



Manor Gardens Primary School

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**"Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are."
– Malcolm S. Forbes**

DATES TO DIARISE

19 September	Grade 1 Assembly at 07h30
19 September	Sugar Relay at Glenmore Primary School at 14h15
20 September – NEW DATE	Senior Play 'Rebecca's World' Dress Rehearsal at 10h30 – Grandparents are invited to attend at no cost
21 September	Foundation Phase (Grade R – 3) Parent Viewing from 12h30 until 13h00
21 September	Third term extra murals end
24 September	Public Holiday – Heritage Day
25 September	Heritage Day Dress up at no cost
25 September	Senior Phase Play 'Rebecca's World' – First performance at 18h30
26 September	Grade 1 Cake Sale
26 September	Senior Phase Play 'Rebecca's World' – Second Performance at 18h30
28 September	End of the Third Term
5 October	Teachers' Day
9 October	Start of the Fourth Term
16 October	Glenmore Primary School's General Knowledge Quiz Evening at 18h00
17 – 18 October	Speech and Drama Festival for Grades 1 – 7

STAFF UPDATE

We warmly welcome Miss Trisha Anderson back to her Grade 1 teaching post after four and half months maternity leave. We thank Mrs Sharon Reardon, the locum tenens teacher, for giving the children in her class a very good grounding inside and outside the Grade 1 classroom.

STAFF NEWS

The following 2019 teaching posts have been printed in the local newspapers and are supplied here for your information.

MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY - SGB POSTS: JANUARY 2019

1. **JP teacher** required with M + 4 and Gr. 1 – 3 teaching qualification and experience.
2. **SP teacher** required with M + 4 and Gr. 4 – 7 teaching qualification and experience.
3. **Afrikaans specialist teacher** required with M + 4 primary school Afrikaans teaching qualification and FAL and SAL experience.
4. **Music specialist teacher** required with M + 4 and primary school music teaching qualification, experience and ability to play the piano, recorder and guitar, to teach Gr. R – 7 class music, conduct choirs, a-capella, ensemble and percussion band.
5. **JP sports co-ordinator** required who is a registered student, preferably a student teacher, with sporting ability and teaching experience to teach FP PE lessons and coach FP and SP extra mural sports.

Send a 2 page CV with traceable references to info@mgps.co or **Fax No. 031-261 6166 by Friday 21 September 2018.**

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. MGPS is not obliged to fill the posts.

SENIOR PHASE PLAY: 'Rebecca's World' – Mrs Sibson

The performances of the Senior Phase Play called, 'Rebecca's World', will be on Tuesday 25 September and Wednesday 26 September at 18h30. Tickets are on sale at a cost of R35.00 each. Please send the correct amount of money in an envelope which indicates clearly:

1. Your child's name and class
2. The evening for which you require the tickets: Tuesday 25 September or Wednesday 26 September
3. The number of tickets required

Tickets will be processed on the day the money is received and sent to you on the following day. Please keep your tickets in a safe place until the performance.

EARLY RELEASE FOR GRADE 4 – 7 CHILDREN ON PLAY PERFORMANCE DAYS

The Grade 4 - 7 children will be allowed to leave school at 12h30 on Tuesday 25 September and Wednesday 26 September. We would like the children to have the opportunity to rest during the afternoon before they have to return to school from 17h30 until 20h30 for the play performances. Children will be supervised by their teachers until 13h50, which is the end of the normal school day, if parents are unable to collect their children earlier. Aftercare will operate as normal from 13h50 until 17h00 and children may not be left unsupervised thereafter.

SENIOR PLAY: REQUEST FOR VIDEOGRAPHER ON PLAY NIGHTS

We are looking for someone who is able and willing to film the performance of our school play on Tuesday 25 September and Wednesday 26 September. Please contact Mrs Sibson urgently.

HERITAGE DAY DRESS-UP

Children may dress up in their cultural attire to celebrate the many diverse cultures of our rainbow nation on Tuesday 25 September at no cost.

PROTOCOL – LINE OF COMMUNICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CURRICULUM MATTERS

When you have a particular concern about the performance of a MGPS staff member or the quality of MGPS curriculum provision, please immediately contact the **Principal** via letter; email (principal@mgps.org.za); telephone or appointment.

PROTOCOL – LINE OF COMMUNICATION FOR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE

When you have a particular concern about an aspect of your child's performance, the **correct channels** to follow are:

- Step 1: Write to the teacher concerned to request an appointment or place your concern in writing for the teacher's attention;
Step 2: If the matter is unresolved or you feel that you cannot talk directly to the class teacher, then the next point of contact is the appropriate **Head of Department**;
Step 3: If you remain dissatisfied after following the above steps, then approach the **Principal**; contact Mrs Daniels (principal's secretary) to make an appointment or send an email to ydaniels@mgps.org.za

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUPILS

Acceptable Behaviour and Consideration for Others

Please discuss the following section of the school's code of conduct with your children, especially the use of foul language. At Manor Gardens Primary, children respect and care about one another so they feel disrespected when a school mate resorts to the use of foul language in their presence and they lose respect for them. The children understand that when they express their feelings in an appropriate way, they will earn the respect, recognition and assistance they seek.

Children will respect their own emotional and physical well-being and that of others. They will:

- show respect, tolerance and consideration for others
- be caring and friendly to each other
- not physically hurt any person or animal
- not bully, victimize or ridicule others
- not use foul, abusive or inappropriate language
- not hurt the feelings of others by name-calling or by passing notes
- be truthful at all times
- observe rules that ensure their own and other's physical safety
- stay out of 'no go' areas.

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE REGARDING SCHOOL SHOES

Children arriving or leaving school must be dressed in their full school uniform or PE kit, *including their school shoes*. Children must be dressed in their full school uniform or PE kit, *including their school shoes*, in public outside the school gates. The following are regarded as Manor Gardens Primary's regulation school shoes:

•Grade R:

brown Elefante sandals (two styles available), Biotribes or Froggie sandals worn without socks **or**
plain white takkies with Velcro (no laces) and white school socks folded to the ankle.

•Grade 1 – 7:

brown Elefante sandals (two styles available), Biotribes or Froggie sandals worn without socks **or**
Boys: brown lace-ups with white ankle socks folded to the ankle
Girls: brown court shoe with bar worn with white ankle socks folded to the ankle.

DO NOT SEND SICK OR TIRED CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Parents are urged to please keep their sick or tired children at home and **NOT** send them to school. Some children come to sleep in the Sick Room as they have had a late night. If your child is not well or tired, please **DO NOT** send them to school as it is a disruption to the teacher and the rest of the class. It is also disruptive when the secretary has parents calling in to find out about the wellbeing of their children as they were sick before they left home.

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 or parents phoning in requesting a message be passed on to their child. 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.

SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL FOR GRADES 1 TO 7 – Mrs Sibson

The Speech and Drama Festival will take place on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 October. Individual entry fees are R35.00. For every three individual entries, a fourth category may be entered free of charge. Please mark the titles of the categories clearly, with the child's name and grade as well as language preference, on the envelope containing the correct fees. Copies of the prescribed poems will be sent home as soon as the entries are received. **All entries should be sent in no later than Friday 14 September.**

SPORTS MATTERS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Fixtures

Softball

DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
22 September	09h10	MGPS A – GIRLS	Kloof Primary B	Queensmead Hockey Stadium

ResultsSoftball

TEAM - GIRLS	SCHOOL	RESULT
U13A	Westville Primary	9 – 13 Lost
U13A	Penzance Primary	9 – 16 Lost
U13B	Penzance Primary	6 – 14 Lost

ResultsHockey

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U10 – Boys	Penzance Primary	2 – 1 Won
U11	Penzance Primary	0 – 2 Lost
U13	Penzance Primary	0 – 6 Lost
U10 – Girls	St Henry's Marist Brothers	3 – 2 Won
U11	St Henry's Marist Brothers	0 – 3 Lost
U13	St Henry's Marist Brothers	0 – 5 Won

Please note: THE EXTRA MURAL PROGRAMME FOR THE THIRD TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER.

**CAROL LOTTERING
PRINCIPAL**