



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." – Steve Jobs

DATES TO DIARISE

3 – 12 June	Mahala Kids Market Collection for the Robin Hood Foundation
4 / 5 June	Eid Al-Fitr
5 June	World Environment Day
6 June	Foundation Phase Music Evening (Grades 1 – 3) at 18h30
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: Saturday afternoon 8 June from 15h00 until Sunday morning 9 June at 07h00
10 June	Quintathlon
10 June	Adjourned Parent By-Election Meeting 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

- Congratulations to Mrs Teagan Fernandez and her husband Julian on the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Ayla Jae Fernandez.

APPRECIATION

- Thank you to Miss Sader and the children who put together a very informative Ramadaan Assembly yesterday. It was both enlightening and educational. At Manor Gardens Primary, it is important that the pupils have some understanding of the various religions and that they accept and tolerate the differences among us.
- Thank you to parent, Jo Bredenkamp, for always colourfully reminding us of any school events on the chalk boards at the front entrance of the school.

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 fundraising 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.

Essential Safety Rules for Camp Out 2019

- The Camp Out is open to all current Manor Gardens Primary pupils and families only – younger siblings may attend with their families, but older siblings may not camp over.
- Every child attending and/or sleeping over must have at least one of their **own** parents to camp with them. It is each parent/legal guardian's responsibility to ensure that their **own** child is supervised by them at all times and complies with the school's Code of Conduct.
- The Grade R playgrounds, swimming pool area and upper sports field are out-of-bounds at all times.
- No skateboards, bicycles or other equipment are allowed.
- All families not sleeping over must leave the school by 21h00.
- The tuck shop will be open at set times to sell soft drinks, snacks, sweets and chocolates during the event.

COMBO COURT SURFACE REFURBISHING

The surface of the combo court is being refurbished and should be ready for use at the beginning of the third term.

LAST OPEN SESSION FOR THE TERM - DANCING FUN WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SPORTS FIELD ON THURSDAY 6 JUNE FROM 14H00 UNTIL 15H00 FOR ALL GRADES 1 - 7

A guided dance experience fueled by play, imagination and everyday movements. This is a dance designed to encourage connection with oneself, fellow dancers and the beauty and power of the moment.

FOUNDATION PHASE MUSIC EVENING: THURSDAY 6 JUNE AT 18H30

All children in the Foundation Phase (Grades 1 – 3) will be participating in the Music Evening. The Junior Choir, Grade One Choir, Beginner Recorder Group and Class groups will be performing. Children must be at school by 18h00. All the Grade 1, 2 and 3 children will be participating and **MUST** wear their school uniform except for the Junior Primary Choir and the Beginner Recorder Group who will wear their MGPS music uniform. This consists of a MGPS music T-shirt, blue denim jeans and white takkies or white closed shoes. Tickets for this Music Evening should be pre-bought and there are a limited number of tickets available. The cost of the tickets is R10.00 for adults and R5.00 for pre-schoolers. The evening should finish at around 19h30.

SGB ADJOURNED NOMINATION AND BY-ELECTION PARENT MEETING ON MONDAY 10 JUNE AT 17H30

A quorum of 15% of MGPS parents, which equals 114 parents, was not in attendance at the Parents Nomination and By-Election meeting on Thursday 23 May, therefore the meeting was adjourned until Monday 10 June 2019 at 17h30 and **will take place whether or not a quorum** of 15% of parents is in attendance. Please make every effort to attend the adjourned by-election meeting and exercise your democratic right to vote for 1 parent representative of your choice on the SGB.

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.

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.

BOOKS 2 U BOOK FAIR – Mrs Sobey

The Books 2 U Book Fair will be in the Media Centre on Wednesday 11 June from 10h00 until 15h00 and Thursday 12 June from 07h00 until 13h00. Please feel free to visit with or without your children to find many exciting books to share. The average price of the books is R70.00. Money may be sent to school with your children as they will get time during the school day to visit this Pop-up Book Shop.

ENVIRO MATTERS – Ms Hortop

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

MOVIE NIGHT: ‘CAT IN THE HAT’ 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 Grade R – 3 children who are MGPS pupils, may attend. Children are to be collected no later than **19h45** after the movie.

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. Please mark the titles of the categories clearly, with the child’s name and grade as well as language preference, on the envelope containing the correct fees. Copies of the prescribed poems will be sent home as soon as the entries are received. Please see attached. **All entries must be sent in by Friday 14 June.**

SPORTS NEWS – Mr Bester and Mr Ramchander

Fixtures

Hockey

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
6 June	U10, U11, U13A and U13B	Pitlochry Primary School	Pitlochry Primary School

Soccer

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

Please note:

The extra mural programme for the second term ended on Friday 31 May except for a few Soccer and Hockey matches that are still to be played. The U14 Soccer boys will still train on training days.

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