



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there." - John Wooden

DATES TO DIARISE

25 – 1 March	Swim-a-thon
27 February	Foundation Phase Gala (Grades 1 – 3) at 08h15. No extra mural activities for Grades 1 – 3 on this day
28 February	Foundation Phase Gala Rain Date from 08h15
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

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.**

MEETING FOR RESIDENTS OF MANOR GARDENS AND WEST RIDGE ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT 18H30 FOR 19H00

As per Janus Horn, the Chairperson of Mayville SAPS Community Sub Forum sector 1b Manor Gardens – Westridge, there will be a community meeting on the urgent issue of illegal land invasions.

In attendance at the meeting will be the MEC of Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda; the MEC of Human Settlements and Public Works, Ravi Pillay; the eThekweni Mayor, Zandile Gumede and the eThekweni Deputy Mayor, Fawzia Peer.

Venue: St Henry's Marist College

Time: 18h30 for 19h00 on Wednesday 27 February

Please make a special effort to attend this important meeting. We do not want to create the impression that there is only limited concern about the illegal land invasions once again taking place along Mary Thiye Street (Cato Manor Road). It can devastate property values in the area, to mention only one consequence.

CONGRATULATIONS: MGPS - NATIONAL KIDS LIT QUIZ

Manor Gardens Primary School's Kids Lit Quiz teams participated in the KZN provincial round held at Durban Girls College last week. Team 1 comprising Sebastian Berger (7S), Akhil Naidoo (7S), William Ronnie (7S) and Jack White (7S) took first position and Team 2 comprising Samuel Humphrey (5VD), Jaden Lalla (6D), Judah Reneke (6H), and Michaela Naude (7S) took fifth position out of 35 schools.

Since MGPS' Team 1 came first in KwaZulu-Natal, they flew to Johannesburg to compete in the National Round of the Kids Lit Quiz Competition on Saturday. They were placed third in South Africa. Congratulations to our four Grade 7 boys, Mrs Sobey, the staff and parents who made this wonderful achievement possible.

APPRECIATION: GLENWOOD CRICKET FESTIVAL

A big Thank You to our U13A Cricket team players, Mr Bester, Mrs Fernandez, staff, sports coaches and parents for their participation and support at the Glenwood Cricket Festival held on Friday and Saturday last week.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be advised that the last day for the Uniform Shop will be Wednesday 6 March due to stock take.

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.

FAMILY SOCIAL EVENING ON FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

The first Family Social Evening of the year will be hosted on Friday 8 March from 17h00 to 20h00. It is an informal gathering of parents and pupils and an opportunity for new parents and pupils to socialize and get to know the MGPS community. The entrance fee is R10.00 per person and children 3 years old and younger may enter for free. We request that you pre-order your entrance tickets by sending money in a sealed envelope marked 'Family Social Evening' with your ticket requirements to your child's class teacher.

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.

Please return the cut off form at the bottom of the flyer which was sent home on Monday (and attached at the end of the newsletter) requesting parents to indicate the 30-minute time slot when they could volunteer their assistance in the tuckshop and which food items – margarita pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs - they would be interested in purchasing on the night.

•Important Reminders for MGPS Parents and Pupils to Ensure the Safety of our Children:

1. No child may attend the Family Social Evening unless they are accompanied by their own parent / legal guardian from the time of their arrival until their departure.
2. It is the parent's/legal guardian's responsibility to be present and to ensure that their child is supervised at all times and complies with the school's Code of Conduct. If not, they will be asked to leave the Family Social Evening and will not be allowed to attend the next fundraising event.
3. Children must obey the instructions of MGPS staff and the Family Social Evening organisers.
4. The Grade R playgrounds, swimming pool area and upper sports field are out of bounds at all times.
5. No skateboards, bicycles or other equipment are allowed at the function.
6. All litter is to be placed in the bins provided.

STAFF UPDATE

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

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.

SCHOOL AND AFTERCARE FEES 2019

Please note that this is the last week to qualify for the early bird February discount on school fees.

The following will be implemented with immediate effect:

All statements will be e-mailed to you; however, you may write a letter requesting to receive printed statements. A notification will be posted on the D6 Communicator on the day statements are sent to you.

Due to the volume of statements and responses received, Aftercare and School fee statements will be sent on separate days.

In the event of an enquiry about your statement, please reply to the email sender and mark your query in the subject box by adding S/FEE or A/CARE in front of the subject already in the subject box, i.e.

S/FEE – "Statement for 3STR001 # MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL"

Parents are encouraged to pay school fees and Aftercare fees via EFT. Should parents wish to send cash to the school for other activities, please ensure that the correct amount is sent to the class teacher in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and grade, the activity and the amount.

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.

ENVIRO NEWS – Ms Hortop

•Eco-Schools

Well done Manor Gardens Primary School children, staff and parents! As quoted from the KZN WESSA Eco-Schools Assessment Team:

"Thank you for recording and sharing another incredible year of Eco-efforts with us in 2018! You have successfully implemented various sustainable action projects and drawn on them to strengthen curriculum learning. We enjoyed reading about all your marvellous projects and especially thank you for your dedication these last 14 years. It is so rewarding to see you can still make small improvements after 14 successful Eco-School years! It is a pleasure to award your school with a well-deserved **Decade Gold Award** – Congratulations!"

•Recycling

Please remember to send all recycling to school. We now also recycle glass and polystyrene.

•Bread tags for wheelchairs

The collection and recycling of bread tags (and plastic bottle lids) can help buy a wheelchair or mobility device for a disabled person who would otherwise be unable to afford one. Please help us to help those less fortunate.

•Eco-Bricks

For a long while we have been keen to get involved in this initiative. However, due to time constraints, we are unable to make eco-bricks at school. We therefore ask that you get your children involved at home and bring the eco-bricks to school once they are completed. An Eco-Brick is a plastic bottle packed tightly with non-biodegradable waste. These bottles are then used as building materials to create sustainable homes, schools and furniture.

Making Eco-Bricks is not about encouraging the production of plastic, but rather a temporary means of protecting the environment while us humans figure out a way to cut plastic out of our lives altogether. Eco-Bricking is simply a case of forming a habit - rather than throwing your wrapper in the bin, just stuff it in a 2L cool drink bottle that you keep next to your sink or bin. Most Eco-Brick collection only uses 2L PET bottles, as these are a standardized size that makes large building projects more consistent, but you can make smaller or oddly shaped ones for personal projects. Even if you don't habitually recycle, this is an easy way to make a small impact.

Information taken from <https://www.aquarium.co.za/blog/entry/how-to-make-ecobricks-reducing-waste-at-home>

HOW TO MAKE AN ECOBRICK



SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Results

Cricket

U13A vs Glenmore Primary School
MGPS: 146-2 after 15 overs
David Marcel – 72 not out
Joseph Euripidou - 25
Thato Lubisi - 20
Glenmore: 74-6 after 15 overs
Thato Lubisi – 2 wickets
Tylan Pillay – 1 wicket
Buhle Ncama – 2 wickets
MGPS won by 72 runs

Fixtures

Swimming

- Northdene Preparatory School's Grades 2 and 3 Inter-school Gala on Thursday 28 February at 14h00. MGPS swimmers have been notified.
- St Henry's Marist College Senior Primary Relay Gala on Friday 1 March at 14h00. MGPS swimmers have been notified.

Netball

Wednesday 27 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: 1 and 8 March.

Cricket

DATE		TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
28 February	Thursday	U13A	Clarence Primary School	MGPS

Mini cricket

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

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