



# Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 5

5 February 2019

*"You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." - Christopher Columbus*

## DATES TO DIARISE

6 February	HPV for Grade 4 girls only
6 February	High School Expo from 18h00 to 20h00 for all Grade 6 and 7 parents and pupils in the school hall
7 February	Adjourned SGB Parent By-Election Meeting at 17h30
8 February	Open Day for 2020 Grades R – 7 pupils at 07h30
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 Kids Lit Quiz
27 February	Foundation Phase Gala (Grades 1 – 3)
5 March	Boys D & D Gala at Kings Park Stadium at 13h00
7 March	Girls D & D Gala at Kings Park Stadium at 13h00
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 Primary Music Evening
15 March	End of Term 1 – Break up Day
21 March	Public Holiday – Human Rights Day
2 April	Second Term starts
19 April	Public Holiday - Good Friday
21 April	Easter Sunday
22 April	Public Holiday – Family Day

## APPRECIATION: GRADE 5 CAKE SALE

Thank you to the Grade 5 parents who kindly brought cakes and delicious eats for our cake sale. Well done to the parents and children for their sterling work in sorting and pricing the eats, manning the tables and cleaning up afterwards. An amount of R3 577.70 was raised.

## INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMME: GRADE 4 VACCINATIONS FOR GIRLS ONLY ON 6 FEBRUARY

The Departments of Health, Basic Education and Social Development will run the annual Grade 4 HPV vaccination campaign through their Integrated School Health Programme.

All Grade 4 girls, who are 9 years and older, have taken a notice home requesting their parents' consent for the visiting Mayville clinic nurses to administer the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to their daughters on 6 February at school. This vaccine prevents cervical cancer later in life.

Please return the consent forms and attach the child's immunization card urgently.

## MGPS HIGH SCHOOL EXPO FROM 18H00 UNTIL 20H00 ON WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Manor Gardens Primary will host a High School Expo to assist parents of Grade 6 and 7 children educated in the greater Glenwood area to get information about the local public and private high schools.

## SGB ADJOURNED PARENT BY - ELECTION MEETING ON THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY AT 17H30

A quorum of 15% of MGPS parents, which equals 114 parents, was not in attendance at the by-election meeting held on Thursday 24 January, therefore the meeting was adjourned until Thursday 7 February at 17h30 and **will take place whether or not a quorum** of 15% of parents is in attendance. Please make every effort to attend the adjourned by-election meeting and exercise your democratic right to vote for 1 parent representative of your choice on the SGB.

Please remember that parents will only gain entry to the closed Parent Nomination and By-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 Driver's License will **not** be accepted.

Only parents who are South African citizens or non-South African citizens in possession of a resident permit may be elected as members of the School Governing Body.

**A child minding service for children of 3 years and older will be available in the Junior Primary Aftercare Room for parents attending the Nomination and By-Election meeting.**

## 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@mgps.org.za](mailto:ydaniels@mgps.org.za). Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## KAGAN CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING AT MGPS

Manor Gardens Primary School has started to use Kagan Cooperative Learning structures which are extremely successful teaching techniques, designed by Dr Spencer Kagan, that incorporate co-operative, pupil-to-pupil interaction and engagement as an integral part of the learning process. The structures are suitable for any curriculum content and grade level. Small teams of pupils (usually teams of four) work together towards a learning objective. They may work with partners or the whole class. Each member of a team is responsible not only for learning what is taught but also for helping teammates learn, thus creating an atmosphere of achievement and cooperation. Pupils work through the task until all group members successfully understand and complete it.

Delivering our lessons using Kagan Cooperative Learning structures increases the amount of time our children spend 'on task' and enables a class of pupils to all actively and simultaneously interact with others, engage in learning, take responsibility for their learning and have fun. These structures give the pupils skills to work with others co-operatively and to learn independently of the 'teacher'.

The benefits of Kagan Co-operative Learning are:

- Involves pupils actively in the learning process;
- Promotes face-to-face interaction;
- Encourages positive interdependence;
- Promotes individual and team accountability;
- Involves simultaneous interaction;
- Promotes equal participation and status;
- Encourages a "can-do" attitude because pupils have opportunities to process their thinking and answers;
- Increases academic achievement;
- Enhances critical thinking skills;
- Promotes language acquisition;
- Develops the range of multiple intelligences;
- Develops social skills and relations, including: listening to others, taking turns, sharing ideas, conflict resolution skills, leadership skills, and teamwork skills;
- Enhances self-esteem and responsibility and ultimately helps to prepare pupils for success in life;
- Increases team building and class building;
- Promotes a liking for school, class, self, others and learning;
- Promotes a caring classroom community;
- Develops emotional intelligence;
- Develops character virtues.

There are over 200 Kagan Cooperative Learning structures, however, the ones currently in use at MGPS are 'Mix-Pair-Share', 'Rally Robin / Round Robin', 'All Record Round Robin', 'Stand-N-Share', 'Timed-Pair-Share' and 'Rally Coach'.

Using Kagan Cooperative Learning is just one of the ways that we teach at Manor Gardens Primary. We use many other structures and systems but we find that the Kagan Cooperative Learning structures really help our children to develop their speaking, listening, language, thinking and social skills as well as build relationships and class community.

## DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS PRIZE GIVING - 2018

Congratulations to the following MGPS past pupils on their excellent 2018 achievements:

<b>Grade 8: Merit Certificate Subject Prize Grade Position</b>	- in excess of 80% - Economic Management Services - <b>Third in Grade 8</b>	Vitthal Ramessur
<b>Grade 10 : Merit Certificate</b>	- in excess of 80%	Mchyle Govender

## SWIMMING POOL AREA UPGRADES

The children and staff were delighted that the pair of resident Egyptian Geese brought their goslings to the swimming pool for their first swim on Tuesday morning. The repaired, replaced and additional pool awnings, the new LED pool lights and the small, mobile PA system are a pleasing improvement to this sports facility.

## URGENTLY REQUIRED - CHECKING AND UPDATING PUPIL AND PARENT DETAILS

MGPS requires correct details on record. Please assist the school's administrators by checking your pupil and parent details on the sheet sent home, correcting any errors and returning it by the latest on Friday 8 February. **Please indicate next to 'Dexterity of the Learner' whether your child is left or right handed or ambidextrous.**

## CHILDREN WAITING FOR PRIVATE LESSONS TO GO TO AFTERCARE AND PAY R15.00 IF NOT A REGULAR AFTERCARE CHILD

The casual 'D' fee is a rate that is only applicable for those pupils who are waiting for a private lesson and are not regular aftercare children. Only those pupils whose names are provided to the Aftercare staff by the private lessons tutor may attend using this nominal rate which is an amount of R15.00 per day for less than 1 hour waiting for a private lesson (i.e. Speech and Drama, Hip-hop, Ballet, Code kids, Experi- Buddies, Art). Regular Aftercare children returning to Aftercare after their private lesson will be charged at the normal daily rate. Parents **MUST** pay all Aftercare fees including the casual "D" rate in **ADVANCE**.

## MY SCHOOL CARDS

Parents are encouraged to swipe their My School Cards at participating outlets each time as the school benefits from these swipes. MGPS receives a rebate from the total numbers of purchases monthly. MGPS received R19 122.97 in rebates in 2018.

## VEHICLE SAFETY

According to the Berea Mail, there has been an increase in the number of hijackings in the greater Glenwood area lately. Please always be vigilant and make sure that your vehicle's windows are closed and your doors are locked, especially after passengers have alighted. Make sure all personal belongings are in the boot and not visible.

## 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.

## NEWSLETTER VIA D6 COMMUNICATOR OR HARD COPY

In the interest of MGPS being an eco-friendly school, newsletters will be put onto the D6 communicator and the school's website ([www.mgps.co](http://www.mgps.co)) for parents to easily access. We encourage you to install the d6 School Communicator on both your computer and mobile phone. It is safe and secure, and is used daily by more than ¼ million people worldwide. It updates automatically, and brings you all the latest school news and calendar events. It also contains a photo gallery, contact list and a range of useful links and documents.

Kindly complete the reply slip urgently at the end of this newsletter specifying whether you would require a hardcopy of the newsletter.

## QUINTATHLON CHALLENGE – Mrs Sobey

The Quintathlon Challenge allows Grades 1 – 7 children of differing abilities to be challenged in an interesting and enjoyable way in a 1 to 2 hour paper consisting of 5 different challenges. Papers to test logical thinking skills are set and marked by suitably experienced teachers. The main aim of this competition is to encourage children to think out of the box. If you would like your child to enter this Challenge (all entrants receive certificates) please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it with payment to the class teacher, in a clearly marked envelope. Entries must be returned by Monday 25 February. The Challenge will take place on Monday 10 June 2019.

- The Five Challenges** : (all included on one paper at a cost of R25.00 per student)
- English : emphasis here is on deduction, reading between the lines, logic.
  - Mathematics : problem solving, deduction, logic.
  - Science : deduction and logic.
  - Pure Logic : puzzles and activities.
  - General Knowledge : a fun way for students to learn about the world around them.

## SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

### Results

#### Touch Rugby

MGPS 1 vs Durban Girls High School U16B : 7 – 0 Won  
MGPS 2 vs Durban Girls High School U15C : 5 – 0 Draw

#### Cricket

U10 vs Pitlochry Primary School  
Pitlochry – 39/6 after 15 overs  
Ewan Stayt – 2/10  
Buhle Majali – 2/4  
MGPS – 40/0  
Evan Murray – 16 not out  
Shaelin Perumal – 8 not out  
**MGPS won by 10 wickets**

U11 vs Pitlochry Primary School  
Pitlochry – 57/16 after 15 overs  
Thomas Howard-Davies – 2/17  
As'bonga Dladla – 2/8  
Hlubi Ngxulelo – 2/5  
MGPS – 59/3  
As'bonga Dladla – 19 runs  
Tumi Letuka – 13 runs  
**MGPS won by 7 wickets**

U13A vs Pitlochry Primary School  
Pitlochry – 65/5  
David Marcel – 2/7  
MGPS – 61/1  
Joseph Euripidou – 29 not out  
Thato Lubisi – 21 not out  
**MGPS won by 9 wickets**

### Fixtures

#### Cricket

DATE		TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
6 February	Wednesday	U11	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
7 February	Thursday	U10	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
19 February	Tuesday	U11	Eden College	Eden College
		U13	Eden College	MGPS
20 February	Wednesday	U13A	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS
26 February	Tuesday	U10	Clarence Primary School	MGPS
		U11	Clarence Primary School	Clarence Primary School
28 February	Thursday	U13A	Clarence Primary School	MGPS

Netball

Tuesday 19 February : U11 and U13 vs Eden College at Eden College  
Wednesday 6 March : U11 and U13 vs Curro – Embury at MGPS

Touch Rugby

Matches to be played on Fridays at Kings Park Stadium: 8, 15 and 22 February and 1 and 8 March.

Mini cricket

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
7 February	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2
14 February	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2
21 February	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2
7 March	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2

**CAROL LOTTERING  
PRINCIPAL**

**QUINTATHLON CHALLENGE 2019 REPLY SLIP**

Please fill in the details below and return this tear off slip to your child’s class teacher, together with the amount of **R25.00** in an envelope clearly marked **Quintathlon** Challenge 2019 by Monday 25 February.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I want my child entered in the Quintathalon Challenge, please find enclosed the entry fee of **R25.00**.

Parent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPLY SLIP: NEWSLETTER HARD COPY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parents of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name/s of child/ren)

in Grade/s \_\_\_\_\_ would like to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_