

# Manor Gardens Primary School

**Newsletter No. 17** 

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# "We are limited, not by our abilities but by our vision." - Unknown

#### **DATES TO DIARISE**

30 May - 1 June	Grade 7 Excursion to Anerley
5 June	National School Deworming Campaign for Grades R - 7
5 June	World Environment Day
7 – 8 June	Grade 6 Excursion to Shongweni Spirit of Adventure
8 June	Grade R – 3 Parent Viewing from 12h30 to 13h00
8 June	World Oceans Day
15 June	Grade 3 Excursion to Ushaka Marine World
15 June	Social Bingo Evening
16 June	Public Holiday: Youth Day
17 June	World Desertification Day
19-20 June	Book Fair
22 June	Inter-house Lit Quiz
22 June	Second Term Break Up day
13 August	Sports Photos
8 September	Market Day Fundraiser

## THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND EDUCATION'S NATIONAL SCHOOL DEWORMING PROGRAMME

Participation in the National School Deworming Campaign is voluntary. Please complete and return the 'School Health Permission/Consent Form' sent home last week for your child to participate in the deworming campaign that will be conducted at Manor Gardens Primary School on Tuesday 5 June 2018 by the Cato Manor Community Health Clinic nurses and class teachers.

## **STAFF NEWS**

Mr Goodwin, our Senior Phase Sports Co-ordinator, in all probability will be joining the corporate world from July. The following advertisement will be printed in the local newspapers and is supplied here for your information.

## SP SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR STUDENT TEACHER SGB POST START: JULY 2018

MGPS requires a registered student teacher with sporting ability and teaching experience to teach Senior Primary PE lessons, coach Senior Primary extra mural sports and oversee the school's sport.

Send a 2 page CV to info@mgps.co by 7 June 2018. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. MGPS is not obliged to fill the post.

# FAMILY SOCIAL EVENING WITH BINGO: FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2018 FROM 17H00 UNTIL 20H00

Manor Gardens Primary School families are invited to join us for a family social evening with an exciting Bingo game on Friday 15 June 2018 from 17h00 until 20h00. The entrance fee is R10.00 per person and is free for children 3 years and younger.

A selection of food and beverages will be on sale. Food must be pre-ordered as per the form below. Kindly send in one form per family, in the name of your eldest child.

In terms of this, it would be greatly appreciated if you would kindly complete the food order form below and return it to school by Friday, 1 June together the correct amount of money, in a sealed envelope marked "Social Evening" to your eldest child's class teacher. If you pay via EFT, kindly mark it "Social Evening" and attach the printout of the EFT transfer.

Food tickets will be issued to each person in order to make collection of food ordered easier on the night.

Items from the Tuck shop will have to paid for using cash.

# Food Orders

Family Social Evening Food Order				
Name of Eldest Pupil			Grade	
Food Item	Price per Portion	Number of Portions Required	Tot	al Amount Sent In
Vegetable biryani	R25			R
Chicken biryani	R40			R
Cheese Pizza	R 8			R
Total				R

#### • Important Reminders for MGPS Parents and Pupils to Ensure the Safety of our Children:

- 1. No child may attend the Family Social Evening unless they are accompanied by their own parent / legal guardian from the time of their arrival until their departure.
- 2. It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to be present and to ensure that their child is supervised at all times and complies with the school's Code of Conduct. If not, they will be asked to leave the Family Social Evening and will not be allowed to attend the next fundraising event.
- 3. Children must obey the instructions of MGPS staff and the Family Social Evening organisers.
- 4. The Grade R playgrounds, swimming pool area and upper sports field are out of bounds at all times.
- 5. No skateboards, bicycles or other equipment are allowed at the function.
- 6. All litter is to be placed in the bins provided.

## LAST DAY FOR UNIFORM SHOP FOR THE SECOND TERM

The last day for purchases at the Uniform shop is **FRIDAY 8 JUNE**. Stock take will be taking place thereafter. The uniform shop will be open in the third term.

#### PARENTS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents are reminded that they must report to the office during school hours and may not accompany late children or take forgotten items to the classrooms. Teaching and learning may not be disturbed under any circumstances and parents may not wonder around the school for security reasons.

# FREQUENT ADMIN OFFICE INTERRUPTIONS

The front office is frequently interrupted during the course of the school day by parents bringing forgotten items to school for their children, parents phoning in requesting a message be passed on to their child and children requesting a call be made to parents for forgotten items. Please ensure that all necessary items and arrangements for the day are made before leaving home. This will reduce interruptions during valuable teaching time. Please ensure that your child comes through to the office to collect forgotten items at break times.

# PARENTS REQUESTED NOT TO ESCORT CHILDREN THEIR CLASSROOMS

Please do not escort your children to their classrooms anymore. Our children are old enough to walk independently from the bottom of the staircase to their classrooms.

## **GLASS BOTTLES NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

Please do NOT send glass bottles to school with your child. It is very dangerous when they break as they shatter and scatter shards on the floor which can hurt our barefoot children. Plastic bottles are compulsory for all children.

## **PUPIL NUMBERS FOR 2019**

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 2019.

## MGPS HEAD LICE POLICY

#### School's Responsibilities

- a. Teachers will be observant of children who scratch their heads a lot or of other symptoms of head lice and nits.
- b. If a teacher suspects that a child has lice or nits, she will check the child's hair and will send the child to Mrs Merchant for a second opinion.
- c. If it is practical and possible at the time of teaching, the teacher will straight away check the hair of all the children in the class. If necessary, she might request the assistance of a secretary.
- d. If a child has lice or nits, the parent will be requested telephonically by the secretary to collect the child immediately. On arrival, the parent will be requested to treat the child's hair and get a clearance certificate from a clinic or pharmacy before sending the child back to school.
- e. If necessary, the teacher will write a note to the parents of children who are in close proximity to the child/ren identified with head lice requesting them to check their children's hair. The name of the child who has head lice will not be mentioned.
- f. A D6 Communicator 'head lice and nits' alert will be sent to all the parents of the children in the class, explaining an 'identification' or 'outbreak' of head lice and nits and requesting parents to check and treat their child on that day.
- g. Mention of head lice and nits will be made in the next newsletter, especially requesting parents to check their child's hair regularly and supplying information about their treatment.
- h. Mention of head lice and nits will be made in the next assembly, especially requesting children to be alert and ask their parents for assistance if they are scratching their heads a lot or notice other symptoms of head lice and nits.

#### Parents responsibilities

- a. Parents will check their children's hair regularly for head lice.
- b. Parents will notify the class teacher if they find that their child has head lice or if they have treated their child for head lice.
- c. Parents will collect their child immediately when requested by the school secretary and will treat their child's hair with the proper chemicals and get a clearance certificate from a clinic or pharmacy before sending their child back to school.
- d. Parents will encourage their child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children to prevent getting head lice.
- e. Parents will tie up a girl's long hair in a bun to prevent it coming into contact with others.

#### WORLD OCEANS DAY: CNN'S ZERO PLASTIC LUNCH DAYS

It is less than a month to go until World Oceans Day on June 8th. Here are the details of CNN's Zero Plastic Lunch Days and how it will work on the day. MGPS will be participating.

# • What's happening?

On June 8, CNN will be live blogging World Oceans Day on CNN.com around the clock. We will feature the best Zero Plastic Lunch efforts on our live blog, which will be on the homepage all day.

## What can you/your students do?

- Ditch single-use plastics on June 8!
- Take pictures of your normal lunch in the days/weeks beforehand and then take pictures of your Zero Plastic lunch on June 8.
  Share 1 before and 1 after picture on June 8 so we can see the change.
- Film short videos on your smartphone explaining why and how you went zero plastic for World Oceans Day.

# How can you share pics and videos with CNN?

- Email <u>zeroplasticlunch@turner.com</u>
- Post them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram using the hashtag #ZeroPlasticLunch (Make sure your social profiles aren't private, or we won't be able to find the posts.)

# What should my food pictures look like?

- We'd love them to have an "Instagram" style. By that we mean well-presented, nicely plated and nicely framed, with great colors.
- Here are some example pictures we love: <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1r5">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1r5</a> 2P012Ydw0Hq95XusZ1vzUjqXf6sfL
- And here are some we don't! <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UmibWu6FYWTykyVm08X5gsVZ\_cyk7VS1">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UmibWu6FYWTykyVm08X5gsVZ\_cyk7VS1</a>

## Is there anything else?

- Yes! If your school/community has any other plastic-related news let us know!
- Example: Have students been writing to local businesses to campaign them to ban single use plastics?
- Has your school joined The Last Straw campaign and decided to ditch plastic straws?

#### Are there any CNN resources I can use at school?

- Yes, please visit this website <u>www.cnn.com/zeroplasticlunch</u>
- We have learning PDFs for going plastic-free,
- A video you can you screen in lessons,
- And stories about plastics in our oceans.

# **BOOK FAIR - Mrs Sobey**

To promote reading and literacy in our school, we will be hosting a Book Fair on Tuesday, 19 June from 10h00 until 15h00 and on Wednesday, 20 June from 07h30 until 13h00. Parents are invited to visit the fair to purchase books for their children and/or to donate to the library. Should a parent donate a book to our library, their child's name will be put in the front of the book and he/she will be the first to take the book out of the library once it has been processed. The average price of a book is R70.00.

In appreciation for hosting the Book Fair, BOOKS2YOU gives us a BUY BACK BONUS - that is we receive a percentage of the total sales back in books. This is a wonderful way to add new titles to our library at no extra cost! We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair. Your support is appreciated.

## **FUNDRAISING: MARKET DAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

In preparation for our Market Day in the third term, we need your help with donations to reduce costs and increase profits. All funds raised will go to MGPS. At a later date this term, a box will be placed in each class room for any donations towards the different stalls either to be won as prizes or items to be sold.

# Please ensure that:

- 1) Any edible items donated do not expire before the end of November 2018.
- 2) Second-hand items donated for the White Elephant stall are in working order, have all their required parts and are not chipped or cracked.

Below are some suggestions of what you may donate to be used as prizes.

Small prizes (Ages 3yrs to 15yrs): marbles, yoyos, dinosaurs, small packets of sweets, coffee mugs to win, ping pong balls, moon balls, sporting balls, stickers, glow sticks, chocolate slabs, non-perishable groceries, hair spray, nail polish, nail art stickers, hair accessories, deodorants, play dough, stationery, small toy cars, and any other prize ideas that you are willing to donate.

#### SPORTS NEWS - Mr Goodwin and Mrs Fernandez

## Results

Soccer

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT	
U10	Sherwood Primary School	1 – 3 Lost	
U12A	Sherwood Primary School	1 – 5 Lost	
U12B	Sherwood Primary School	1 – 5 Lost	
U14	Sherwood Primary School	0 – 1 Lost	

## Hockey - GIRLS

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT	
U13	Pitlochry Primary School A	0 – 0 Drew	
	Eden College	4 – 0 Won	
	Pinetown Primary School	2 – 0 Won	
U11	Pitlochry Primary School A	2 – 1 Won	
	Kainon School	1 – 2 Lost	
	Pinetown Primary School	1 – 2 Lost	

#### Mini Soccer Tournament

The Grade 3 soccer team won the Grade 3 trophy at the Durban Primary Mini Soccer Tournament held on Saturday last week. The Grade 2 soccer team played well.

# <u>Fixtures</u>

# Soccer

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
30 May	U11 and U13	Holy Family College	MGPS
2 June	U12	Tournament	Sherwood Primary School

# <u>Hockey – GIRLS</u>

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
31 May	U10 and U11	Pitlochry Primary School	Tournament

# Netball - GIRLS

I	DATE TEAM		SCHOOL	VENUE	
I	30 May	U11 and U13	Morningside Primary School	MGPS	

# Mini Soccer

DATE	GRADE 2 – STARTING AT 13h00	VENUE	GRADE 3 – STARTING AT 14h00
31 May	MGPS	Eden College	MGPS
7 June	MGPS	Eden College	MGPS

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