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MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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What's on at The Gardens? <u>Happening soon:</u>

Week 8

Mon 13 June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tue 14 June - P&C meeting 5pm

Fri 17 June - Whole School Assembly

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

K/1C and SC2 Buddy Class

K/1C and SC2 buddy class are learning about wet and dry environments. We read a special book called the "Rainbow Fish".





Manning Gardens School Website

We are very excited to announce the launch of our revamped school website that went live earlier this week. The web address is:

www.manninggdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or type "manning gardens" into your internet search engine.

Amongst loads of useful information you can get a full colour copy of the latest Grapevine Newsletter, check out the school calendar for upcoming events and even download permission notes for excursions and other special occasions in links from the calendar.

Over time we will add photos of activities here at school and information from the classes, sports and cultural activities that your children enjoy. It's a great way for all families and community members to keep up to date with the great things happening on our school.

To make sure your child can see a photo of themselves on the school website we need to have their media permission note signed by parents or carers. If you aren't sure about this contact the office or one of the staff and we'll happily help out.

Children's Health and Wellbeing

Our attendance records for students and staff have been really knocked around by the spread of winter colds. We are encouraging all children to keep their noses clear with the BBC program (Blow, Breathe and Cough). All classes and learning spaces have access to hand sanitiser that teachers ensure children can use as needed. Additionally, we also continue the Crunch 'n Sip program which also helps our health and well being.

Parents and carers can help by ensuring children receive adequate sleep each evening, eat healthily and when unwell stay at home to rest and recover before returning to school.



It would be great if children can bring in a box of tissues for their class to use at school.

Safety Before School

Some days last week and early this week we have had over 20 children at school before there is any teachers on duty, some from as early as 7:50am. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide care and supervision before the school duty time of 8:45am. Parents and carers are requested to please ensure children arrive after 8:45 and before 9:15am. Also, remember the Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club run by Amanda and the team operates during this time. A great start to the day.

Year Six - Year 7 2012 at Chatham High School

Students who have expressed an interest to go to Chatham High School next year, the enrolment form packages need to be returned to Chatham High School or to Manning Gardens front office as soon as possible.

Homework Centre at Chatham High School

There will be **NO Homework Centre** at Chatham High School **this afternoon Thursday 9th June 2011**. Students were advised yesterday.

Canteen

Now that it is coming into the winter months we are now selling- **New red jumpers**

Sizes 6 to 12 - \$15.00 Limited stock! Get in quick!



Chicken burger & milk \$3.00

Make learning fun

Fun reading, writing, spelling and maths games you can do with your child are available to download free from the Schools website. There are translated versions available too. Just print them out and stick them on the fridge. Go to:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2010/ issue02/d_readnumtips/index.php

After School Activities

- © Chatham High School Homework Centre
 Year 6 students can once again 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 and, 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.



Manning Gardens Joins McCain Veggie Patches Show your support!

Manning Gardens urges local community to donate points for its School Veggie Patch.

Manning Gardens has registered for the McCain School Veggie Patches program and is urging local community, businesses and families to show their support by collecting barcodes.

Every barcode from McCain frozen vegetable or McCain Purely Potato packs purchased will provide points that can be redeemed for gardening tools, seeds and equipment such as wheelbarrows, water tanks and compost bins for their school veggie patch.

This is a great opportunity for Manning Garden's students to be involved in an educational program that aims to teach children about the benefits of healthy eating in a fun, outdoor environment.

McCain School Veggie Patches will allow Manning Gardens to play an active role in engaging children in an interactive and entertaining way to learn more about the foods they eat, and the world around them.

To show your support and earn points for your local primary school, simply collect barcodes from any pack of McCain frozen vegetables or McCain Purely Potato and drop them into school.