



Manor Gardens Primary School

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"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life...as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." Booker T. Washington

DATES TO DIARISE

14 August	Sports Photos
16 August	Civvies Day, proceeds will go to St Martins Childrens Home in Glenwood
16 August	Speech and Drama Festival will be concluded
21 August	Foundation Phase Sports Day
23 August	Pizza Friday at the Tuck shop (normal goodies will still be available)
30 August	Grade R Grandparents Day
5 September	Secretaries' Day
6 September	Foundation Phase Parent Viewing from 12h30 until 13h00
7 September	Spring Fun Walk
18 – 19 September	Foundation Phase Play
20 September	End of the Third Term
1 October	Start of the Fourth Term
5 October	Teachers' Day

STAFF UPDATE

We welcome Mr Charles Morgan to the Manor Gardens Primary family and community and we look forward to the valuable experience and input which he will share with us in the future.

The following upcoming staff vacancies will be published in the local newspapers and are printed here for your information.

- Mrs Geysler, the Finance assistant, will leave MGPS at the end of this term as she has resigned.
- Mrs Angelos, the locum tenens Music Specialist teacher, will resume her retirement at the end of this year.

MANOR GARDENS PRIMARY - SGB POSTS

1. ½ DAY FINANCIAL ASSISTANT – OCTOBER 2019

English proficient financial assistant with matric, financial and administrative skills and experience to be responsible for receipting all monies, school fees and Aftercare fees in arrears, legal collections and school fee exemptions. Word, Excel and 5 years current experience is essential. Edupac knowledge and 5 years school experience are advantages.

Send a 2-page CV with 2 traceable references **to Fax No. 031-261 6166 or info@mgps.co** by 14h00 on Friday 23 August 2019. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. **MGPS is not obliged to fill the post.**

2. MUSIC SPECIALIST TEACHER – JANUARY 2020

Required with M+4 and primary school music teaching qualification, experience and ability to play the piano, recorder and guitar, to teach Gr R – 7 class music, conduct choirs, a Capella, ensemble and percussion band.

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APPRECIATION: GRADE 6 CAKE SALE

Thank you to the Grade 6 parents who kindly brought cakes and delicious eats for our cake sale. Well done to the parents and children for their sterling work in sorting and pricing the eats, manning the tables and cleaning up afterwards. An amount of R4 122.70 was raised.

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

The Speech and Drama Festival will take place on Friday 16 August, during the school day. Please ensure participating children prepare, practise and memorise their presentations. The Speech and Drama Festival will be completed.

CIVVIES DAY

Children may wear civvies on **FRIDAY 16 AUGUST** at a cost of R5.00 or more. Money collected will be donated to St Martins Childrens Home in Glenwood.

JUNIOR PRIMARY AFTERCARE TOY DONATIONS

If you are cleaning out your cupboards, the Junior Primary Aftercare is looking for donations, in good condition, of used toys, board games, construction games, etc. that your children no longer use.

FOUNDATION PHASE SPORTS DAY (Grades 1 – 3)

Wednesday 21 August from 08h30 until approximately 11h00.

- All pupils in Grades 1 – 3 will be participating and need to be at school by 07h30 as usual.
- Foundation Phase children may go home with their parents at the end of the Sports Day, provided that the early release slip has been signed and returned to the class teacher.
- Children who remain at school will be supervised by their class teachers until the end of the normal school day which is 12h30 for

Grades 1 and 2 and 13h50 for Grade 3 children. Aftercare will operate as usual.

- Pupils must wear their P.E. kit to school on this day i.e. green P.E. shorts and coloured sports house T-shirts.
- Pupils must wear their hats (clearly marked with child's name). Sunscreen is to be applied at home.
- Children may not take eats onto the stands; however, they make take a bottle of juice or water with them.
- Children will not be allowed to leave the stands during Sports Day to go to the tuck shop.
- The tuck shop will remain open for a short while after the event for light snacks.
- Grade R siblings will **not** be allowed to go home early.
- Parents may not take food or drinks to the children during the Sports Day.
- Parents are encouraged to bring hats and sun glasses, as they may be facing into the sun.

We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Day.

PIZZA FRIDAY AT THE TUCK SHOP ON FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019

The MGPS fundraising committee will be having 'Pizza Friday' at the tuck shop on Friday 23 August. Yummy cheese pizza slices will be available at R8.00 per slice. All monies raised will go towards exciting new projects at our school. Order forms and monies must be handed in to the class teacher by **WEDNESDAY 21 August 2019**. The tuck shop will still sell the usual pies, hot dogs, cool drinks, etc.

LATE COMING

It is with great concern that we note the increasing number of pupils arriving late for school daily. This morning, more than 40 pupils arrived after the 07h30 bell. This is unacceptable as this is disruptive to both the educator and pupils that have already settled down and commenced with the academic programme. Parents are reminded to ensure that their children are at school at least 10 minutes before the academic day commences at 07h30. Parents need to factor this in when departing for school. As of tomorrow, all latecomers will be stopped by Alex the security guard and taken to the front office, where their details will be recorded in the Late Arrivals Register. Children late more than 3 times will attend a Friday afternoon detention as outlined in the Manor Gardens Code of Conduct. Your co-operation in ensuring that punctuality as an important life skill is inculcated in our children, will be greatly appreciated.+

HAIR: BOYS

Parents are reminded to please ensure that hair is in accordance with the Manor Gardens Primary School policy in this regard. A number of boys need to have their hair cut this weekend.

UNIFORM

Pupils are only allowed to wear the Manor Gardens Primary track jacket and school jersey. No other jackets or jerseys are allowed.

LOST PROPERTY

Many uniform items end up in the 'Lost Property' boxes and are usually unnamed. This makes it very difficult to return these items to their rightful owner. We appeal to you to please **mark all items** of your child/children's clothing, including shoes, with their full name.

Our second appeal us that if you look in the lost property boxes, please only take items which have your child's name on them and not items that belong to someone else.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Please note that children are not allowed entry onto the school grounds before 07h00. MGPS staff members, including Mr Alex Maliwa, our Security Guard, are not responsible for supervising children who arrive too early. Early Morning Care is offered from 06h30 to 07h00 for children who need to be dropped off at the school premises prior to official school opening time. This service is offered at a nominal daily rate of **R8.00** to parents. Your full co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

CHILDREN WAITING FOR PRIVATE LESSONS TO GO TO AFTERCARE AND PAY R15.00 IF NOT A REGULAR AFTERCARE CHILD

The casual 'D' fee is a rate that is only applicable for those pupils who are waiting for a private lesson and are not regular aftercare children. Only those pupils whose names are provided to the Aftercare staff by the private lessons tutor may attend using this nominal rate which is an amount of R15.00 per day for less than 1 hour waiting for a private lesson (i.e. Speech and Drama, Hip-hop, Ballet, Code kids, Experi-Buddies, Art, etc.). Regular Aftercare children returning to Aftercare after their private lesson will be charged at the normal daily rate. Parents **MUST** pay all Aftercare fees including the casual "D" rate in **ADVANCE**.

SPORTS MATTERS – Mr Bester and Mr Ramchander

Fixtures

Hockey

DATE	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
15 August	U10, U11 and U13 - GIRLS	Tournament	St Henry's Marist Brothers

Softball

DATE	TIME	TEAM	SCHOOL	VENUE
16 August - FRIDAY	14h30	MGPS A – BOYS	Penzance Primary School	Queensmead Stadium
	14h30	MGPS B – BOYS	Woodlands Primary School	Queensmead Stadium
	15h50	MGPS B – BOYS	Highway College	Queensmead Stadium
17 August - SATURDAY	08h00	MGPS – GIRLS	Ben Pine Primary School	Hoy Park Baseball Stadium
	09h15		Hillcrest Primary School	

CHARLES MORGAN
PRINCIPAL