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MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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What's on at The Gardens?

Happening soon:

Thur 18 August - Active Before School - Indigenous Dance

Thur 18 August - Yarn Up -10.00am

Mon 22 August - Book Week

Wed 24 August - School Photos

Wed 25 August - Active After School - FUTSAL

Thur 26 August - Active Before School - Indigenous Dance

Fri 26 August - Daffodil Day - come out of uniform

Fri 26 August - Whole School Assembly



Connor Clarke & Tyreece Flores
eating their blue sprinkles icecream.

Dr Visit

Due to an illness Dr Gleeson was unable to visit MGPS for his visit today but instead will be coming on Wednesday 31st August.

School Photos

Next Wednesday 24th August all class, individual and group photos will be taken here at school. All children will be photographed. Please send children in their best school uniform. Jumpers are not worn for photos.

Payment envelopes have been sent home today with **each child's name printed on the envelope** and are best returned on the day of the photos. Family envelopes are also available at the school office.

Jeans for Genes Day

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Genes for Jeans Day. Students and staff had a great day wearing their jeans or dressing in blue and even eating blue ice creams in recognition of the day.

We raised a total of \$210.05. Great Effort MGPS!



Daffodil Day

Manning Gardens School will be celebrating Daffodil day on Friday 26th August by having an out of uniform day and getting students to wear yellow. Please bring a gold coin donation to raise money for cancer.

Lost Property

Please come and have a look at lost property. There is lots of clothing not marked with names. If your child has lost a school jumper, or hat please come and have a look at our lost property up in the office by next week.

CANTEEN- ATTENTION PARENTS

A reminder that the canteen is **Closed on Mondays and Fridays.**
(Make sure that your child brings their lunch to school on these days)

Book your hair dresser, tailor, shoe-maker, personal trainer and dentist!

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

is nearly upon us!

The photographers

"A-One Fotomakers"

will be at Manning Gardens

on

Wednesday 24th August

(Week 6)



Many River Diabetes Surveys

Many River Diabetes Surveys and consent forms have been sent home with children involved (large yellow envelopes). Please return ASAP. Any questions? Contact Josephine Gwynn at University of Newcastle on 4923 6745 or Lynette Syron at Biripi AMS on 6551 2088.

Year Six Fundraising

Year Six are selling raffle tickets \$1.00 each, available to purchase from the canteen. Help them raise some funds to go towards their farewell.

1st prize: \$20.00 Fruit and veg voucher.



Coles & Woolies Vouchers

Don't forget to hand in your Coles and Woolies vouchers to the school foyer. The more vouchers we receive the more rewards we can get to purchase educational equipment and sports equipment.



Here are some great photos of students attending the gymnastics program here at school.



Hayden Patterson &
Taylor Bolte
doing some gym work

.Active After School

These activities are for Years 1 to 6.

FUTSAL - Wednesdays 3.15pm (Starts this pm)

Indigenous Dancing -Thursdays 8.00am.

Gymnastics K-6

Years K-6 weekly session. Please send permission notes and payment \$24.00 (for the whole program) to the office ASAP.

Gymnastics SC3, SC4 & SC5

SC3, SC4 and SC5 gymnastics at the PCYC every Monday.

SC1& SC2 gymnastics every second Wednesday.

Please make sure permission notes and payment of \$3.00 is sent to the class teacher.

School life covered from A to Z

Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child's learning and development is now available as part School A to Z – a new online school community.

School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, 'how to' videos and advice from teachers and other experts.

School A to Z also includes:

- * Helpful advice and information to support children's wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes.
- * Resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology.
- * Opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussions, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels.
- * A translation aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources.

Check out the School A to Z website (www.schoolatoz.com.au), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/schoolatoz) and Twitter account (www.twitter.com/schoolatoz)

Can you spare an hour a week next Term (4) ?

...then we need you!!!!!!

We are again running the Beginning Well program for Pre School children coming to Kindergarten next year.



This program needs adult mentors to work with a teacher and targeted Pre School children to help them have a successful start to school.

Mentors will receive training and will work with a child once a week on a Friday for approx 6 weeks in Term 4 from Friday 28th October through to Friday 2nd December from 1.30-2.30pm at the Preschool.

If you are interested or know of anyone who would like to find out more about the program, please complete the form below and return to the school office by **Friday 26th August 2011**.

Thanking you for your support.

Rebecca Provost & Donna Deehan

Coordinating Teachers



Please return to the school office by Friday 26th August 2011.

Yes I am interested in the Beginning Well Mentor Program.

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Manning Gardens Public School

Kindergarten or Pre School children Enrolling in 2012

*If you have a child who will be turning **five years old** before 31st July 2012, and would like to enrol in **Kindergarten**.

or

*If you have a child who will be turning **four years old** before the 31st July 2012 and would like to attend our **Pre School**.

Please complete this slip and return it to the front office by the end of Term 3 so we can commence preparations for Orientation Day.

Also, if you know of a neighbour, friend or relative who lives in our area and will be enrolling a child at Manning Gardens next year, please also complete the survey.

Any parents who require further information or have concerns about your child's readiness please contact the school on 65526 333.

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Kindergarten or Pre School children Enrolling in 2012

I wish to enrol my child in:

(please tick)

Kindergarten

Pre School

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Carers name: _____

Contact phone no: _____

Siblings name(s) already attending

Manning Gardens: _____

Does your child already attend Manning Gardens Pre School?

Yes

No

Please complete this slip and return to the front office before the end of Term 3.