



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life, you will have been all of these." – George Washington Carver

DATES TO DIARISE

27 February	Boys "E" League Inter-school Gala at Kingspark Pool starting at 13h00
28 February	Girls "D" League Inter-school Gala at Kingspark Pool starting at 13h00
1 March	Grade 4 Excursion to Tala Game Reserve
7 March	SGB Parent Representative Election Meeting at 18h00 in the school hall
8 - 9 March	Grade 5 Excursion to Roselands
9 March	Foundation Phase Gala starting at 08h15
12 March	Staff, Class and Individual Photos
12 - 16 March	Swim-a-thon
13 March	SP Inter-school Gala
16 March	Foundation Phase Parent Viewing for Grades R - 3 from 12h30 to 13h00
16 March	End of Extra Mural Programme
21 March	Public Holiday – Human Rights Day
22 March	Adjourned SGB Parent Representative Election Meeting
23 March	Grade R Swimming Lesson
26 March	Easter Assembly
26 March	Swim-a-thon forms and monies to be handed in
27 March	Grade 6 Cake Sale
27 March	Music Evening
28 March	End of Term 1 – Break up Day
30 March	Public Holiday - Good Friday
2 April	Public Holiday – Family Day
10 April	Second Term Starts
13 August	Sports Photos

CONGRATULATIONS: MGPS - NATIONAL KIDS LITERATURE CHAMPIONS

Manor Gardens Primary School's Kids Lit Quiz teams participated very successfully in the KZN provincial round held at Durban Girls College on Tuesday. The school's first team comprising Michaela Crankshaw (7H), Jemma Kasavan (7S), Jaskaran Rajaruthnam (7S) and Sam Walker (7H) took first position and our second team comprising Sebastian Burger (6D), Akhil Naidoo (6D), Judah Reneke (5S), and Jack White (6S), took fourth position.

Manor Gardens Primary School's Kids Lit Quiz First Team won the Kids Lit Quiz National Final held in Johannesburg this Saturday. This is a wonderful result for our small public school and we are all very proud of our Kids Lit Quiz champions, Mrs Isobel Sobey, the Media Centre teacher, and the teachers who work tirelessly at constantly raising the bar in educating the children at Manor Gardens Primary.

The Kids Lit Quiz is an enormously tough international competition that tests the literary knowledge of children between the ages of 10 -13 years and is affectionately known as the "Olympic Games of Reading". The Kids Lit Quiz is the brain child of Wayne Mills, a university lecturer from New Zealand, who came up with the concept twenty-seven years ago. He calls it "The Sport of Reading". He developed the quiz to promote reading for pleasure and to reward good readers in the same way that sports stars are rewarded by their schools and communities. The first quiz took place in 1991. In that first year 14 teams took part. Today it has grown into a hugely popular annual event spanning five continents with +- 20 000 children participating in heats throughout the year.

As South African champions, the Manor Gardens Primary First team has been invited to compete in the World Finals in Auckland, New Zealand in July this year against the top teams from China, United Kingdom, USA, Canada, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Thailand and Indonesia. The Kids Lit Quiz organization covers accommodation, meals and activities for the teams but transport to the World Final is not covered. We are gratefully accepting any and all donations or fundraising ideas to cover the travelling costs for the four team members and two adult coaches. We estimate these costs to be in the region of R100,000.

South Africans can donate directly to the school using these banking details:

Bank : First National Bank
 Branch : Davenport
 Branch Code : 220226 (cash deposits)
 Account No : 50710287068
 Account Name: Manor Gardens Primary School
 Reference : Lit Quiz

PLEASE NOTE: The school is a registered Public Benefit Organization (tax reference 930000373) and can provide receipts for tax purposes for donations of R1000.00 or over (or equivalent in other currencies).

MGPS won the 2011 Kids Lit Quiz World Finals which were held in New Zealand, came second at the 2015 World Finals which were held in the United States of America and now we stand a good chance of winning the World title again in New Zealand.

STAFF MATTERS

- We warmly welcome Miss Tayla Bester, a fourth year Bachelor of Education student from Embury Institute of Teacher Education, who will be doing her 3-week practice teaching in Miss Williams' Grade 4 class. We look forward to working with our past MGPS pupil who has chosen the teaching profession as her career.
- This will be Mr William Heathcote's last week with us as he and his wife will be relocating to Cape Town soon to be near their children and grandchildren. We thank Mr Heathcote for his significant and steady contribution to the Afrikaans department and for changing some of the school's gardens into attractive indigenous features since September 2015. We wish him well in his future endeavours.
- The new Afrikaans teacher, Mrs Monique Victor, will be orientated on Thursday and Friday by Mrs Le Roux and Mr Heathcote before she starts teaching next week.

GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING - 2017

Congratulations to the following MGPS past pupils on their excellent 2017 achievements:

Form III - Merit Certificate	Julian Scharler
Form IV - Colours	Nicholas Hardman
Form IV - First in Grade IV	Nicholas Hardman
Form IV - Ethekwini Municipality Trophy for Mathematics	Nicholas Hardman
Form IV - Ethekwini Municipality Trophy for Physical Science	Nicholas Hardman
Form IV - Harbilas Memorial Trophy for Accounting	Nicholas Hardman
Form V - Honours	Simon Webber
Special Award	Thomas Lead
Wayne Delpont Memorial award for Special Talent in Music	

FOUNDATION PHASE (GRADES 1 – 3) SWIMMING GALA: FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018

Starting time: 08h15 and approximate finishing time: 10h45. If the weather is inclement, the gala will be held on Wednesday 14 March at the same time. We look forward to seeing you at our gala.

Please note the following:

- The children must come to school dressed in their school uniform and bring their costume, towel and cap in their P.E. bag.
- Please ensure that towels, swimming caps and costumes are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Children may take a bottle of water onto the stands.
- All children must bring their sun hats to school and parents must apply sun block at home.
- After the gala, the children will return to their classrooms. Parents may then take their children in Grade 1, 2 and 3 home, if the "early departure" reply slip has been returned to the class teacher.
- Those children who remain at school will be supervised by their teacher until the end of the normal school day, which is until 12h30 for Grade 1 and 2 children and 13h50 for Grade 3 children.
- Aftercare will operate as usual.
- The tuck shop will be open for parents but food and drinks may not be brought to your child during the gala.
- **There will be no extra mural activities for the Foundation Phase on this day.**

EARLY MORNING CHILD CARE AT MINIMAL COST

Manor Gardens Primary School provides an early morning child care from 06h30 until 07h00 in the hall under the supervision of Mrs Des Wesson at a minimal cost of R7.00 a day. This means that children may not be dropped off without their parent's supervision to wait outside Manor Gardens Primary School before 07h00. Instead, the children must enter the school gate and the hall and their parents must pay for Mrs Des Wesson's supervision. The children who arrive early are required to read a book or do some activity quietly while they wait.

The payment details will be communicated directly to parents whose children appear on the early morning child care register maintained by Mrs Des Wesson from 06h30 until 07h00.

MGPS SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTION MEETINGS ON 7 MARCH

Public schools country wide will be holding their three yearly School Governing Body parent, educator and staff member representative election meetings during the month of March. Manor Gardens Primary School will hold its SGB parent, educator and staff member component election meetings on **Wednesday 7 March**. We need 101 parents in attendance to constitute a 15% quorum so please make every effort to attend and exercise your democratic right to vote for a representative of your choice. Should a quorum of 15% of voters on the voters roll not be present, the election meetings will be adjourned to Thursday 22 March.

I trust that you will give much thought to the nomination and election of 5 parent representative members to the School's Governing Body and select who you believe has the 'will and the skill' and the time to work with fellow SGB members in the best interests of your child's school. Nomination forms are available from the school's administration office. A Nomination form and an Acceptance of Nomination form must be completed by the nominee and his/her proposer and seconder and returned to school by Wednesday 7 March 2018.

Please remember that parents will only gain entry to the closed parent nomination and election meeting by providing proof of identity with a South African identity document or identity card and, in the case of non-South African citizens, a valid passport and proof of temporary or permanent residence. A Drivers License will *not* be accepted.

In accordance with Regulations relating to Governing Bodies of Public Ordinary Schools outlined in Notice No. 119 of 2017 published in the KZN Gazette No. 1895 Volume 11 on 9 November 2017, the principal of MGPS has been appointed as the school electoral officer at Berea Primary School and the principal of Berea Primary School, Mrs Bridget Williams, has been appointed as the school electoral officer at MGPS.

A child minding service will be available for parents attending the parent election meetings.

SWIM-A-THON

Please be advised that children and parents are responsible for looking after the swim-a-thon sponsor forms and making sure that they are returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. All monies collected must be handed in together with their sponsor form **by Monday 26th March 2018**. A penalty payment will be required if a swim-a-thon sponsor form is lost.

MGPS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

If there are any parents or family members willing to be a part of the Manor Gardens Primary School's Fundraising Committee must please contact Barka Mistrey via email: barka.mistrey@gmail.com

LICE CHECK

Parents are requested to please check their children's hair regularly for the presence of lice and their nits and treat accordingly with a lotion from the pharmacy that contains the insect killing chemical. You can get a clearance certificate from Dis-Chem Pharmacy at The Atrium in Overport and at the Lice and Nit Clinic in Umhlanga.

APPLICATION FOR SIBLINGS, ESPECIALLY TO GRADE R GRADE 1 AND GRADE 4 IN 2019

Acceptance of siblings is not automatic. If you have not already made an application, please do so before the end of the first term.

GRADE 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Current Grade 7 parents are urged to seek Grade 8 admission for 2019 before the end of the first term.

MUSIC MATTERS – Miss Wilken

All music extra-mural activities will continue up until 27 March because of the Music Evening which will be held on the evening of the 27 March. Please also ensure that the children taking part in music extra-murals all have the correct music uniform which is the music T-shirt, blue jeans and white takkies as they will all be performing at the Music Evening.

SPORTS NEWS – Mr Goodwin and Mrs Fernandez

Results

Cricket

U11 vs Durban Primary School
MGPS – 105/0
Philemon Haily – 44 not out
DPS – 52/3
MGPS won by 53 runs

U13B vs Durban Primary School
MGPS – 44 all out
DPS – 45/3
MGPS lost by 7 wickets

Touch Rugby

MGPS vs DGHS U16: 16 – 1 Won

Fixtures

Cricket

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
Tuesday – 27 February	U13	Eden College	Eden College
Wednesday – 28 February	U11	Eden College	Eden College
Thursday – 1 March	U13	Eden College	MGPS
Monday – 5 March	U10	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
	U11	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS
Tuesday – 6 March	U13	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
Wednesday – 7 March	U10	St Henry's Marist Brothers	MGPS
Thursday – 8 March	U11	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS
	U13A	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
Wednesday – 14 March	U10 / U11	Morningside Primary School	Morningside Primary School
Thursday – 15 March	U13	Morningside Primary School	MGPS

Mini cricket

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
01 March	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2
08 March	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2

Touch Rugby

Matches to be played at Kings Park Stadium: 2, 9 and 16 of March.

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