



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 7

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"The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but to reveal to him his own."
- Benjamin Disraeli

DATES TO DIARISE

20 February	Grade R - Letter Sound Dress-up Day Assembly
20 February	Inter-school Kids Lit Quiz starts at 13h30 at Durban Girls' College
21 February	Grade 4 Excursion to Tala Game Reserve
22 and 23 February	Glenwood Cricket Festival
25 – 1 March	Swim-a-thon
27 February	Foundation Phase Gala (Grades 1 – 3) No extra mural activities for Grades 1 – 3 on this day
5 March	Boys D & D Gala at Kings Park Stadium at 13h00
7 March	World Book Dress-up Day
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
11 March	Class and staff photos
13 March	Grade 1 Assembly
14 March	Senior Primary Music Evening at 18h30
15 March	World Speech Day
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 – 18 April	Grade 6 excursion to Spirit of Adventure
19 April	Public Holiday - Good Friday
21 April	Easter Sunday
22 April	Public Holiday – Family Day

STAFF UPDATE

The following upcoming staff vacancies will be published in the local newspapers and are printed here for your information.

- Mr Eagar, the locum tenens part-time Afrikaans teacher, will be resuming his retirement.
- Mrs Mntungwa, the part-time isiZulu teacher, and Mrs Fernandez, the SP Sports co-ordinator, will be on maternity leave from May until September. Mr Bester, the JP Sports Co-ordinator, will take over Mrs Fernandez's duties for 4 months therefore his position will be advertised.

MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY - SGB POSTS

1. APRIL 2019

Permanent part-time Afrikaans teacher required with M+4 and primary school Afrikaans teaching qualification and Gr. 1 – 7 FAL and SAL teaching experience.

2. MAY – SEPTEMBER 2019

(a) **Temporary part-time isiZulu teacher** required with M+4 and primary school isiZulu teaching qualification and Gr. 1 – 7 FAL and SAL teaching experience.

(b) **Temporary part-time FP sports co-ordinator** required who is preferably a registered student teacher with sporting ability and teaching experience to teach FP PE lessons and coach FP extra mural sports.

Send a 2 pg CV to info@mgps.co by 8 March 2019. **Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.** MGPS is not obliged to fill the posts.

APPRECIATION:

•Grade 4 Cake Sale

Thank you to the Grade 4 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 601.10 was raised.

•Valentine Civvies Day

Thank you for supporting our Valentine's Day charity drive. An amount of R1136.60 was raised on Friday which will be donated to Monkey Helpline.

KIDS LIT QUIZ 2019

Manor Gardens Primary School's Kids Lit Quiz 2019 teams comprises the following children: **Team 1** - Sebastian Berger (7S), Akhil Naidoo (7S), William Ronnie (7S) and Jack White (7S). **Team 2** - Sam Humphrey (5VD), Jaden Lalla (6D), Judah Reneke (6H), and Michaela Naude (7S). Both teams will be competing at the provincial Inter-School Kids Lit Quiz on Wednesday 20 February at Durban Girls College. We wish them everything of the best.

WEAR YOUR CUB, BROWNIE, SCOUT OR GIRL GUIDE UNIFORM TO SCHOOL ON FOUNDER'S DAY 22 FEBRUARY

Children may wear their Cub, Brownie, Scout or Girl Guide uniforms to school on 22 February to celebrate Baden Powell's birthday, the founder of the worldwide Scout Movement.

FOUNDATION PHASE (GRADES 1 – 3) SWIMMING GALA: WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Starting time: 08h15 and approximate finishing time: 10h45. If the weather is inclement, the gala will be held on Thursday 28 February at the same time. We look forward to seeing you at our gala.

Please note the following:

- The children must come to school dressed in their school uniform and bring their costume, towel and cap in their P.E. bag.
- Please ensure that towels, swimming caps and costumes are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Children may take a bottle of water onto the stands.
- All children must bring their sun hats to school and parents must apply sun block at home.
- After the gala, the children will return to their classrooms. Parents may then take their children in Grade 1, 2 and 3 home, if the "Early Departure" reply slip has been returned to the class teacher.
- Those children who remain at school will be supervised by their teacher until the end of the normal school day, which is until 12h30 for Grade 1 and 2 children and 13h50 for Grade 3 children. Aftercare will operate as usual.
- The tuck shop will be open for parents but food and drinks may not be brought to your child during the gala.
- There will be no extra mural activities for the Foundation Phase on this day.**

SWIM-A-THON

MGPS will hold its popular, annual swim-a-thon fundraiser this term. Please be advised that children and parents are responsible for looking after the swim-a-thon sponsor forms and making sure that they are returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. All monies collected must be handed in together with their sponsor form **by Friday 8th March 2019**. A penalty payment will be required if a swim-a-thon sponsor form is lost.

GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR PRIZE GIVING - 2018

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

Form III - Merit Certificate	Nashlin Pather
Form IV - Merit Certificates	James Snell
Form IV - Colours	Keyuran Maharaj and Siyabonga Larcombe
Form V - Merit Certificates	Guy Alcock
Form V - Honours	Nicholas Hardman
Form V - Special Prizewinners – First in Form (E Osborn (Rhodes Scholar 1952) Trophy)	Nicholas Hardman
Form V - Ethekwini Municipality Trophy for Mathematics	Nicholas Hardman (99%)
Form IV - Ethekwini Municipality Trophy for Physical Science	Nicholas Hardman (93%)
Special Prizewinners - Cambridge Awards : Colours 2018	Julian Scharler

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.

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY 8 MARCH AT 17H00 UNTIL 20H00

We are holding our first family social evening fundraiser of the year on Friday 8 March from 17h00 until 20h00. Meals will be available to purchase and fires will be lit for those wanting to 'bring 'n braai'. The Beanery will also be serving cappuccinos, hot chocolate and iced coffees. More details to follow later.

APPLICATION FOR SIBLINGS, ESPECIALLY TO GRADE R, GRADE 1 AND GRADE 4 IN 2020

Acceptance of siblings is not automatic. If you have not already made an application, please do so before the end of the first term.

GRADE 8 ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Current Grade 7 parents are urged to seek Grade 8 admission for 2020 before the end of the first term.

SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Results

Touch Rugby

MGPS 1 vs Hillcrest Primary School : 7 – 1 Won
MGPS 2 vs Kloof Primary School : 0 – 3 Lost

Fixtures

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: 22 February and 1 and 8 March.

Cricket

DATE		TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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

Mini cricket

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
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: _____