



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it." – Winston Churchill

DATES TO DIARISE

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
13, 14 and 15 November	Di Van Dam - Eye Testing
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 – OUTSTANDING NAMES ON LIST

We apologize for leaving the following children off the congratulatory message regarding the Grade 7 fourth term monitors list. We look forward to their very good leadership skills and the service they will render to their fellow pupils.

Vitthal Ramessur	Ella Scharler	Katelyn Sissing	Nthabiseng Serakoeng
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STAFF MATTERS

We bid farewell to Mrs Mntungwa who will be on maternity leave until the end of the first term next year. We warmly welcome Mr Bolofo as the locum isiZulu part-time teacher. We look forward to the special contribution he will make to the education and enrichment of our Manor Gardens Primary children.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Manor Gardens Primary School's team, consisting of Ella Scharler (7S), Samuel Peek (7S), Benjamin Humphrey (7S) and Joseph Lavoipierre (7S) for taking 3rd place out of 7 schools at the Glenmore Primary School's General Knowledge Quiz last week. MGPS is very proud of you!

APPRECIATION: DIWALI ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Vitthal Ramessur (7H), Kirtania Moodley (7H), Calene Lalla (7H), Caomhe Lalla (6D), Mrs Sibson and Mrs Sobey for their educational and spiritually uplifting Diwali message conveyed through a power point presentation of the story of Rama defeating the evil Ravana and rescuing his kidnapped wife, Sita, during Monday's assembly. A special thank you to Kirtania Moodley for decorating the stage beautifully with miele meal patterns and candles to remind us that light triumphs over darkness and good triumphs over evil.

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.

SUNSET PROMS FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER - 18H00 FOR 18H30

The sports field will be transformed into a concert hall under the stars with bands and choirs performing from Durban Primary School, Durban Girls' College, Durban Girls' High School, Gordon Road Girls' School, Penzance Primary School and Manor Gardens Primary School. The fund raising committee is pulling out all the stops once more to provide a variety of foods for sale and there will be a professional coffee bar as well. Tickets will be sold at the door at R20.00 per person. Performers in school/music uniform will have free entry.

Parents are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on. Chairs will be provided for those who cannot sit on the ground.

We are still appealing for parents to assist at the tuck shop from 19h00 until 20h00. Please return the RSVP slip that was sent home last week. 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.

HONOURS BOARD UPDATES

Kindly send any information regarding KZN and SA colours earned by pupils for this year to Mrs Merchant with supporting documents, at secretary@mgps.org.za

PAST PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following MGPS past pupils for their outstanding achievements in 2017:

<u>Glenwood High School</u>	
Academic Merit Certificate	Kedharan Saugaser
Academic Colours	Jethro Rishworth
Class Positions VI HI – 1 st	Brodie Martin
Visual Arts (Old Boys' association Prize)	Kyrin Naicker
Service Award (Simon Mc Chesney Memorial)	Mondli Gcaba
These are additional names to those given last week.	
<u>Durban Girls High School</u>	
Head Prefect	Ammara Vaid
Prefects	Catherine Lafitte, Alexandreo Talbot, Demi Tait
Academic Merit Certificates	Alexandreo Talbot
Academic Merit Certificates and Half Colours	Luthando Ndebele (re-award), Demi Tait (re-award)
The De Beer Trophy for Excellence for being a Springbok Scout	Alexandreo Talbot
Learners who achieved 7 'A' s in 2016	Rosa Ballantine, Julia Shilton

WEDGEWOOD BISCUIT FUNDRAISER

Each child has been 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. 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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO ASSIST AT THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING ORIENTATION DAYS

It would be greatly appreciated if any parents would like to volunteer their time at the Orientation Days on either the 15th and/or 17th November 2017. Kindly email Sandipa on lawyear.gp@gmail.com if you are available.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR OUR 2018 ENROLLED GRADE R CHILDREN

Date: Wednesday 15 November 2017

Time: 07h30 – 10h30

Book bags, school uniforms (new and second hand), school bags, etc. will be on sale during the course of the morning from the uniform shop. Waltons Stationers will also be in attendance with the Grade R stationery packs. A speed point facility for credit and debit cards will be available.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR OUR 2018 ENROLLED GRADE 1 CHILDREN

Date: Friday 17 November 2017

Time: 07h30 – 10h30

Book bags and pencil bags, place mats, school uniforms (new and second hand), school bags, chair bags, etc. will be on sale during the course of the morning. Waltons Stationers will also be in attendance with the Grade 1 stationery packs. A speed point facility for credit and debit cards will be available.

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.**

WALTONS-BACK-TO-SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERS 2016

Your child's Walton's Back-2-School Stationery box will be available for collection on the following dates:

Date	Time
27 November (Monday)	12h30 - 14h30
28 November (Tuesday)	08h00 – 09h00

Please note:

- Payment must be made directly to the Walton's sales hand-out team when you collect the stationery.
- Payment may be made by cash, cheque, credit card or debit card.
- Cheques are to be made payable to **Waltons (Pty) Ltd** and **not the school.**
- If paying cash, it would be appreciated if you would tender the exact amount.

- Orders that are not collected on the above-mentioned days will be returned to Waltons and may be collected there at your convenience.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Our School Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday from 07h00 to 08h30 and Friday morning from 07h00 to 08h00 during the school term. The last day for the school uniform shop to open this year is **Friday 24 November 2017**. For your convenience it will also be open at the following times in January 2018:

DAY	DATE	TIME
Friday	12 January 2018	08h00 – 13h00
Monday	15 January 2018	08h00 – 13h00
Tuesday	16 January 2018	08h00 – 13h00
Wednesday	17 January 2018 (School Opens)	

GENERAL ASSISTANTS AND SECURITY GUARD ANNUAL APPRECIATION GIFT

In keeping with our annual tradition, we shall collect donations from the pupils for our general assistants and security guards appreciation gifts. Donations can include cash or items of non-perishable foodstuffs which will be presented in hampers to them at the end of year assembly. There are a total of 9 people comprising 6 general assistants and 3 security guards: Mr Wellington Xulu, Mr Norman Xulu, Mr Siphwe Kweyama, Mrs Prunella Shezi, Miss Beryl Shezi, Miss Christina Thato, Mr S'Bongiseni Mshibe, Mr Cosmos Hlengwa and Mr S'Celo Zulu who will be thanked for their contribution towards making MGPS a clean, tidy and safe environment and for ensuring all sports, cultural and educational functions are successful events. They are also given recognition for their caring attitude and the numerous tasks they cheerfully perform to assist the children.

We shall be grateful to receive any donation that contributes towards their appreciation gifts before Thursday 30 November 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.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Miss Botha

Fixtures

Cricket

DAY	DATE	TEAM	VENUE	TEAM
Wednesday	25 October	U13A	MGPS	Glenmore Primary School
		U13B	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
Thursday	25 October	U13B	MGPS	St Henry's Marist Brothers
Saturday	28 October	U10	St Henry's Marist Brothers	St Henry's Marist Brothers
		U11	MGPS	St Henry's Marist Brothers
		U13	St Henry's Marist Brothers	St Henry's Marist Brothers
Tuesday	31 October	U10	Clarence Primary School	Clarence Primary School
		U11	MGPS	Clarence Primary School

Girls Indoor Hockey

DAY	DATE	TEAM	VENUE	TEAM
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 Kings Park Outer Fields on Fridays: 27 October, 3 November and 10 November 2017.

**CAROL LOTTERING
PRINCIPAL**