



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"The wonderful thing about the game of life is that winning and losing are only temporary.... unless you quit." – Dr. Fred Mills

DATES TO DIARISE

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
14 August	Sports Photos

TERM 2 MONITORS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 children who have been chosen as our second term monitors. We look forward to the assistance they will render to their fellow pupils.

Sebastian Berger	Abahle Dladla	Tae-Lyn Fawcett
Kaidam Finch	Keane Govender	Nikita Habimana
Timay Joubert	Nathan Killeen	David Marcel
Shahil Mistrey	Chidiogo Ndiomaluke	Malusi Ntuli
Keshan Pillay	Samir Roberts	Athabile Shange
Amy Welsh	Robyn Wijne	Luyanda Xaba

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.

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.

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.

CONQUESTA 2019 Grades 4 – 6: Mrs Marshall-Connellan

MGPS is participating in the Conquesta Maths Olympiad later this year. The Mathematics paper is multiple choice and covers a range of problem solving strategies. It will be completed in class as part of our ongoing Mathematics programme. Participation costs R35.00 per pupil and we encourage all pupils to enter. Please send R35.00 with your child's full name and grade in an envelope marked 'Conquesta' to the class teacher by **Thursday 18 April 2019** as we need to register as soon as possible.

CAR PARK SAFETY AND COURTESY

While we appreciate that we all have busy lives and jobs to get to the mornings, nothing is so urgent as to sacrifice the safety of our children and ruin our relationships by being discourteous and ill-disciplined drivers.

In the interest of safety and cordiality, please only drop children off inside the spacious MGPS car park that has been designed for quick, efficient and safe collections and comply with the following existing car park rules:

- Drive slowly.
- Do not park parallel to Dale Road inside or outside the parking lot. This reduces the number of children crossing the car park and endangering themselves by not being visible to the motorist of oncoming or reversing vehicles.
- Traffic cones have been placed in the car park to stop parents from parking parallel with Dale Road and obstructing the view of pedestrians and motorists and putting their lives and vehicles at risk.
- Only park on one side of the car park, in the diagonal parking bays.
- Reverse with caution.
- Additional parking is available on the grass verge beyond the parking area in Dale Road particularly for parents who need to leave their vehicles and enter the school.
- Do not park on the pavements on either side of Dale Road to drop off and collect children because you increase the risk of children and passing pedestrians being involved in an accident.
- Only allow your child to cross Dale Road or the carpark at the clearly marked pedestrian crossing manned by the school's scholar patrol.
- Do not stop in Dale road to drop off or collect your children.

We look forward to your co-operation in maintaining a safe car park, courteous motorists and cordial relations.

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.

THE GRADE R – 7 HAIR DRESS CODE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Hairstyles must be appropriate for young primary school children and consistent with the wearing of a primary school uniform.

All children:

- hair must be out of the eyes
- no 'tails', 'Mohicans', 'tops / top patches' or 'stripes'
- no dyed, gelled or spiked hair

Boys:

- hair must be off the collar and cut neatly around the ears. Mohawks, tops, top patches, buns and stripes are not conventional primary school hairstyles.

Girls:

- hair touching the collar must be tied back
- ribbons, bobbles, scrunchies, alic bands, etc., must be green, brown, white or black
- no coloured braids or fancy clips.

SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Fixtures

Chess: Durban and Districts Whirlpool Wham Chess Tournament on Saturday 13 April at Brighton Beach Senior Primary School from 08h00 until 15h00.

Tennis: 8 April, 15 April and 29 April at Westridge Tennis Stadium.

Netball

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
17 April	U11 and U13	Eden College	Eden College
24 April	U10, U11, U12 and U13	St Henry's Marist College	St Henry's Marist College
15 May	U10, U11 and U13	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
22 May	U11 and U13	Curro	MGPS
29 May	U10, U11, U12 and U13	St Henry's Marist College	MGPS

Soccer

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
17 April	U11	Eden College	Eden College
	U13	Eden College	MGPS
4 May	U10 and U12	Tournament	Clarence Primary School
11 May	U10	Tournament	Durban Primary School
15 May	U10 and U14	Glenmore Primary School	Glenmore Primary School
	U12A and U12B	Glenmore Primary School	MGPS

Mini Soccer

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