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MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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What's on at The Gardens?

Mon 13th Feb - Thurs 16th Feb - Life Education Van

Tues 14 Feb - Swimming Carnival

Wed 15 Feb - SC1 Excursion

Attendance is really important. Being at school everyday and on time gives your child the best chance at a successful learning experience. Three things we need to have every child focus upon are:

- Come to school to Learn everyday
- Arrive for the start of class at 9.15am everyday
- Work hard when you are at school everyday
- As parents and carers it's our job to make sure they achieve the first two and then the third is up to the children and teachers.

PSP Survey 2012 –NSW public schools have again been invited to participate in the PSP Survey that leads to inclusion in the Priority Schools and Priority Action Schools equity programs. Our school has registered for this survey which will be conducted during the week beginning Monday 5 March. All families with children in Years K-6 (mainstream and support unit) will be surveyed but not families who have children enrolled in EI or preschool only. We will aim for 100% return of the survey something we achieved last survey (and many others).

Volunteers Canteen and Brekkie Club

As you can see from this newsletter the canteen will **only open Tuesday and Wednesday** this term and we desperately need volunteers for the Breakfast Club.

We need parents, carers and family members to join the team to get the canteen open every day of the week. Please contact Aunty Karen or the office staff if you would like more information about what is involved. **THE CHILDREN NEED YOU!**

Student Absence

If your child is sick or away on leave, please either phone the school on 6552 6333 or send in a written note explaining the reason for the absence. These notes can be given to your child's teacher.

Ready for School - Years 3-6 – parents and carers are requested to ensure their children have a basic supply of equipment each day at school. A suggested list includes:

- 2 x lead pencils,
- Biro (red and black or blue)
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Glue stick
- Colouring pencils
- Textas
- Highlighter
- Safety scissors (optional)
- Pencil case to store the above

Our school canteen can supply a pack containing 2xpencils, black and red pen, sharpener, ruler and rubber for \$2.50. Stock is limited.

School Banking

Welcome to a new year of banking.

Thank you and congratulations to our 30 student bankers and their families for the wonderful effort in 2011. Don't forget to fill out the deposit slip in your child's bank book and send it to school every Wednesday. Deposits can be as little as 50c. Start now and watch your savings grow!

Book Club

Book Club brochures have been sent home today. Orders need to be returned to school with your payment by Monday 20th February 2012. If paying by cheque, please make it out to *Scholastic Australia*.

If you place an order online, please send a copy of your order to the library so we can check it has been supplied by Book Club.

School belief #5 Safety - Being at school only between 8.45am and 3.15pm. Your child's safety is at risk if you allow them to arrive earlier.

Yearly Permission & Emergency Contacts

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers?

Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

Thank you to those parents who have handed in their child's yearly permission and emergency contact notes. If you haven't handed in your child's notes please do so ASAP.

P&C

It was great to see new faces at the first P&C meeting of the year held last night. We thank you for taking the time to be at the meeting and for your new ideas and comments. We welcome and value your input throughout the entire year, together we can achieve great things.

Judy Clarke

P&C Secretary

Uniforms

If you would like to purchase a new school uniform please see the girls in the school canteen on a Tuesday and Wednesday. They also have second hand uniforms to look at.

Second Hand Clothing Pool

If your child has outgrown their school uniform why not hand it into the canteen for the second hand clothing pool.

Manning Gardens School Preschool

There are still some vacancies available at the Preschool. Please come and see us at the school office for an enrolment form. This is a great start for your child to get used to a school environment before they start kindergarten.



CANTEEN

The canteen will be opened;
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
 for Term 1.

PERMISSION NOTE REMINDER



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The swimming carnival will be held on **Tuesday 14th February** at Wingham Pool.

Please make sure that your child hands in their permission note and money to the office by Monday 13th February.

LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education van will be visiting our school starting from next **Monday 13th February through to Thursday 16 February.**



Life Education offers a broad, positive health program with particular focus on preventative drug education.

Cost: Mainstream & SU- \$4.00

Preschool & EI -\$3.50

(These costs have already been subsidised by the P&C by half the cost).

Please hand in these costs and permission notes to the office by Thursday 9th February.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Good Beginnings Playgroup

When: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm

Where: Manning Gardens Public School, Mudford Street (Koori room)

Cost: FREE

Contact: Graeme Bales: 0458 791 294 (Family support worker)

Tamara Bean: 0409 226 583 (Early childhood worker).

Morning tea/lunch provided. Come and have a feed! Meet with other community members.

Manning Valley Physical Culture

ENROL NOW FOR 2012 FOR FUN FRIENDSHIP & FITNESS

Dance classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages. Physical Culture provides a combination of exercise, dance, ballet & gymnastic all rolled into one.

Classes commence 13th February 2012. Please contact Nola on 0419 237 715 or 6551 2831.