



# Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 2

15 January 2019

*"Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that human life is of inestimable value." – Desmond Tutu*

## DATES TO DIARISE

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 14 January             | Extra-Mural programme begins for Grades R - 7   |
| 14 – 17 January        | Parent Information Evenings at 17h30 as per the timetable below.  |
| 15 January             | Gala Heats – All Senior Primary pupils must participate in preparation for the Senior Phase Gala              |
| 17 January             | Happy Hat Day for Grade 1 children  |
| 17 January             | Welcome Grade R and 1 New Parents Pizza Evening after the Parent Information Evening                          |
| 18 January             | First tuck shop day for 2019  |
| 22 January             | Reading Talk – Grade 1 parents in the school hall at 18h00. New Grade 2 and 3 parents are welcome.            |
| 24 January             | Parent By-Election in the school hall at 17h30 for 1 vacancy only since Ben Roberts will now resign in March. |
| 25 January             | Pre-Primary Principal Breakfast   |
| 29 January (Tentative) | School Development Discussions  |
| 30 January             | Grade 5 Cake Sale   |
| 1 February             | Read Aloud Day  |
| 2 February             | World Wetlands Day  |
| 5 February             | Senior Phase Gala   |
| 6 February             | High School Expo  |
| 7 February             | Adjourned SGB Parent By-Election Meeting  |
| 8 February             | Open Day for Grades R – 7 pupils at 07h30: 2020   |
| 13 February            | Grade 4 Cake Sale   |
| 14 February            | Valentine's Day   |
| 15 February            | Valentine's Day – Civvies Dress up at a cost of R2.00   |
| 20 February            | Inter-school Lit Quiz   |
| 27 February            | Foundation Phase Gala (Grades 1 – 3)  |
| 5 March                | Boys D & D Gala at Kings Park Stadium   |
| 7 March                | Girls D & D Gala at Kings Park Stadium  |
| 8 March                | Foundation Phase Parent Viewing for Grades R – 3 from 12h30 to 13h00  |
| 11 March               | Class and staff photos  |
| 13 March               | Grade 1 Assembly  |
| 14 March               | Senior Phase Music Evening  |
| 15 March               | End of Term 1 – Break up Day  |
| <b>21 March</b>        | <b>Public Holiday – Human Rights Day</b>  |
| 2 April                | Second Term starts  |
| <b>19 April</b>        | <b>Public Holiday - Good Friday</b>   |
| <b>21 April</b>        | <b>Easter Sunday</b>  |
| <b>22 April</b>        | <b>Public Holiday – Family Day</b>  |

## APPRECIATION

A big 'Thank You!' to parent Jo Bredenkamp for the wonderful, warm welcome she created with flowers, coloured chalk, a few blackboards and some bunting outside the office entrance at the start of the school year.

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS – A child minding service will be provided.

| Date       | Day       | Grades        | Venue                                   | Time  |
|------------|-----------|---------------|---|-------|
| 14 January | Monday    | Grade 2 and 3 | Grade 2 classrooms, Grade 3 Hall        | 17h30 |
| 15 January | Tuesday   | Grade 6 and 7 | Grade 6 SP Aftercare Room, Grade 7 Hall | 17h30 |
| 16 January | Wednesday | Grade 4 and 5 | Grade 4 Hall, Grade 5 SP Aftercare Room | 17h30 |
| 17 January | Thursday  | Grade R and 1 | Grade R Hall and Grade 1 classrooms     | 17h30 |

## MGPS WELCOMING GRADE R AND 1 PARENTS FUNCTION

All Grade R and Grade 1 children and their parents are invited to attend our "Welcome to Manor Gardens Primary" pizza social function on Thursday 17 January in the Grade R area **after** the Grade R and Grade 1 parent information evenings. Invitations have been sent home with your children. Please RSVP as requested.

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY PARENT BY - ELECTION MEETING UPDATE

There will be a SGB parent by-election meeting on 24 February at 17h30 for 1 vacancy only created by the departure of Gina D'Alessandro on 31 December 2018. Ben Roberts, the Treasurer, will now remain a SGB member until March so a second vacancy doesn't exist at present. You will receive an updated notice of the parent by-election meeting bearing this new information. Should a quorum of 15% of voters on the voters roll not be present, the parent by-election meeting will be adjourned to Thursday 7 February at 17h30.

I trust that you will give much thought to the nomination and election of 1 parent representative member 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. Nominations 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 Thursday 24 January.

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

#### **GRADE 1 READING TALK AND NEW GRADE 2 AND 3 PARENTS WELCOME**

Date : 22 January 2019  
Day : Tuesday  
Time : 18h00 – 19h30  
Venue : School Hall

We encourage **ALL** Grade 1 parents and **NEW** parents of children in Grades 2 and 3 to attend so as to become familiar with the MGPS approach to teaching reading. There will be books on sale which may be donated to the school in your child's name. A child minding facility will be available in the Junior Primary Aftercare room.

#### **GRADE R - 7 OPEN DAY 2020**

Date : **Friday 8 February 2019**  
Time : **07h30 – 10h00**

We invite all prospective 2020 parents and children to attend a special assembly and a guided tour of the school. For further information, contact the admissions secretary, Youlene Daniels, on 031-261 1401 or email [ydaniels@mqps.org.za](mailto:ydaniels@mqps.org.za). Refreshments will be served afterwards.

#### **APPLICATION FOR CURRENT GRADE R TO GRADE 1 IN 2020**

Please be advised that admission into Grade 1 at Manor Gardens Primary School is not automatic. An application form will be sent home with your child for re-registration into Grade 1 in 2020. If your details have changed (e.g. address, contact numbers, employment, etc.) kindly update them and attach the required supporting documents. **If your details have not changed, do not attach any documents.** Please return this completed application form to the Grade R class teacher as soon as possible. An additional language choice form will also be sent home to be returned as soon as possible.

#### **MGPS 2018 GRADE 7 PRIZE GIVING AWARDEES**

We congratulate the following Grade 7 children who were our high academic, sporting and cultural achievers in 2018.

| <b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | <b>NAMES</b>  |
|--|---|
| <b>HARRIES SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY</b>                                   | Keaton Murray   |
| <b>CHESS TROPHY</b>  | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>BENN SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY</b>                                      | Breigh Clarivette   |
| <b>STAR READER CERTIFICATES</b>  | Breigh Clarivette, Priyanka Govender, Tharshey Govender, Jemma Kasavan, Eyethu Mkhize, Keaton Murray, Jaskaran Rajaruthnam, Nozipho Zikhali |
| <b>STEEN READING ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY</b>                                      | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | Jemma Kasavan, Sam Walker and Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>ENGLISH EFFORT</b>  | Olivia Hansen and Nozipho Zikhali   |
| <b>AFRIKAANS ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | Olivia Hansen   |
| <b>BILINGUALISM ACHIEVEMENT: (English and Afrikaans)</b>                     |   |
| <b>AFRIKAANS EFFORT</b>  | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam and Sam Walker   |
| <b>ISIZULU ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | Siphokazi Mazibuko  |
| <b>ISIZULU EFFORT</b>  | Mlondi Ngcobo   |
| <b>BILINGUALISM ACHIEVEMENT (English and isiZulu)</b>                        |   |
| <b>MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>MEYER PROBLEM SOLVING TROPHY</b>  |   |
| <b>WEBB TROPHY (Combined Mathematics and Natural Science)</b>                |   |
| <b>MATHEMATICS EFFORT</b>  | Olivia Hansen   |
| <b>NATURAL SCIENCES, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT TROPHIES</b> | Sam Walker  |
| <b>NATURAL SCIENCE EFFORT</b>  | Keaton Murray and Nozipho Zikhali   |
| <b>SOCIAL SCIENCE EFFORT</b>   | Swan Robertson  |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY EFFORT</b>   | Breigh Clarivette and Shiann Pillay   |
| <b>ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT</b>                               | Jemma Kasavan and Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SCIENCE EFFORT</b>                                    | Tahlia Balipersad   |
| <b>KAY MULLER ART ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY</b>                                     | Swan Robertson  |
| <b>ART EFFORT</b>  | Riley Morgan  |
| <b>MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT</b>   | Nozipho Zikhali   |
| <b>MUSIC EFFORT</b>  | Sam Walker  |
| <b>SOBEY PERCUSSION PRIZE</b>  | Mlondi Ngcobo   |
| <b>EWAN SLABBER MUSIC TROPHY</b>   |   |
| <b>ROSELT MUSIC BOOK TROPHY</b>  | Nqobile Vumase  |
| <b>KATE RYAN DRAMA TROPHY</b>  | Keaton Murray and Sam Walker  |
| <b>DRAMA EFFORT</b>  | Caomhe Lalla and Elethu Mashiya   |
| <b>de FLEURIOT FELLOWSHIP TROPHY</b>   | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT TROPHY</b>   | Breigh and Riley Clarivette   |
| <b>SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL</b>   | Priyanka Govender and Jaskaran Rajaruthnam  |
| <b>PRINCIPAL'S AWARD</b>   | Keaton Murray   |
| <b>DUNCAN MCDONALD ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>                                  | Nqobile Vumase  |

| ACHIEVEMENT   | NAMES   |
|---|---|
| <b>MERIT CERTIFICATES</b> (Average of 80% and over) | Olivia Hansen, Jemma Kasavan, Jaskaran Rajaruthnam, Sam Walker, Nozipho Zikhali |
| <b>DUX PROXIME ACCESSIT</b>                         | Jemma Kasavan   |
| <b>DUX AWARD</b>                                    | Jaskaran Rajaruthnam and Sam Walker   |

### CAR PARK SAFETY

In the interest of safety, please comply with the following:

- Drive slowly
- Only park on one side of the car park, in the diagonal parking bays.
- Do not park parallel to Dale Road. This endangers children crossing the car park and because they are not visible to the motorist of oncoming or reversing vehicles.
- Respect the traffic cones which have been placed in the car park to stop parents from parking parallel with Dale Road and obstructing the view of pedestrians and motorists and putting their lives and vehicles at risk.
- Additional parking is available on the grass verge beyond the parking area in Dale Road.
- We urge parents to stop parking on the pavement on either side of Dale Road and Wheeler Road to drop off and collect children because you increase the risk of children and adults being involved in an accident. The allocated car park has been designed for quick, efficient and safe collections.

### 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.

### D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

Manor Gardens Primary uses the D6 School Communicator which is an innovative and exciting way of communicating with parents and keeps you up to date with what is happening at the school. It updates automatically, and brings you all the latest news and calendar events. It also contains a photo gallery, contact list and a range of useful links and documents.

In order for us to improve our communication with you, we encourage you to install the d6 School Communicator on both your computer and mobile phone. Please find attached an easy to install guide for your mobile and office computer.

### TIMEOUS DEPARTURE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Children may not remain unsupervised on the school grounds after school hours.** They must be collected **within 15 minutes** after class lessons and extra mural activities, or they **MUST** go to Aftercare. Children may not wait unsupervised for older siblings. If you are going to be late to fetch your child on a particular day, please write a note to your child's class teacher and arrangements will be made for your child to go to Aftercare. If your child has an extra-mural activity later on in the school afternoon, he/she must attend Aftercare between the end of school and the time the activity begins.

Please note that children are required to report to the relevant Aftercare assistant, when they are leaving Aftercare and they may not go to the stairs to wait for their parents or lift club driver to collect them. Please notify the Aftercare staff if the regular person is not going to be collecting them. Please park diagonally in the carpark and walk to the Aftercare area to sign out and collect your child.

### LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM AFTERCARE

Children must be collected by no later than 14h00 or 17h00, whichever is their respective end of the Aftercare Centre period. A **penalty for late collection of R75.00 per 15 minutes** will be levied and charged to your Aftercare Fee account. If late collection persists, then the use of the Aftercare Centre facility will be terminated. Aftercare supervisor, Mrs Shiralee Mill, can be contacted on 078 462 8544.

### EARLY ARRIVALS

Please note that children are not allowed entry onto the school grounds before 07h00. MGPS staff members, including Mr Alex Maliwa, our Security Guard, are not responsible for supervising children who arrive too early. Early Morning Care is offered from 06h30 to 07h00 for children who need to be dropped off at the school premises prior to official school opening time. This service is offered at a nominal daily rate of R8.00 to parents. Your full co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

### NAME BADGES – IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

**All** children are requested to wear their name badges to school every day so that that can be referred to by their names. This will promote a sense of identity and a sense of belonging within the school community. If your child needs a replacement name badge, please send R20.00 in a clearly marked sealed envelope to the class teacher by Friday 15 February 2019.

### PRIVATE LESSONS AT MGPS

Private lessons are conducted by private teachers who hire our school premises and are **NOT** part of the school's extra mural activity programme. **Please note no private lesson is to take preference over or during the school extra mural activities.**

Please be advised that all payments for the private lessons offered at MGPS (Code Kids, Hip Hop Dancing, Ballet, Art, Speech & Drama, etc.), must be paid directly to the private teachers or into their bank accounts. **No monies may be sent to school with children at any time or be dropped off at the front office.** Please contact the private teacher in charge with regards to obtaining their bank details.

### MGPS RAINY DAY EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITY POLICY

1. No activity will be cancelled. The children and coaches will remain at school until the time the activity usually ends.
2. Indoor activities will proceed as usual and outdoor activities will be conducted indoors.
3. Outdoor coaches will be prepared for the event of a rainy afternoon and keep their children occupied with tasks related to their outdoor activity.
4. Children may depart at the end of their school day (12h30 or 13h50) if a match has been cancelled, for whatever reason, provided they have already had two afternoons of practice and their parents have been notified accordingly.
5. When a match is cancelled, for whatever reason, coaches will remain at school until the time when the match usually ends to supervise children until they are collected.

**SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester: Sports Practices and Matches: Dress Code**

Please ensure that your children come to school with the correct sports kit required for that particular sport. Please be advised that if they are not appropriately attired, they will not be allowed to participate in a sports practice or match. Please teach them to be responsible by making sure that they do not leave their sports kits at home, but pack them in their bags the night before.

**Please note:** The white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge is worn at sports matches only and the house colour T-shirt is worn at sports practices only.

**CAROL LOTTERING  
PRINCIPAL**