



# Manor Gardens Primary School

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5 April 2019

*"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." E.E. Cummings*

## DATES TO DIARISE

2 April	Second Term Starts
8 – 9 April	Grade 5 excursion to Roselands
8 April	Second Term Extra Mural Activity Programme commences
10 April	Open Sessions – Introductory meeting for parents at 07h30 until 08h00 in the hall
17-18 April	Grade 6 excursion to Spirit of Adventure - Shongweni
19 April	Good Friday - Public Holiday
22 April	Family Day - Public Holiday
22 April	Earth Day
24 April	Hooked on Books
27 April	Public Holiday: Freedom Day
1 May	Public Holiday: Workers Day
6 May	Ramadan starts
7 May	Clifton School Music Evening
8 May	Public Holiday - RSA Voting Day
9 May	Grade 3 - CROW
21 May – 30 May	Grade 7 Exams
31 May	Ramadan ends
4 June	Eid Al-Fitr
5 June	World Environment Day
6 June	Junior Primary Music Evening (Tentative)
7 June	Foundation Phase Parent Viewing from 12h30 until 13h00
10 June	Quintathlon
11 – 12 June	Books To U Sale
13 June	Cross Country
14 June	Inter-house Lit Quiz
14 June	Second Term Break Up day
16 June	Youth Day
17 June	Public Holiday: Youth Day
9 July	Third Term Starts
10 – 12 July	Grade 7 excursion to Anerley
24 July	Grade 4 cake sale
30 July	Senior Phase Sports Day

## WELCOME TO TERM TWO

We warmly welcome all members of our school community to the second academic term! We look forward to your contribution and collaboration in accomplishing the MGPS vision and mission statement which is, "To nurture children to their full potential in a harmonious and dynamic learning environment and to develop innovative, responsible individuals who are able to contribute positively within a diverse and changing society."

## STUDENT TEACHERS IN SOME GRADE 4, 5 AND 6 CLASSROOMS

We extend a hand in friendship and collegiality to Nqobile Bhengu, Emily Naidoo, Makhosazana Nzama, Carrighan Pearce and Ntombikayise Zindela who are first year Bachelor of Education students from Embury Institute of Teacher Education fulfilling their 3-week teaching observation period in some Grade 4, 5 and 6 classes.

## UNIFORM SHOP AND TUCK SHOP OPEN THIS TERM

- Please be advised that the uniform shop will open on Wednesday 3 April from 07h00 until 08h30. **A Reminder** that the uniform shop is open during the school terms on Wednesdays from 07h00 until 08h30 and on Fridays from 07h00 until 08h00.
- The tuck shop will be open on Friday 5 April 2019.

## NEW EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITY FOR GRADE 1 AND 2 CHILDREN – 'SMALL TALK' REPLACES ARTS AND CRAFTS

This term we have introduced a new extra-mural activity called, 'Small Talk', for the Grade One and Two pupils which will involve listening to stories, role play, dramatisation, some art work and discussions. It will replace their Arts and Crafts extra mural activity.

## UBUNTU 2019 - OPEN SESSIONS IN THE SCHOOL HALL STARTING ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2019

Open Sessions are a collaborative space designed for MGPS parents to share their skills and learnings with pupils. Mostly the sessions are designed as learning through play activities. At least two MGPS parents run the Open Sessions for the week with one MGPS teacher. This term, Open Sessions will run during the extra mural activities time from **14h00 until 15h00** on **Thursdays and the Grade 1 – 3 and Grade 4 – 7 children will alternate each week**. Children do not have to sign up for the term but can elect to join any Open Session that takes their interest. There are no costs to joining an Open Session, just the opportunity to learn with parents who have various skills (creative or otherwise), and enjoy learning through doing and playing. This Ubuntu activity brings together parents, teachers and children to enjoy a range of fun activities. Last year everyone enjoyed free drawing sessions, learning how to make pompoms and forms of origami, playing board games and storytelling, making a wooden robot and an electric current work!

The first Open Sessions activity of the year will be held on Thursday 18 April in the school hall from 14h00 until 15h00. We look forward to engaging with the Grade 1 to 3 children on Thursday 18 April and the Grade 4 to 7 children on Thursday 25 April.

### **INTRODUCTORY OPEN SESSION FOR PARENTS – WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL AT 07H30 UNTIL 08H00 IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

All parents are welcome to come and hear about how Open Sessions works at MGPS. We would be delighted if you want to get involved, either as a pair of extra hands during a session run by another parent, or if you have an idea for a fun activity. You are also most welcome to just come and ask questions if you want to get a sense of what your children will be doing during these activities. Please WhatsApp Kira Erwin on 074 259 2672 if you need any further information.

### **METRO POLICE MAY HAVE ROAD BLOCKS ON MARY THIPE ROAD FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY**

The Metro police might be having road blocks along Mary ThiPE Road to monitor the protest situation and to ensure public safety for all who utilise that road. Parents please ensure that:

1. Your car license is up to date.
2. You have your driver's license with you and it hasn't expired.
3. You and your passengers wear seatbelts at all times
4. Your car is roadworthy e.g. tyres, etc.

### **APPLICATION FOR SIBLINGS IN 2020**

Acceptance of siblings is not automatic. Please return all application forms as soon as possible.

### **CHILDREN LEAVING MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Should your child be leaving MGPS at any time of the year, please note that a term's notice is required in writing.

### **DRESS CODE FOR PE LESSONS, SPORT PRACTICES AND MATCHES**

#### **PE Lessons:**

During the second and third terms, the **Grade R** children must wear their regular school uniform, which is, green knee length Bermuda shorts or girls green skorts (optional) with their house colour T-shirts for Physical Education and gymnastic lessons.

During the second and third terms, the **Grade 1 to Grade 7** children must wear their green PE shorts with their house colour T-shirts for Physical Education and gymnastics (Grade 1, 2 and 3 only) lessons.

#### **Sport Practices and Matches:**

Please ensure that your children come to school with the correct sports kit required for their particular sport code. Please be advised that if children are not appropriately attired, they will not be allowed to participate in a sports practice or match. Please teach them to be responsible by making sure that they do not leave their sports kits at home, but pack the required equipment into their bags the night before. **This is a reminder that all children need a gum guard to play hockey.**

#### **Soccer**

Boys and Girls:

- green PE shorts
- T-shirt in house colour (practices only)
- white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge (matches)
- green with white trim sports socks (matches)
- plain white takkies - no colours (Grade1 - 3)
- soccer boots (Grade 4 - 7)

#### **Netball**

Girls:

- green PE shorts (Grade 1 - 3)
- green skort (Grade 4 - 7)
- T-shirt in house colour (practices only)
- white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge (matches)
- white ankle socks
- plain white footwear - no colours

#### **Hockey**

Boys:

- green PE shorts
- T-shirt in house colour (practices only)
- white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge (matches)
- green with white trim sports socks

Girls:

- green PE shorts (Grade 1 - 3)
- green skort (Grade 4 - 7)
- T-shirt in house colour (practices only)
- white collared La Coste sports shirt with green badge (matches)
- green with white trim sports socks

#### **All:**

- plain white takkies – no colours (Grade 1 - 3)
- hockey boots (Grade 4 - 7)
- shin pads (Grade 1 - 7)

### **SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester**

#### **Second Term Extra Mural Activity Programme**

Please note that all second term extra-mural activities will start on Monday 8 April. An extra-mural activity programme will be sent home on Thursday and the pupil commitment forms are due back on Friday.