey@gmail.com or Jo Bredenkamp at jo.bredenkamp@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.

Please Note: A separate note will be going home with the children today, please return the reply slip by Friday 20 October 2017.

GRADE R AND 1 CAKE SALE

The Grade R and Grade 1 children will be having a cake sale on Wednesday 25 October during the breaks. Please give your child coins with which to buy.

BEYOND MATHS COMPETITION

4842 children from Grades 4 – 7 wrote the first round and 314 children wrote the second round. The top 100 children were chosen from this group. MGPS pupils, once again, did us proud! Congratulations to:

Level 1 (Grades 4 and 5 wrote the same paper)

Name	Place	Grade	Medal
Toni Edouard-Betsy	50-41	5	Bronze
Thabile Mtembu	50-41	5	Bronze
Jack White	50-41	5	Bronze
Mathemba Zondo	50-41	5	Bronze
Joseph Euripidou	30-21	5	Bronze
Connor Kruger	30-21	5	Bronze
Samora Leslie	30-21	5	Bronze
Emihle Zikhali	30-21	5	Bronze
Aryan Ramouthar	30-21	5	Bronze
Siddharth Sahadew	19	5	Silver
William Ronnie	6	5	Gold

Level 2 (Grades 6 and 7 wrote the same paper)

Name	Place	Grade	Medal
David Dingani	25	7	Bronze
Jemma Kasavan	15	6	Silver
Ella Scharler	14	7	Silver
Jaskaran Rajaruthnam	13	6	Silver

PAST PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following MGPS past pupils for their outstanding Grade 12 achievements:

Durban Girls College

Glenda Watt, matric class of 2016, produced an exceptional set of results in the Independent Examinations Board Examinations (IEB) where she wrote 7 subjects and received distinctions for 6 of them. She was placed in the top 1% of IEB candidates countrywide in 6 subjects.

<u>Durban Girls' High School</u>	
Certificate of Merit for 70 – 74%	Jovina Minani
Certificates of Merit for Academic Achievement and Half Colours	Catherine Lafitte (re-award)
Certificates of Merit for Academic Achievement and Full Colours	Zahra Persad (re-award)
Certificates of Merit for Academic Achievement and Honours	Ammara Persad (re-award)
Charmaine Nel Trophy for Oratory	Ammara Vaid
Lindsay Gwillam Trophy for Victrix Ludorum	Catherine Lafitte
Paul Viljoen Trophy for best Afrikaans Essayist	Ammara Vaid
Class of 1965 Trophy for excellence in English	Ammara Vaid
Class of 1984 Cup for highest mark in Geography	Zahra Persad
The Margaret Symons Trophy for the best all-rounder in Work and Sport	Catherine Lafitte
The Margaret Martin award – Head Prefect of 2017	Ammara Vaid
Top Ten Positions in Grade 12: 9 th	Zahra Persad
Top Ten Positions in Grade 12: 4 th	Ammara Vaid

WEDGEWOOD BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Each child will be sent home with one box of biscuits, at a cost of R30.00, and an order form. We ask that you let your child sell to friends and family. There are 3 variants that can be ordered: Original (vanilla), Chocolate and Ginger. Please keep in mind that Christmas is round the corner and a box of Wedgewood biscuits would make a fantastic gift or a great family-time treat. The closing date for order forms and money to be returned will be the 10 November 2017. Orders will be sent home in the last week of school. We thank you in advance for your support.

WALTONS STATIONERY ORDERS

Your child would have brought home a Waltons Back-2-School 2018 Catalogue, a MGPS 2018 stationery requirement list and a covering letter explaining the use of this service. **Please return the order form to school by Monday 13 November 2017.**

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.

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. 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 and Miss Botha

Fixtures

Cricket

DAY	DATE	TEAM	VENUE	TEAM
Wednesday	18 October	U10	MGPS	Port Natal School
		U11	Port Natal School	Port Natal School
Thursday	19 October	U13 A	Port Natal School	Port Natal School
Monday	23 October	U10	MGPS	Glenmore Primary School
		U11	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
Wednesday	25 October	U13A	MGPS	Glenmore Primary School
		U13B	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School

Girls Indoor Hockey

DAY	DATE	TEAM	VENUE	TEAM
Thursday	19 October	MGPS B	Maris Stella School	Penzance Primary B
		MGPS A	Maris Stella School	Maris Stella School A
Thursday	26 October	MGPS B	Maris Stella School	Virginia Preparatory B
		MGPS A	Maris Stella School	St Henry's Marist Brothers
Thursday	2 November	MGPS B	Maris Stella School	Durban Girls College B
		MGPS A	Maris Stella School	Penzance Primary A

Touch Rugby: Weekly Tournaments

Tournaments will be played at MGPS on Fridays: 20 October, 27 October, 3 November and 10 November 2017.

**CAROL LOTTERING
PRINCIPAL**