



Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 14

30 April 2019

"Lack of knowledge is darker than night." – African Proverb

DATES TO DIARISE

1 May	Public Holiday: Workers Day
2 May	Grade 2 Excursion to Birds of Prey
2 May	Open Sessions for Grades 4 – 7 from 14h00 until 15h00 in the school hall
6 May	Ramadan starts
7 May	Clifton School SP Choir Choral Music Festival: 18h00 – 19h00
8 May	Public Holiday - RSA Voting Day
9 May	Grade 3 Excursion to CROW
15 May – 24 May	Grade 7 Exams
30 May	Grade 1 Excursion to Mini Town
31 May	Foundation Phase Parent Viewing from 12h30 until 13h00
4 / 5 June	Eid Al-Fitr
5 June	World Environment Day
6 June	Junior Primary Music Evening (Tentative)
8 June	Camp out - new date to be determined
10 June	Quintathlon
11 – 12 June	Books To U Sale
13 June	Cross Country
13 June	Movie Night for Grades R - 3
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

PRINCIPAL RETIRING ON 1 MAY 2019

As you all know, I'll be retiring as the principal of Manor Gardens Primary School on 1 May 2019. The School Governing Body followed the necessary procedures (shortlisting, interviewing, recommending) as outlined in the KwaZulu-Natal Education Department's HRM Circular No. 70 of 2018 'Advertisement of School Based Vacant Promotion Posts', to find the best applicant to take over the school's principalship. The School Governing Body now awaits the KwaZulu-Natal Education Department's Head of Department to carry out the final procedures, then approve and appoint the new principal. Please respect the fact that all members of the School Governing Body have signed a declaration of confidentiality regarding the proceedings for which they were responsible and may not discuss these. Furthermore, the School Governing Body members are not participants in the final procedures carried out by the Human Resource Directorate, so they are unaware of the final outcome.

Since the School Governing Body hasn't yet received notification from the KwaZulu-Natal Education Department's Head of Department of the new principal or when s/he will assume duty, a fair process was conducted to select and appoint Mrs Cynthia Devere-Loots as the Acting Principal and Mrs Anneline Andrew-Govender as the Acting Foundation Phase Departmental Head from 1 May 2019 until the new principal assumes duty.

I will be employed by the School Governing Body to assist the Acting Principal and the new principal to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Mrs Devere-Loots will remain teaching her class until we receive approval shortly from the KwaZulu-Natal Education Department regarding the employment of a suitably qualified and experienced locum tenens teacher. Mrs Devere-Loots will continue to work with her locum tenens teacher, pupils and parents.

We anticipate that the new principal will be appointed sometime in May or June 2019. My farewell assembly has therefore been arranged tentatively for Monday 27 May 2019.

As soon as more details about the new principal become available, or any amendments are made to the existing acting leadership and teaching arrangements, you will be informed immediately.

EARLY MORNING CHILD CARE AT MINIMAL COST

Children may not be dropped off without their parent's supervision to wait outside Manor Gardens Primary School before 07h00 when the school gate is still closed. The children who do not attend Early Morning Care must remain in their parents' car until 07h00. Children who attend early morning extra mural activities, that is, Breakfast with Books, Recorder and Guitar may also only enter the school gates at 7h00 and then go straight to their particular venues.

The school provides an early morning child care from 06h30 until 07h00 in the hall at a minimal cost of R8.00 a day.

EARLY MORNING CARE FACILITATOR REQUIRED

Unfortunately, Mrs Barnes has had to resign as the Early Morning Care facilitator due to her recent ill-health. We are most appreciative of her service to the school in this role since the beginning of the year and wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Catherine Stillies will take over her

Early Morning Care duties until a suitable replacement can be found. Please encourage suitable people to apply for the position advertised below.

**MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL
EARLY MORNING CARE FACILITATOR
SGB POST - MAY 2019**

Early Morning Care Facilitator required to supervise children in the school hall daily from 06h30 until 07h00.

Competencies:

Caring, energetic, English proficient, administrative skills.

Requirements:

Matric, childcare qualification and childcare experience.

Send a 2 page CV to info@mgps.co by **Monday 13 May 2019**.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. MGPS is not obliged to fill the post.

UBUNTU 2019 - OPEN SESSIONS IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON THURSDAY 2 MAY 2019 FOR GRADES 4 - 7

Session 1 – Making News! (Manoushka Kraal, Kira Erwin, Laurien Murphy, Gwyneth Platter, Jess Nicholson)

Come and join us to make our own school newspaper! Full of fun news that makes you happy while reading! Reality and imagination, with cool illustrations!

Grades 4 – 7 Thursday 2 May from 14h00 until 15h00.

MAHALA KIDS MARKET: ROBIN HOOD FOUNDATION

Manor Gardens Primary School will be supporting the Robin Hood Foundation's Mahala Kids Market scheduled for Mandela Day. We will be collecting children's clothes and shoes. Please begin to clear your cupboards of clothing items in good condition that are no longer needed and keep them separately at home until more details are provided later.

CHILDREN TO BE ORGANISED ON SPORTS MATCH DAYS

Children must arrive at school on sports match days with their complete sports match kits and their confirmed transport arrangements. Mrs Merchant will no longer be phoning parents at the eleventh hour on sports match days to arrange the delivery of forgotten items of clothing and transport arrangements because we need to teach our children to become responsible, organised and self-sufficient.

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.

SPORTS NEWS – Mrs Fernandez and Mr Bester

Fixtures

Netball

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

Soccer

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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

**CAROL LOTTERING
PRINCIPAL**