



# Manor Gardens Primary School

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*"Change your thoughts and you change your world." – Norman Vincent Peale*

## DATES TO DIARISE

<b>1 - 10 November</b>	<b>Grade 7 Exams</b>
<b>13 November</b>	<b>Final Waltons Collection</b>
<b>13, 14 and 15 November</b>	<b>Di Van Dam - Eye Testing</b>
14 November	2017 AGM and 2018 Budget and School Fee Presentation Meeting at 18h00
15 November	2018 Grade R Orientation Day from 07h30 until 10h30
15 November	JP Gala at Gordon Road Girls School from 14h30 until 16h00
16 November	Tuck shop is open ( <b>THURSDAY</b> ) due to 2018 Grade 1 Orientation Day
17 November	2018 Grade 1 Orientation Day from 07h30 until 10h30
20 November	Christmas Assembly
20 November	SP Gala at Gordon Road Girls School from 14h30 until 16h00
21 November	Music Evening at 18h30
22 November	JP Gala at Park Side Primary School from 18h30 until 20h00
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 at 18h30
27 November	Waltons Stationers hand-out of ordered stationery boxes: 12h30 - 14h30
28 November	Waltons Stationers hand-out of ordered stationery boxes: 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

## PARENT-TEACHER UBUNTU PROJECT TO ADDRESS RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL IDENTITY VIA EMPATHY AND VALUES

The well designed Ubuntu (I am because of others) activities that parents Miranda Young-Jahangeer, Kira Erwin, Doung Jahangeer, Clive Greenstone, Samantha Willan, Mags Shapiro, Venilla Yoganathan, Bobby Peek and Tumi Seepamore will be facilitating are age-appropriate as well as being pupil led, rather than adults imposing views or language that the children may, or may not have heard. The Ubuntu activity timetable is provided below so that you can see which afternoon you can engage your child in a conversation about their learning experience and further contribute towards their emotional and moral development.

These are the key messages for the Grade 1 – 4 activities: Unlearn to relearn .....the power of words

- Seeing the value in difference
- Words can have positive and negative impacts on people's lives, they can be used to share love and to hurt
- The difference between Swear Words and Hate Words
- Understand a basic history and social context of some of the Hate Words identified by the children
- Understand that everyone can make an informed choice to use words with care, love and respect
- You get to choose whether you are a person that uses Hate words or not.

Monday 6 November	Tuesday 7 November	Wednesday 8 November	Thursday 9 November	Friday 10 November
<b>Garden Walk</b> Looking to see.... challenging the perception of difference Grade 4	<b>Garden Walk</b> Looking to see... challenging the perception of difference Grade 3  <b>Shaping our            Emotional Well-being</b> Body in mind .... embodying emotions towards the development of empathy and understanding Grade 4	<b>Garden Walk</b> Looking to see... challenging the perception of difference Grade 2  <b>Shaping our            Emotional Well-being</b> Body in mind ... embodying emotions towards the development of empathy and understanding Grade 3	<b>Garden Walk</b> Looking to see... challenging the perception of difference Grade 1  <b>Shaping our            Emotional Well-being</b> Body in mind... embodying emotions towards the development of empathy and understanding Grade 2	<b>Shaping our            Emotional Well-being</b> Body in mind... embodying emotions towards the development of empathy and understanding Grade 1
Tuesday 14 November	<b>The Right to Be 'Umbovu' Performance</b> The bill of rights... Grade 5, 6 and 7  <b>Facilitated classroom discussion and word drawing</b> Grade 5, 6 and 7			

### 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.

### 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.**

### MEDIA CENTRE/READING ROOM BOOKS TO BE RETURNED – Mrs Sobey

As this year draws to an end, we appeal to all families to look for Reading Room and Media Centre books that may have landed up in your houses and not been returned. They may be on bookshelves, under beds or at the back of cupboards. The books we use are a shared resource and it is important for these to be returned so that everyone in our school community can enjoy them. Media Centre books not returned will be presumed lost and children will have to reimburse the Media Centre for the lost book.

Thank you to the many families who have donated books to us over the course of this year, every donation is much appreciated. We welcome any donation of books at any time. The Media Centre is closing from 13 November for stock taking, although the Reading Room (Gr R – 3) will still be open, we appeal to you to return any stray books.

### 2017 AGM AND PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND SCHOOL FEE PRESENTATION MEETING

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.

The budget, summarized below, will be presented in full at the MGPS SGB Budget meeting set for **Tuesday 14 November at 18h00** in the school hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting and can submit comments and suggestions to the SGB treasurer, Ben Roberts, at [broberts@hsr.ac.za](mailto:broberts@hsr.ac.za); the school's bursar, Aniel Dekker, at [bursar@mgps.org.za](mailto:bursar@mgps.org.za); the SGB chairperson, Johan Van der Molen, at [johan.ecotopic@gmail.com](mailto:johan.ecotopic@gmail.com); the vice chairperson, Barka Mistrey, at [barka.mistrey@gmail.com](mailto:barka.mistrey@gmail.com) or the principal, Carol Lottering, at [principal@mgps.org.za](mailto:principal@mgps.org.za) prior to the meeting.

**Please note that this meeting is for adults only and a child care facility will be provided in the Junior Primary Aftercare Centre.** If you have not completed the Budget Meeting attendance reply slip, please do so and return it to school at the latest by **Friday 10 November.**

The SGB is proposing a 8,5% school fee increase for the 2018 school budget which is expected to grow by an overall 20%. Despite general inflationary pressure, the school remains committed to retaining its small family oriented feel as its facilities with small classrooms do not allow for much growth in class sizes or pupil numbers. The main driver of the budget remains costs related to SGB employed teaching staff, which make up more than 50% of the total staff complement at the school. State pay increases for teaching staff are expected to range between 7% and 9% and it is imperative for the School to offer conditions similar to those earned by state employed teachers to continue to ensure the retention of qualified and experienced staff.

The proposed increase is likely to be within the range proposed by other public fee paying primary schools in the area and every effort has been made to avoid any excess expenditure that cannot be justified. The budget has also sought to take account of issues raised during the course of the 2017 school year.

These notes explain the increases in the following four budget line items:

- **Staffing and Human Resources:** The above-average increase on this line item is attributable primarily to the provisioning of the costs associated with appointing a second Grade R teacher in 2018.
- **Administration, Finance and Marketing:** The MGPS auditors have recommended that, from 2018, we include in our budget the costs and income associated with Aftercare, the uniform shop and the tuck shop. Previously, these expenses and sources of income were separately recorded. The insertion of the line items is the reason for the above-average increase in the 2018 budget. If the Aftercare, uniform shop and tuck shop expenses were to be excluded from the line item the percentage point increase for this line item would be 3.9%.
- **Plus Other Income:** Following on from the previous note, this income refers to income received from Aftercare, the uniform shop and the tuck shop.
- **Nett Fee Income:** Although there is an overall 8.5% increase in the fee structure for 2018, this figure stands at 13.3% due to the fact that MGPS will introduce a second Grade R class in 2018. This increases the number of pupils from 382 to 398.

<b>SUMMARY OF MGPS PROPOSED BUDGET 2018 FOR CONSIDERATION</b>			
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>% inc</b>
STAFFING AND HUMAN RESOURCES	6 456 608,00	7 805 303,57	20,9%
ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND MARKETING	1 499 150,00	1 900 117,57	26,7%
SPORT	261 000,00	274 600,00	5,2%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	508 046,00	560 500,00	10,3%
TEACHING-RELATED EXPENSES	573 880,00	614 350,00	7,1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2018 BUDGET</b>	<b>9 298 684,00</b>	<b>11 154 871,14</b>	<b>20,0%</b>
<b>NETT EXPENSES TO BE COVERED BY FEES</b>	<b>8 744 665,00</b>	<b>9 903 988,14</b>	<b>13,3%</b>

<b>INCOME</b>			
FEE INCOME	9 054 665,00	10 233 988,14	13,0%
LESS: REMISSION	150 000,00	150 000,00	0,0%
LESS: DISCOUNTS	160 000,00	180 000,00	12,5%
<b>NETT FEE INCOME</b>	8 744 665,00	9 903 988,14	13,3%
<b>PLUS</b> other income	554 019,00	1 250 883,00	125,8%
<b>TOTAL INCOME 2018 BUDGET</b>	9 298 684,00	9 298 684,00	20,0%
<b>SCHOOL FEES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	
Number of Pupils	382	398	
Grade R	24 020,00	26 050,00	
Grade 1 - 3	23 320,00	25 290,00	
Grade 4 - 7	22 870,00	24 810,00	
Fee Increase %	10,00%	8,50%	
<b>FEE DISCOUNT</b>			
A discount of R1 450.00 will be granted if paid on or before 31 January 2018			
A discount of R1 230.00 will be granted if paid on or before 28 February 2018			
Payment by card will result in a smaller discount being granted			

#### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO ASSIST AT THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING ORIENTATION DAYS**

It would be greatly appreciated if any parents could volunteer their time at the Orientation Days on either the 15<sup>th</sup> and/or 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Kindly email Sandipa on [lawyear.qp@gmail.com](mailto:lawyear.qp@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.

#### **TUCK SHOP: OPEN ON THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

Please be advised that the tuck shop will be open on **Thursday 16 November** instead of Friday due to the 2018 Grade 1 Orientation Day.

#### **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.

#### **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:

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

#### **WALTONS-BACK-TO-SCHOOL STATIONERY ORDERS 2018**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
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 box.
- 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 Head office. The boxes will be unpacked and parents can visit their nearest branch and order the boxes from there.

## 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 10 people comprising 6 general assistants and 4 security guards (including the late Mr Cosmos Hlengwa): Mr Wellington Xulu, Mr Norman Xulu, Mr Siphwe Kweyama, Mrs Prunella Shezi, Miss Beryl Shezi, Miss Christina Thato, Mr S'Bongiseni Mshibe, Mr S'celo Zulu and Mr S'celo Hlongwane 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.

## MUSIC MATTERS – Miss Wilken

- The Music Evening will be held on Tuesday 21 November at 18h30. The evening should finish at around 20h00. **ALL** the music extra-mural groups will be participating. The Grade 1 choir will wear their school uniform, and all other children must wear the music uniform (music t-shirt which can be purchased from the uniform shop, blue jeans and white takkies). All children need to be at school by 18h00. Guitarists will need to be at school by 17h50 for their instruments to be tuned. Tickets will be on sale for R10.00 per person and R5.00 for pre-schoolers.
- The Instrumental Evening will be held on Monday 27 November at 18h30 and entrance is free. This evening is an opportunity for any child in the school who takes private lessons to perform. If your child would like to participate, please send me the names of two pieces that your child will perform, and the length of the pieces, by Tuesday 21 November.

Tickets for the Music Evening are on sale before the event. The tickets sell out fast, so please make sure that you purchase your tickets early. There will only be 300 tickets available. Please send your exact money, along with the number of tickets required to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that the tickets can be issued.

## SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Goodwin and Miss Botha

### Results

#### Cricket

MGPS U11 vs Clarence Primary School  
MGPS 200/4  
Samora Leslie 78 runs  
Jack White 72 runs not out  
Clarence PS 83/8  
Buhle Ncama 3 wickets

#### **MGPS won by 117 runs**

MGPS U11 vs Embury College  
MGPS 191/1  
Samora Leslie 66 runs  
Jack White 62 runs not out  
Embury College 52/8  
Joseph Euripidou 3 wickets  
Jack White 2 wickets

#### **MGPS won by 139 runs**

MGPS U11 vs Clarence Primary School  
MGPS 95/5  
Jonathan Hardman 35 runs not out  
Clarence PS 79/2  
Evan Murray 2 wickets

#### **MGPS won by 23 runs**

#### Touch Rugby

vs DGHS U15A : 4 – 2 Won  
DGHS U16B : 3 – 0 Won  
Semi – Final vs Hillcrest High School 4 : 2 – 1 Won  
Final Hillcrest High School 3 : 1 – 0 Won

### Fixtures

#### Cricket

DAY	DATE	TEAM	VENUE	TEAM
Tuesday	7 November	U13A	Clarence Primary School	Clarence Primary School
Wednesday	8 November	U11	Durban Primary School	Durban Primary School
Thursday	9 November	U13	MGPS	Durban Primary School
Wednesday	22 November	U10	MGPS	Pitlochry Primary School
		U11	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School
Thursday	23 November	U13A	MGPS	Pitlochry Primary School

Touch Rugby: Weekly Tournaments: The last tournament will be played at Kings Park Outer Fields on Friday 10 November 2017.