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MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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What's on at The Gardens? Happening soon:

Week 9

Thur 23 June - School Disco, to be held in the hall

Fri 24 June - SC2/SC3 Excursion

Week 10

Mon 27 June - Fri 1 July - School NAIDOC Week

Tue 28 June - Excellence Assembly

Wed 29 June - Athletics Carnival

Thur 30 June - Saltwater Visit

Fri 1 July - Whole School NAIDOC Assembly

Fri 1 July - Last day of Term 2

Fri 1 July - Reports go home

Tue 19 July - Term 3. Students return

Disco

Come and have fun at this term's School Disco tomorrow **Thursday 23 June 2011**.

Come as "Stepping out in Fluoro". The disco will be held in the hall starting from 4.15pm - 5.45pm. Cost is \$3.50 to be paid at the door. Children must be collected at 5.45pm from the hall.

No children will be allowed to walk home without a parent or carer.



SC2/SC3 Wallabi Point/Old Bar Excursion

Classes SC2 and SC3 will be enjoying an excursion to Wallabi Point and Old Bar this **Friday 24th June 2011**.

Please make sure that your child brings their morning tea and water bottle with them. Children are permitted to wear play clothes and require suitable shoes and a hat. Please apply sunscreen at home.

Excellence Assembly

The end of term Excellence Assembly will be held next week on **Tuesday 28th June**. Invitations have been sent home today for those children who have maintained excellence all term.

Please make sure your child hands in their permission note for their Excellence Reward by Monday 27th June 2011.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held next **Wednesday 29th June**. Parents are welcomed to attend. The carnival will start at 9.20am. Commencing with age races starting with infants.

Just remember to wear your house colours on the day.

Waratah - Red

Grevillia - Green

Banksia - Blue

Wattle - Yellow

Athletics Carnival - Canteen

The canteen will be selling at the Athletics Carnival;

Sausage Dog - \$2.00.

Please hand in your order slip for a sausage dog to the canteen by Tuesday 28th June.

The Canteen and Year Six will also be selling;

☺ Second hand clothing.

☺ Fruit & Veg raffle: \$1.00 a ticket .

The money raised from the sausage sizzle and raffle will go towards the Year Six Farewell.

So come on down and support your child at their Athletics Carnival and enjoy the day with yummy food and raffles to win!

NAIDOC Week 2011

Next week **Thursday 30th June** MGPS will celebrate NAIDOC Week at Saltwater Reserve.

The whole school (plus mums, dads, nans and pops) will be enjoying this excursion with lots of activities such as face painting, sand modelling, touch football and dancing.

Please make sure that you and your child are at school on time as the bus will be leaving at 9.30am.

Students may wear warm casual clothes but they must be sun safe; wear a hat, enclosed shoes and bring a towel to sit on. Students will need to bring their morning tea and drinks. Lunch will be provided and will include a sausage sizzle.

We are inviting parents and family members to come and enjoy this excursion with their children and can travel on the bus.

Attention Parents

Next week, Week 10 the Canteen will be;

Opened: Tues 28th June, Wed 29th & Friday 1st July.

Closed: Thursday 30th June (Saltwater Excursion)

Year 5/6 A

Students from 5/6A were given a stationary toolkit for organisation of their work. Included in this toolkit is a folder to be purchased for \$2.00 and payment is to be made at the school office. Students will not receive their folder until payment is made and this needs to be paid by the end of term.

URGENT - Year Six students!

Students from Year Six who have expressed an interest to go to Chatham High School for Year Seven in 2012 need to hand in their enrolment forms to the school office **Urgently**. Students have been given plenty of time for this to be handed in and Chatham High are requesting these enrolment forms to be handed in **THIS WEEK!**

Winter Clothing

Yes it is officially winter!

Please make sure your child wears to school appropriate winter school clothing. Make sure jumpers, hats are clearly marked with your child's name. We have lots of red jumpers in lost property with no names on them. If your child has lost a school jumper please come and have a look at our lost property up in the office.

School Website

Don't forget to check our up and running school website for your school news.

Go to www.manningdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

**Education Tax Refund**

A reminder that you can claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR) in your tax return for eligible school expenses. The Federal government initiative provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses, such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery. For the 2010–11 tax year refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school. For more information, and to claim online, go to:

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/

After School Activities☺ **Active After and Before School Program**

After School Program is for students in Years 3 and 6. Thursdays 8.00am - 8.45am with Indigenous Dancing. Thursday afternoons 3.15pm - 4.15pm with Golf.

☺ **Chatham High School Homework Centre**

Year 6 students can attend the Homework Centre at Chatham High School. Students are transported to the High School by bus and then are driven home by bus at the end of the session.

If you would like your Year 6 child to attend, please return the completed permission note.

☺ **Manning Gardens Homework Centre**

Manning Gardens Homework Centre is available for children in Years 2 to 5 on Mondays from 3.15pm until 4.15pm for Term 2. Students will need to bring afternoon tea, be picked up by a parent or be able to walk home. There is no bus service available.

Community News**Greater Taree City Libraries Holiday Fun**

Greater Taree City Libraries is offering a fun-filled program of activities this July school holidays including movie screenings, Yogi Bear, toy story 3 & Happy Feet, much making, craft and cooking workshops.

Bookings are essential. For more information visit www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au or see the brochure at the school office.

Bunning's**DIY Family Fun Day**

Date: Saturday 25th June

Time: 10-2.00pm

International Fairies' Day

Petting Zoo Jumping Castle
Face Painting Balloon Sculpting
Music



KIDS DIY, Girls make fairy wings
Boy's wizard wings and magical wands.