



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 6

12 February 2019

"Love doesn't make the world go round, love is what makes the ride worthwhile." - Elizabeth Browning

DATES TO DIARISE

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	Grade R - Letter Sound Dress up Day Assembly
20 February	Inter-school Kids Lit Quiz
21 February	Grade 4 Excursion to Tala Game Reserve
22 and 23 February	Glenwood Cricket Festival
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
8 March	Family Social Evening at 17h00 until 20h00 - TBC
11 March	Class and staff photos
13 March	Grade 1 Assembly
14 March	Senior Primary Music Evening at 18h30
15 March	End of Term 1 – Break up Day
21 March	Public Holiday – Human Rights Day
2 April	Second Term starts
5 April	Brombacher Mathematics Staff Development
8 – 9 April	Grade 5 excursion to Roselands
17 – 19 April	Grade 6 excursion to Spirit of Adventure
19 April	Public Holiday - Good Friday
21 April	Easter Sunday
22 April	Public Holiday – Family Day

APPRECIATION: HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

A big 'Thank You!' to Mrs Sibson and Mrs Sobey for hosting a very effective High School Expo at Manor Gardens Primary 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.

OPEN DAY APPRECIATION

We had a very successful Open Day last week. Heartfelt thanks go to:

- Mrs Sobey for her leadership of the marketing team and directing the staff in their preparations of the school for Open Day.
- The Grade 7 children for taking the visitors on a tour of the school and proving to be wonderful MGPS ambassadors.
- Mrs Angelos, Miss Moskovitch and Grades 1 - 3 children for once again delighting us with their musical programme.
- Mrs Daniels, Mrs Merchant, Mrs Dekker and Mr Bester for providing prospective parents with application forms and assisting with their questions.
- Foundation Phase Head of Department, Mrs Devere-Loots, and Intermediate and Senior Phases Head of Department, Mrs Sibson, and the staff for their preparation and organization of the impressive presentations of the Grade 1, 3 and 7 children.
- Parents: Genevieve Jardine, Sameera Mather, Upasna Rambali, Sandipa Ramkissoon, Kate Reuning, Chantel Richards and members of staff for serving refreshments to our visitors.

GRADE 4 – 7 INTER-HOUSE GALA APPRECIATION AND TROPHY WINNERS

Thank you to the following people for a well-organized and most enjoyable gala:

- Mrs Fernandes for her enthusiasm, dedication and superb organization of the event.
- All staff members for their positive and professional contribution towards the success of our gala.
- Beavers Swim Coach, Ryan Fincham, for his passion, ideas and being the referee on the night.
- Our General Assistants and Maintenance Manager for putting up the stands, setting out the chairs and maintaining the beautiful gardens and grounds.
- The Grade 6 and 7 children for assisting with equipment, time sheets, running messages and serving refreshments.
- Parent, Jo Bredenkamp, and her band of helpful parents for opening the tuck shop to sell refreshments.
- The parents for their cheerful support, colourful outfits and friendly competitive spirit.
- Our children, both the swimmers for trying their best to improve their speed and score house points and the supporters for their joyous team spirit.

Congratulations to our trophy winners:

TROPHY WINNERS - 2019			
Trophy	Age Group	Name	House
Smith Trophy	Boys U10	Evan Murray	Tugela
Turner Trophy	Girls U10	Amy Rose George	Ifafa
Accurist Watches	Boys U11	Benjamin Horner	Tugela

Trophy	Age Group	Name	House
Quick Voice	Girls U11	Lily Euripidou	Umgeni
Old Mutual	Boys U12	Dominic September	Ifafa
Old Mutual	Girls U12	Layyah Hassen	Umgeni
Accurist Watches	Boys U13	Joseph Euripidou	Umgeni
Humprey	Girls U13	Emihle Zikhali	Ifafa
MGPS Trophy	Open Boys	Kiran Malek	Tugela
MGPS Trophy	Open Girls	-	-
Marlin	Boys U13 Individual Medley	Joseph Euripidou	Umgeni
Marlin	Girls U13 Individual Medley	Emihle Zikhali	Ifafa
Junior Victor Ludorum	Best Junior Boy Swimmer	Evan Murray (U10) Benjamin Horner (U11)	Tugela Tugela
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Best Junior Girl Swimmer	Lily Euripidou	Umgeni
Victor Ludorum	Best Senior Boy Swimmer	Dominic September	Ifafa
Victrix Ludorum	Best Senior Girl Swimmer	Emihle Zikhali	Ifafa
Good Fellowship		Thato Lubisi	Tugela
Spirit Trophy			Umgeni
Parent Spirit Trophy			Tugela
Toddington Trophy for Winning House			Tugela
POINTS:	Tugela: 228; Ifafa: 147; Umgeni: 121		

NEW RECORDS SET AT THE INTER-HOUSE GALA 2019

Name	House	Event	Time
Emihle Zikhali	Ifafa	Girls U13 25m Butterfly	16,34s
Dominic September	Ifafa	Boys U12 4 x 25m Individual Medley	1m 27,45s

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

We congratulate Professor Kathleen Pithouse-Morgan as the newly elected parent member on the SGB. We thank the many parents for their attendance at both by-election meetings and the remarkable seven parents who stood as potential candidates.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY (SGB) MEMBER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Representative	Email contact
Mrs Barka Mistrey	Chairperson - Parent	barka.mistrey@gmail.com
Mrs Sandipa Singh	Vice Chairperson - Parent	lawyear.gp@gmail.com
Mr Ben Roberts	Treasurer - Parent	broberts@hsrca.ac.za
Mr Mark Stayt	Parent	marks@ffs.co.za
Professor Kathleen Pithouse-Morgan	Parent	kpithouse@gmail.com
Miss Carol Lottering	Principal	principal@mgps.org.za
Mrs Judith Sibson	Educator	jsibson@mgps.org.za
Mrs Isobel Sobey	Educator - Secretary	isobey@mgps.org.za
Mrs Aniel Dekker	Member of Staff - Bursar	bursar@mgps.org.za

GRADE 4 CAKE SALE

The Grade 4 children will be having a cake sale tomorrow, **WEDNESDAY 13 February** during the breaks. Please give your children coins with which to buy.

MONKEY HELPLINE ADVICE

Steve Smit, from Monkey Helpline, informed the children and staff that Vervet monkeys are highly intelligent and sensitive animals that only come to our school grounds to find food in the troop's female ancestral feeding area and will only become aggressive if they feel threatened. No school child has been bitten by a monkey in the country, however, in order to co-exist peacefully, he advised that we obey the following 4 rules:

- Never scream and run away when you see a monkey.** Screaming will only frighten a monkey and encourage it to run in your direction too. You can't outrun a monkey. If you are afraid when you see a monkey, rather walk backwards slowly while you keep slight eye contact with the monkey and walk around it to continue to your destination.
- Do not tease, copy or provoke a monkey.** A monkey might think you are challenging it because monkeys threaten one another by means of aggressive body language and staring. Do not smile at a monkey because it is not its sign of friendliness. Monkeys bare their teeth to show aggression and to threaten other monkeys or other animals, including humans. When a monkey 'smiles' at you, back off immediately.
- Do not feed a monkey from your hand or throw food to it.** A monkey will scramble to grab the food from your hand and bring the food straight to its mouth and in so doing, may accidentally bite you or cut you with its long, sharp fingernails. When people throw food to monkeys it causes them to associate people with food, resulting in monkeys running towards people wanting to get food thrown to them.
- Do not try to touch a monkey.** A monkey is a wild animal that does not want to be touched. A monkey will see this action as a direct threat and is likely to become aggressive.

In order to survive in the built up areas which have reduced their natural habitat and food, monkeys come to school to forage. We will be squirting water, an effective monkey deterrent, from water spray bottles, and hose pipes if necessary, to teach the monkeys where they are not allowed to go in the school.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY TAKES PLACE ON 14 FEBRUARY – Mrs Sobey

This annual initiative is aimed at increasing children's access to and enthusiasm for books. International Book Giving Day's focus is on encouraging people worldwide to give a book to a child on February 14. At MGPS this year we invite families to donate a gently used book for our Grade 6 and 7 RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) club children to clean and process after which we will hand them over to the LEARN project. LEARN is a locally based project involved in establishing and running libraries in under resourced schools. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

VALENTINE CIVVIES DAY

Children may dress-up in the traditional red and white on **FRIDAY 15 February** at a cost of R2.00 which will be donated to Monkey Helpline.

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.

25th BI-ANNUAL MATHEMATICS PROBLEM SOLVING SERIES AT UKZN: GRADES 2 – 7 ONLY

The programme is suited to high achieving learners and will focus on Problem Solving techniques in mathematics. Anyone achieving over 70% may be suitable. It is presented with a view to inspiring high end students to enter careers in Science, Engineering, Medicine, Finance and Technology.

Dates: Saturdays: 16 and 23 February and 2 and 9 March 2019

Times: Grades 2 and 3 Learners Only – 11h00 until 11h50

Grades 4 and 5 Learners Only – 12h00 until 12h55

Grades 6 and 7 Learners Only – 13h00 until 14h00

Cost: R300 (total cost for all lectures, DVD, CD and workbook) may be paid in 2 installments.

Venue: Shepstone 1 Lecture Theatre, Howard College Campus (UKZN)

Parking: Enter via Gate 1 (Ridge Road) or Gate 3 (Rick Turner/Francois Roads)

Forms available from MGPS front office on a first come basis and must be returned by Friday 15 February.

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 Doon Heights Primary School : 3 – 2 Won

Cricket

U10 vs Glenmore Primary School
Glenmore – 59/6 after 15 overs
Awande Dladla – 3/9
MGPS – 50/0

Evan Murray – 33 not out

Sharav Ayer – 8 not out

MGPS won by 10 wickets

U11 vs Glenmore Primary School
Thomas Howard-Davies – 3/12 – with a hat trick
Hlubi Ngxulelo – 2/14

Match drawn

Fixtures

Cricket

DATE		TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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: 15 and 22 February and 1 and 8 March.

Mini cricket

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
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 Quintathlon Challenge, please find enclosed the entry fee of **R25.00**.

Parent's name: _____ Parent's sign: _____

Date: _____