



# Manor Gardens Primary School

Newsletter No. 17

21 May 2019

**"Either you run the day or the day runs you." – Jim Rohn**

## DATES TO DIARISE

15 - 24 May	Grade 7 Exams
23 May	Parent By-Election in the school hall at 17h30 for 1 parent vacancy since Ben Roberts will resign at the end May.
27 May	Ms Lottering's Farewell Assembly – Parents are invited to attend
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
7 June	Wear your uniform with a pair of takkies for a donation which will go towards The Down Syndrome Association KZN
8 June	Camp Out
10 June	Quintathlon
10 June	Adjourned Parent By-Election in the school hall at 17h30 for 1 vacancy
11 – 12 June	Books To U Sale
13 June	Final collection for Mahala Market
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
7 – 8 August	Speech and Drama Festival
14 August	Sports Photos
21 August	Junior Primary Sports Day

## STAFF UPDATE

- We warmly welcome Mr Hemel Ramchander as the temporary Junior Primary Sports Co-ordinator to Manor Gardens Primary School on Wednesday 22 May until the end of the third term.
- Our condolences to Mr Norman Xulu and Mr Wellington Xulu, our general assistants, on the passing of their brother, Stanley Xulu, on the weekend. They are in our thoughts and prayers.
- Mrs Teagan Fernandez starts her maternity leave on 23 May. We wish Mrs Fernandez and her husband, Julian, everything of the best during the next 4 months and look forward to meeting their first child.
- Mr Dillon Bester will be the temporary Senior Primary Sports Co-ordinator during Mrs Fernandez's absence.

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY PARENT BY-ELECTION MEETINGS: 23 MAY AND ADJOURNED DATE 10 JUNE AT 17H30

There will be a SGB parent by-election meeting on Thursday 23 May at 17h30 for 1 parent vacancy. Should a quorum of 15% of voters on the voters roll not be present, that is 114 parents, the parent by-election meeting will be adjourned to Monday 10 June at 17h30. Please return the reply slip to your child's class teacher.

Nomination forms are available from the school's administration office. A Nomination Form and an Acceptance of Nomination Form must be completed by the nominee and his/her proposer and seconder and returned to school by Thursday 23 May 2019.

Please remember that parents will only gain entry to the closed Parent Nomination and By-Election meeting by providing proof of identity with a South African identity document or identity card and, in the case of non-South African citizens, a valid passport **and** proof of temporary or permanent residence. A Driver's License will **not** be accepted.

Only parents who are South African citizens or non-South African citizens in possession of a resident permit may be elected as members of the School Governing Body.

***A child minding service for children of 3 years and older will be available in the Junior Primary Aftercare Room for parents attending the Nomination and By-Election meeting.***

## FUNDRAISING: MGPS CAMP OUT 2019 – SATURDAY AFTERNOON 8 JUNE UNTIL SUNDAY MORNING 9 JUNE

It is Camp Out time again! The Camp Out is one of the highlights of the MGPS fund raising calendar and a very exciting day (and night) for the children. We invite all MGPS families to pitch a tent on the sports field, enjoy a meal, have fun and socialize. Set up from 15h00 on Saturday afternoon. More details to follow.

## UBUNTU 2019 - OPEN SESSIONS IN THE SCHOOL HALL

**Storytelling Games** (Manoushka Kraal, Kira Erwin, Miranda Young-Jahangeer, Clive Greenstone)

Thursday 23 May from 14h00 until 15h00 for Grades 1 – 3 and Thursday 30 May from 14h00 until 15h00 for Grades 4 – 7

*Do you love stories? Listening to stories? Telling stories? If you do, come and join us for some storytelling games where we will use all sorts of fun to explore the art of a good story! Bring your imaginations!*

## **UNIFORM SHOP – REMINDER**

We are aware that parents are in a rush to purchase items at the uniform shop in the morning. We ask that you are patient, as parents and pupils who are assisting, are working as quickly and efficiently as they can.

The uniform shop will close on Friday 31 May at 08h30 for stock taking and will re-open in the third term.

## **URGENT HELP NEEDED – TUCK SHOP**

If you are available to assist in the tuck shop on 24 May and 7 June from 07h45 until 10h45, please contact Jo Bredenkamp on her cellphone 084 500 0659 or [jo.bredenkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jo.bredenkamp@gmail.com)

## **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 in July. We will be collecting good condition pre-loved clothing and shoes (all ages and sizes) and toys. The clothes and toys will be donated to those less fortunate. Please clear your cupboards and bring all pre-loved items to school only from **3 June until 12 June**. Please ensure that the clothes are separated into girls and boys bags or boxes as it makes it easier for the Robin Hood Foundation to sort through.

## **ENVIRO MATTERS – Ms Hortop**

Recycling – Please remember that we recycle everything now. We also collect bread tags and bottle tops to raise money for wheel chairs and walking aids for people who are unable to afford these for themselves.

## **MOVIE NIGHT FOR GRADES R – 3 ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE FROM 17H30 TO 19H30**

The Foundation Phase will be hosting an exciting movie night on Thursday 13 June for the Grade R – 3 children (parents' night off!). We invite children to bring their pillows and blankets and join us for a lovely relaxing evening. Only children who are MGPS pupils, in Grades R – 3, may attend. Children are to be collected no later than **19h45** after the movie.

## **MGPS SPORTS CODES OF BEHAVIOUR**

At MGPS, we promote good sportsmanship among our pupils. Whether they are participating in a practice or playing against other schools. We would like to remind both parents and pupils of the codes of behaviour which are listed below. We include Coaches, Referees and Umpires behaviour codes so that everyone is aware of what is expected of them.

### **Player's code of behaviour**

- Be a good sport.
- Be committed.
- Play for enjoyment, fitness and skill development.
- Strive for personal excellence at your sport.
- Work hard for yourself and your team.
- Respect the rights and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated.
- Play the game according to the rules.
- Co-operate respectfully with team-mates, opponents, coaches and game officials.
- Applaud all good play whether by your team or opponents.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Wear correct kit for practice and matches.

### **Team Managements' and Coaches Code of Behaviour**

- Set a good example.
- Create opportunities to develop and encourage individual skills.
- Teach a wide range of team skills.
- Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill of the players involved.
- Teach your players to be friendly and respectful towards officials and opponents.
- Give all interested pupils a chance to participate in training and games.
- Remove any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable from the field of play.
- Ensure all players are dressed in the appropriate kit for both practice and matches.
- Keep your knowledge updated.
- Co-ordinate and checkup (on the day of a match) that all team players are present at school and all have a lift to the venue if needed.
- Organise a 'reserve' for team events should a team member be sick on the day.

### **The Referee/ Umpire's Code of Behaviour**

- Ensure "over-refereeing" does not lose the spirit of the game.
- Ensure your behaviour is consistent with sportsmanship on and off the field.
- Compliment both teams on their good play whenever deserved.
- Be fair and encourage fair play.
- Keep yourself informed on sound refereeing/umpiring principles and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Be able to accept positive criticism

### **Parents' Code of Behaviour**

- Encourage participation but don't force your child to participate in a certain sport.
- Remember your child is involved in the sport of choice for enjoyment.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules of his/her sport.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance, fair play and team loyalty.
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Encourage all players even when mistakes are made or the team is losing the game.
- Focus on your child's and the team's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Be a good role model. Applaud good play from your child and opposition.
- Be courteous to players, officials and administrators.
- Make any new parent feel welcome.

- Respect the rights and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be proud and supportive of your child's school.
- Have realistic expectations.
- Allow the coach to be the person who instructs and controls the team.
- Encourage your child to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements respectfully.
- Respect the officials' decisions.
- Do not publicly question a coach's, referee's or umpire's judgement and honesty.
- Don't approach a referee/umpire/coach at any stage during or immediately after a game.
- Raise any concerns with the MGPS coach or the Sports Coordinator.
- Value our coaches. They give of their time, skills and resources for your child.
- Ensure your child wears the correct kit, safety and sun-smart equipment for practice and matches.
- Collect your child within the appropriate time at the end of a game or practice.

#### **Spectators' code of behaviour**

- Behave in an appropriate manner.
- Remember that children play for enjoyment and skill development.
- Support skilled performance and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Don't ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake.
- Encourage fair play.
- Encourage and support the school.
- Have realistic expectations.
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms.
- Respect the coach, referee, umpire's decisions.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Do not attack a referee/coach/umpire at any stage during or immediately after a game.
- Don't use offensive language, or harass sportsmen, coaches, referees, umpires or other spectators.

#### **ABUSING PARENT WHATSAPP GROUPS**

Although some parents are on whatsapp group chats, one must be aware of the disadvantages.

One of the disadvantages of social media and seeing comments about a single moment in time, is that messages can be taken out of context and create misunderstanding when one doesn't have the whole picture. Please be careful about making judgements, especially judgements in public, when you don't have all the facts. Rather go to the source in the real world and get your facts straight. Contact the school to get the correct facts of the matter from the member of staff concerned.

Please understand that being tech-savvy also includes promoting the following:

- Good communication in the real world between parents, their children and their teachers.
- Modelling healthy communication habits and relationship skills.
- Valuing relationships and being kind, considerate and respectful.
- Valuing our uniqueness and realizing that comparing children with different abilities is negative.
- Focusing on your child only, supporting her/him in being the best they can be.
- Appreciating that MGPS employs people of integrity with appropriate qualifications and experience.
- Teaching children to take responsibility for their behaviour and its consequences.
- Teaching children to record their homework and take the necessary books home daily.
- Appreciating that MGPS staff are mentored by others in the grade and by the phase departmental head.
- Appreciating that MGPS teachers within a grade plan together daily and cover the same work albeit at different times due to their differing timetables or to accommodate visiting performers, speakers, etc.
- Offloading in the real world, not on social media
- Being an up stander, not bystander, for truth and justice

In real life we sometimes need to hold our tongue and keep our thoughts to ourselves. The same goes for social media - don't be reactive. Sometimes you need to sleep on your initial reaction and reflect, before you act, if you act at all.

Please think before you post (about yourself and others), and check yourself before you wreck yourself, your child and your child's school.

#### **SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL FOR GRADES R TO 7 – Mrs Oosthuizen**

The Speech and Drama Festival will take place on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 August. Individual entry fees are R35.00. If a pupil enters three individual categories, a fourth category may be entered free of charge. More details to follow.

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

##### **Results**

##### Chess:

MGPS Chess team were placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools with Jack White (7S) and Thivyan Pillay (6D), winning 4 out of their 5 games.

##### Soccer

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>RESULT</b>
U10	Glenmore Primary School	4 – 2 Won
U12A	Glenmore Primary School	2 – 1 Won
U12B	Glenmore Primary School	0 – 7 Lost
U14A	Glenmore Primary School	0 – 1 Lost
U11	Curro – Embury	5 – 1 Won
U13	Curro – Embury	4 – 1 Won

Netball

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U13	Glenmore Primary School	10 – 0 Won
U11	Glenmore Primary School	7 – 2 Won
U10	Glenmore Primary School	3 – 0 Won
U13	Curro – Embury	11 – 0 Won

Girls Hockey

TEAM	SCHOOL	RESULT
U13 – 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	0 – 0 Drew
	Pitlochry Primary School	4 – 0 Won
U13 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	4 – 0 Won
	Pitlochry Primary School	4 – 0 Won
U11 – 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	0 – 0 Drew
	Pitlochry Primary School	1 – 0 Won
U11 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	5 – 1 Won
	Pitlochry Primary School	6 – 0 Won
U10 – 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	7 – 0 Won
	Pitlochry Primary School	6 – 0 Won
U10 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Pinetown Primary School	4 – 0 Won
	Pitlochry Primary School	4 – 0 Won

***Fixtures***Hockey

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
23 May	U10, U11, U13A and U13B	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School
30 May	U10, U11, U13A and U13B	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School

Netball

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
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
29 May	U10 and U12B	Durban Primary School	Durban Primary School
	U12A and U14	Durban Primary School	MGPS
5 June	U10 and U12B	Clarence Primary School	Clarence Primary School
	U12A and U14	Clarence Primary School	MGPS
8 June	U10	Durban Primary School	Tournament

Mini Soccer

DATE	GRADE TWO – Starting at 13h00	VENUE	GRADE THREE – Starting at 14h00
23 May	Teams 1 and 2	Eden College	Teams 1 and 2
25 May	Tournament	Durban Primary School	Tournament

**CYNTHIA DEVERE-LOOTS**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**