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#### MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# What's on at The Gardens? Happening soon:

Thur 4 August - Yarn Up -POSTPONED to next week

Thur 4 August - Indigenous Dance 8.00am

Fri 5 August - Genes for Jeans Day - Mufti Day

Fri 5 August - Education Week Open Day

Tue 9 August - P&C Meeting 5.00pm

Wed 10 August - CSIRO Science Show

Wed 10 August - FUTSAL 3.15pm

Thur 11 August - Yarn Up 10.00am

#### **Education Week**

This is a great annual tradition where we can take time out to celebrate children's learning and the wonderful partnership between home, community and school that is the hallmark of Public Education in NSW

Manning Gardens Public School deeply values the relationship based upon honesty and trust that is developed between our staff and all children's families.

We truly do hope you can join us this *Friday* for a first hand glimpse into your children's learning as they participate in what we call Buddy Classes. Starting at 12:30 as the children come in from the playground and lasting for approximately 45 minutes the children participate in a range of activities centred on one of the six primary Key Learning Areas (or subjects). Each support unit and mainstream class has formed a "buddy-bond" with their partner class and each fortnight get together to share the learning process. Each of us learns a great deal about one another and ourselves through this process.

#### **Jeans for Genes Day**

This **Friday 5 August** our school will be participating in the National Jeans for Genes Day. Children are welcome to wear denim casual clothes on this day to join in the fun. Plenty of "denim blue" treats will be available for purchase at very reasonable rates. You may even send a gold coin donation to help lift the amount raised on the day. Funds raised will be forwarded to the Jeans for Genes charity.

# <u>Gymnastics Lessons – an important part of your child's education</u>

Children are thoroughly enjoying the gymnastics lessons currently underway. Already improvement in movement, balance and control is evident across the grades. Most importantly we need to have a signed permission note for your child to be transported to those lessons held at the PCYC.

Whilst the cost for families with children attending these lessons not insignificant, the high quality instruction provided by the specialist staff is most worthwhile and additionally it provides access to specialist equipment that would otherwise be unavailable. Payment can always be made in instalments; children will participate as long as you have told us you intend to pay as you can afford to do so.

Financial Support for school activities, like gym lessons, (known as Student Assistance and usually up to 50% of the cost) for families is available upon request. Please see Aunty Karen, Ian Reeson or the ladies in the office for assistance with this.

#### **Girls School Uniform**

The P&C are considering adding culottes and a top for the girls summer uniform. If you are interested we will have a sample display in the foyer. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any further suggestions, which can be left at the office. This will be discussed at next Tuesday's P&C meeting. Please come along at 5.00pm.

#### **Book Club**

Money and orders for Book Club Issue 5 are **due into the library by tomorrow 4th August 2011**. Please make cheques and money orders out to *Scholastic Australia*. If you place an order on-line, please send a copy of your order to the library so that we can check it has been supplied by Book Club.

#### **Zone Athletics**

Nathanial Slater will be competing in Shot Put at the Zone Athletics. Good luck to Nathanial and all the children competing in track events.

#### **Stronger and Smarter Dancers**

Manning Gardens Aboriginal Dancers will be performing at Taree West Public School this Thursday.



#### **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)



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#### Naidoc Day at Saltwater - Display

Staff and students had such a fantastic time last term at Saltwater for Naidoc Day. We currently have photos from the day on display in our school foyer so come along and check them out.

#### **School Banking**

Are you are interested in having this at our school? Come to the next P&C meeting next Tuesday 9th August at 5.00pm.

#### **Year Six Fundraising**

Year Six are selling raffle tickets \$1.00 each, available to purchase from the canteen.

1st prize: \$20.00 Fruit and veg voucher.
Help Year Six raise some funds to go towards their Year Six Farewell.

#### **Coles Vouchers**

Coles Sports for Schools is back! Collect your Coles vouchers and send them into school so we can redeem points to go towards school sports equipment.

#### Many River Diabetes Surveys

Many River Diabetes Surveys and consent forms are being sent home with children involved today (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.

#### CSIRO Science Show

#### Wednesday, 10th August.

Please send permission notes and payment to the school office no later than this <u>Friday 5th</u> <u>August</u>. Support Unit: \$4.00, Years K-2: \$4.00 per students, Years 3-6: \$4.00 per students plus also available hands on workshop for an additional \$6.00.

#### **Active After School**

These activities are for Years 3 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 second Wednesday. Please make sure permission notes and payment of \$3.00 is sent to the class teacher.



Fed Up with Children's Behaviour Author of Fed up series, Australian of the Year Finalised in 2009

Wednesday 10th August 7.00pm-9.00pm at Taree West Bowling Club, Tickets \$15 per person/couple.

The talk includes, oppositional defiance, tantrums, bedwetting, asthma etc.

For more information contact Debbie on 0447 655 635 or email debbielucid@primusonline.com.au.

#### Dear Parents,

I'm writing to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than \$5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...



There's no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Kindest regards, .....Mr Reeson



# What's Happening at Manning Gardens School This Friday 5th August 2011

## **EDUCATION WEEK**

Open classrooms Parents/Carers visit your child with their Buddy Class from 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

#### Class Timetable

Classes	Rooms
KP & SC1 -	SC1 (SU, middle block, 3rd Classroom)
K/1C & SC2 -	K/1C (middle block, 2nd classroom)
1/2S & SC3 -	1/2S (middle block, 3rd classroom)
3/4B & SC4 -	3/4B (bottom block, last classroom)
5/6A & SC5 -	5/6A (top block, 1st classroom)
Preschool -	Preschool

Please see the office if you need directions.



## **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**



Bring some money in to spend on some blue treats at school Children will be helping to fundraise to help support this charity.

Donations welcome

Cupcakes, milkshakes, biscuits and other treats for sale... Yummy Prices start from 30c, 50c and \$1.00.





