



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

Fri 9 Sept - School Assembly  
Tue 13 Sept - P&C meeting 5pm  
Wed 14 Sept - Dr Gleeson visit  
Wed 14 Sept - FUTSAL - 3.15pm  
Wed 14 Sept-Fri 15 Sept - Connect to Country  
Thur 15 Sept - Yarn Up  
Thur 15 Sept - Indigenous Dance 8.00am  
Fri 16 Sept - Uni Day at Newcastle  
Tue 20 Sept - Excellence Assembly

### Industrial Stoppage

On Thursday 8th September 2011 due to Industrial Action by Unions NSW Manning Gardens Public School will be **operational with MINIMAL SUPERVISION** on this day.

Due to this action:

There will be **only** one teacher and one school learning support officer on duty.

**Minimal supervision** of students will be possible.

Please do not send your child to school on that date.

The office will be non-operational and the canteen and breakfast club will be closed on this day.

The decision to participate in industrial action is not taken lightly and the safety of all students is paramount. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Parents are requested to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of children. Should you have any enquiries in relation to this matter please contact the school on 65526 333.

Ian Reeson

### For Parents and Carers with children in Years 3 & 5

### 2011 NAPLAN student reports - important information about writing results

The 2011 NAPLAN student reports will be sent home next Monday.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, which oversees the delivery and reporting of the NAPLAN tests, introduced a persuasive writing task in 2011, replacing the narrative writing task which was tested from 2008 to 2010.

And for parents with children in Year 5...Because students perform differently on the two types of writing tasks the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has introduced a new and additional reporting scale for writing. This means that it will not be possible to compare the writing performance of students who completed the narrative task in 2009 with their performance in the persuasive task in 2011.

You will still be able to measure your child's growth in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Numeracy from 2009 to 2011, by comparing their 2009 NAPLAN student report with the 2011 NAPLAN student report.

For further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports please go to

[www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html).

### School Banking

If you would like your child to participate in the commonwealth bank school banking program, please hand in your child's note to the school office where you will receive an information pack.



### Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Nathaniel Slater who came 5th in Shot Put at the Regional Athletics which was held at Glendale Sports Centre last Friday 2nd September.

### School Photos

School photos will still be a couple of weeks away before we will receive them. We will let you know when we are expecting them.

Photos can otherwise be ordered on-line at [www.fotosales.com.au](http://www.fotosales.com.au) after your child has received his or her bookmark. On-line orders will cost an extra \$5 for postage and handling.

### Coles & Woolies Vouchers

Keep bringing in your Coles and Woolies vouchers to the school. We are halfway through the Coles Voucher program with our goal being 20,000 vouchers. So keep them coming in!

### "Discover Uni Day"

Students from MGPS and the manning area have been given the opportunity to experience a day on campus at Newcastle Uni on **Friday 16th September 2011**.

A reminder to students that the bus will depart from **Chatham High School at 7.15am and will return by 4.45pm**.

### Gymnastics K-6

Please note that next week (9) is the last week for gymnastics for Years K-6. Payment is to be made asap if you haven't already paid.

### Gymnastics Support Classes

\*SC3, SC4 and SC5 gymnastics at the PCYC is every Monday finishing on 19th September (week 10).

\*SC1 & SC2 gymnastics next week 14 September (week 9) is the last week.

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

### Year Six Fundraising

Year Six still are still fundraising for their farewell. Come and purchase a raffle ticket or two from the canteen \$1.00 each.

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

### Many River Diabetes Surveys

If your child is involved in the Many River Diabetes Surveys please return ASAP. Any questions? Contact Josephine Gwynn at University of Newcastle on 4923 6745 or Lynette Syron at Biripi AMS on 6551 2088.

# Father's Day

Students and Fathers enjoyed a BBQ lunch and activities for Father's Day. The kids really enjoyed having them there and lots of fun was had by all.

