



Manor Gardens Primary School

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5 March 2019

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." - Mother Teresa

DATES TO DIARISE

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	Swim-A-Thon forms must be returned with money
8 March	Foundation Phase Parent Viewing for Grades R – 3 from 12h30 to 13h00
8 March	End of the First term extra mural activities programme
8 March	Family Social Evening at 17h00 until 20h00
11 March	Class and staff photos
13 March	MGPS hosts a Junior Primary Relay Inter-school Gala from 14h00 until 16h00
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

APPRECIATION – FOUNDATION PHASE SWIMMING GALA

The gala ran smoothly, showed the children's level of development in the four swimming strokes, was enjoyed by all who attended and was a great success. Thank you to the following people:

- Mr Bester, Foundation Phase Sports Co-ordinator, for his first-rate organization of MGPS gala which was first class.
- Mrs Devere-Loots and the Foundation Phase teachers for their cheerful and competent contribution.
- Mrs Fernandez, Senior Primary Sports Co-ordinator, for her unstinting positive support and being an outstanding mentor.
- Mr Ryan Fincham, Beavers Swim coach, for his indispensable leadership during PE swimming lessons, contribution towards the gala's successful planning and preparation stages and being a place judge.
- Parent Jo Bredenkamp for opening the tuck shop to sell refreshments, and parents Barbara Watt and Sharlene Jolley for their help.
- The valuable assistance of the specialist teachers, grounds maintenance staff and Grade 7 children.
- The parents and other family members for their attendance in large numbers and their enthusiastic and colorful support. Thank you!

Congratulations to the following Trophy Winners:

Trophy	Child's Name	Sports House
Grade 1 Best Swimmer Girl	Chrissy Mae George	Ifafa
Grade 1 Best Swimmer Boy	Kei Burring	Ifafa
Grade 2 Best Swimmer Girl	Olivia Reuning	Ifafa
Grade 2 Best Swimmer Boy	Zach Maraj	Ifafa
Grade 3 Best Swimmer Girl	Catrina Horner	Tugela
Grade 3 Best Swimmer Boy	Jesse Koen	Umgeni
Clark/Muller Trophy for Winning House	IFAFA	
IFAFA: 132	TUGELA: 112	UMGENI: 104

UNIFORM SHOP

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

WORLD BOOK DAY ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH – Mrs Sobey

To celebrate our love of reading and everything bookish, MGPS children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character on the 7 March, which is World Book Day. This is always lots of fun and should be possible with clothes from home.

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 of **R50.00** 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 last week, 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 have been 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.

DURBAN GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

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

Grade 8 Merit Certificates	Aphelele Mkhize, Sanesha Naidoo and Aphiwe Ngubane
Grade 8 Academic Scrolls and Academic Achievement Certificates	Ella Scharler and Eleanor Webber
Top 10 Positions in Grade 8 2018	Ella Scharler: 2nd in Grade 8
Grade 8 Best All Rounder in Work and Culture Award	Nandi Tshabalala
Grade 9 Merit Certificates	Nidhi Mahabir, Akum Mkhwanazi and Aphelele Ngcobo
Grade 9 Academic Scrolls and Academic Achievement Certificates	Sharon Adejimi and Jessica Jolley
Top 10 Positions in Grade 9 2018	Jessica Jolley: 9th and Sharon Adejimi: 5th in Grade 9
Grade 10 Academic Merit	Jess Hayes and Jenna Thomas
Grade 10 Half Colours and Academic Achievement Certificates	Jaimie Jacobson and Isra Patel
Grade 10 Full Colours and Academic Achievement Certificates	Te'jal Rajoo and Tessa Simons
Grade 10 Honours	Saneha Rajoo and Roxanne Webber
Top 10 Positions in Grade 10 2018	Saneha Rajoo: 6th and Roxanne Webber: 5th in Grade 10
Grade 11 Merit Certificates	Genevieve Matter
Grade 11 Half Colours and Academic Achievement Certificates	Farah Khan
Grade 11 Full Colours and Academic Achievement Certificates	Michaela Scholtz (re-award)
Grade 11 Art Trophy	Genevieve Matter
Top 10 positions in Grade 11 2018	Michaela Scholtz: 9th in Grade 11

END OF FIRST TERM REPORTS

All Grade 1 to Grade 7 children will deliver their first term progress reports to their parents on Friday 15 March 2019. The Grade R teachers have had parent interviews to discuss their children's first term progress. Although the specialist language teachers have been covering curriculum content, they will not report on the Second Additional Languages this term.

The South African National Curriculum Statement's details regarding academic achievements and promotional requirements are provided in the tables below. English is the language of teaching and learning at Manor Gardens Primary and our first additional languages are a choice of Afrikaans and isiZulu.

SCALE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR GRADES R - 12		
Rating Code	Description of Competence	%
7	Outstanding Achievement	80-100
6	Meritorious Achievement	70-79
5	Substantial Achievement	60-69
4	Adequate Achievement	50-59
3	Moderate Achievement	40-49
2	Elementary Achievement	30-39
1	Not Achieved	0-29

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GRADE R	
a	English: Adequate Achievement (Rating 4)
b	Mathematics: Moderate Achievement (Rating 3)
PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GRADE 1 - 3	
a	English: Adequate Achievement (Rating 4)
b	First Additional Language: Moderate Achievement (Rating 3)
c	Mathematics: Moderate Achievement (Rating 3)
PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GRADE 4 - 6	
a	Adequate Achievement (Level 4) (50 – 59%) in English;
b	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in the First Additional Language;
c	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in Mathematics and
d	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in any of the other two of the remaining three subjects namely: Social Science, Natural Sciences and Technology and Life skills.
PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS GRADE 7	
a	Adequate Achievement (Level 4) (50 – 59%) in English;
b	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in the First Additional Language;
c	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in Mathematics
d	Moderate Achievement (Level 3) (40 – 49%) in any three of the other subjects and
e	At least and Elementary Achievement (Level 2) (30 – 39%) in any two of the other remaining subjects.

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.

SENIOR PRIMARY MUSIC EVENING – Mrs Angelos

All Senior Primary music extra mural groups will be performing. All music extra mural groups must wear the MGPS music uniform which is the MGPS music T-shirt, blue denim jeans and white takkies. The MGPS music t-shirt is available at the uniform shop at a cost of R70.00.

The concert will start at 18h30 and will finish at around 20h00. All children need to be at school by 18h10. Anyone with instruments that need tuning must be at the hall by 17h30. Tickets for the music evening will be R10.00 each and R5.00 for pre-schoolers. Tickets will be on sale in advance, and they do sell quickly, so make sure to get them early.

ENVIRO NEWS – Ms Hortop

•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.

SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Please be advised that the extra mural programme ends on Friday 8 March for the first term.

Results

Netball

U11 vs Eden College: 4 – 7 Lost

U13 vs Eden College: 15 – 7 Won

Touch Rugby

MGPS 1 vs Durban Girls High School U15A : 1 – 2 Lost

MGPS 2 vs Westville Girls High School 5 : 5 – 0 Won

Fixtures

Netball

Wednesday 6 March : U11 and U13 vs Curro – Embury at MGPS

Touch Rugby

Match to be played on Friday at Kings Park Stadium: 8 March.

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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