



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way. Stay away from what might have been and look at what can be." – Marsha Petrie Sue

DATES TO DIARISE

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
8 June	End of the Extra Mural Programme
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 Grade R – 7 reports will be sent home
13 August	Sports Photos
8 September	Market Day Fundraiser

STAFF NEWS

Mr Goodwin, our Senior Phase Sports Co-ordinator, in all probability will be joining the corporate world from July. The following advertisement has been 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 be 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	Total 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.

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. Please see the chart attached for replacing single-use plastics.

•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 zeroplasticlunch@turner.com
- 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: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1r5_2P012Ydw0Hg95XusZ1yzUjqXf6sfl
- And here are some we don't! https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UmibWu6FYWTykyVm08X5qsVZ_cyk7VS1

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 www.cnn.com/zeroplasticlunch
- We have learning PDFs for going plastic-free,
- A video you can 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
U11	Holy Family College	0 – 1 Lost
U13	Holy Family College	2 – 1 Won

Netball

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U11	Morningside Primary School	0 – 6 Lost
U13	Holy Family College	3 – 6 Lost

Hockey – GIRLS

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U10	Pitlochry Primary School B	2 – 0 Won
	St Benedicts	6 – 0 Won
	Pinetown Primary School	3 – 0 Won
	Kainon School	2 – 0 Won
U11	Pitlochry Primary School A	0 – 0 Drew
	Kainon School	2 – 0 Won
	Eden School	3 – 0 Won
	Pinetown Primary School	1 – 1 Drew

Fixtures

Soccer

DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
9 June	07h30 until 12h00	U13	Tournament	Durban Primary School

Durban Primary School are hosting a 'World Soccer' tournament with 10 schools participating in league A and B and representing the following 10 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, England, Germany, France, Nigeria, Portugal, South Africa and Spain. MGPS will be representing Australia.

Mini Soccer

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

FRIDAY 8 JUNE: END OF THE EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 2ND TERM.

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