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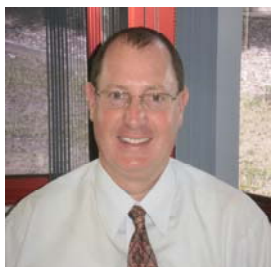
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TOGETHER WE GROW - STRONGER SMARTER

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Principal's Message

I would like to warmly welcome all parents, caregivers and members of our school community as we start another school year. It is a great honour for me to be the new Principal at Manning Gardens PS. I believe in establishing strong home, school and community partnerships. As such, I am committed to ensuring that your children receive the best education possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions, issues or need assistance. Manning Gardens PS has a fantastic staff working to provide quality education in a happy and nurturing setting. Your children are in safe hands here at our school! Over the next few weeks I hope to meet as many community members as possible – if you are at school, feel free to drop in and have a yarn!



Together we grow – stronger smarter!

Paul Sortwell - Principal

Introducing our Classes and Teachers for 2013

Mainstream classes:

KT – Mrs Tracy Theophanous.
K/1S – Mr Paul Stevens.
1/2B – Mrs Janelle Blick.
2/3S – Miss Rebecca Somerville.
3/4M – Ms Joanne Madden.
5/6C – Ms Clare Cattell.
DA – Mr David Amidy.

Support Classes:

SCR – Mrs Richardson.
SCG – Mrs Goodwin.
SCS – Ms Stace.
SCB – Mr Beckton.

School Leaders

School Captain - Ebony Hutton
School Captain - Dylan Patterson
Malachi Walker
Ethan Walker
Dimity-Lea Pett
Miriam Hopton
Jake Hardy (Support Unit)
Robert Mills-Walsh (Support Unit)



What's Happening at the Gardens?

Week 3

- * Breakfast Club Starts this Monday from 8:45am
- * Preschool Group 1 Starts Monday 11th February
- * P&C Meeting in School Staff room 5pm Wednesday 13th February
- * **MEET THE TEACHER'** Breakfast 9:15am Friday 15th February

Week 4

- * 'Active After School' commences Monday 18th February 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- * Annual Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 on Tuesday 19th February
- * Computer Lab After School Program starts Wednesday 20th February 3:30pm - 4:15pm
- * CSIRO Show on Thursday 21st February
- * Whole School Assembly Friday 22nd February 9:30am

Week 5

- * Life Education Van at school from Tuesday 26th February
- * Buddy Classes Start on Thursday 28th February

Canteen News!

We need more Volunteers!!! At the moment the canteen is only open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays... If you have any spare time, even if it is just one day a month that you are able to volunteer to help in the canteen please see the office staff. We welcome all new volunteers and appreciate all of the efforts in helping our school canteen to continue to run.

School Uniforms

It's Great to see everyone looking so good in their new school uniforms. Don't forget the canteen sells Polo Shirts with emblems, boys shorts, girls skorts, and girls dresses. Uniform sales only available Tuesday and Wednesday.



Technology News!

WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!!!

We would like to announce that Manning Gardens PS now has their own Facebook Page. Please like our page to receive daily updates on what's Happening at the Gardens.

Breakfast Club

Volunteers are needed for all days. Volunteers need to arrive by about 8-20am and normally are finished by 9.30am. Volunteers will work with at least one other volunteer and no experience is needed. Training will be provided. Duties include cooking toast, getting out and putting away cereals, milk, spreads, plates etc, supervising and providing a warm and happy place for children to eat breakfast and start the day.

WELCOME ALL NEW PRESCHOOL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

(AND WELCOME BACK TO OUR FAMILIAR FACES)

Wow! What a busy, hectic first week of preschool. Uncle Ron and I have finally remembered everyone's names and how to spell them. We have chased up lost shoes and socks and missing paintings. We have wiped tears and dressed 'babies'. We have been covered in paint and sweated like we've run a marathon. However, the kids are happy and laughing, curious and creative, wild and sweet. We certainly have hit the ground running!

For the first few weeks we will be concentrating on looking after belongings, following routines, sitting still on chairs and mats and not running in the room! We will also begin learning our hand washing song and enjoy lots of music and games.

Ron and I (along with Melissa, Annie and Jennie) are still making lots of (necessary) changes in readiness for our accreditation which is due in the first half of this year. Busy times in the preschool!!

We welcome all families to share in our preschool and if anyone would like to know more about the new curriculum or the changes we are going through please pop in and ask. Auntie Donna



Stage 2 Reflection Camp 2012

During December last year 3/4S and 4/5M went on an amazing adventure. There were long days, quiet nights and some highly challenging activities. With this said, I have never taken a group of students on camp who were so well behaved and supportive towards each other. The team building and self-confidence growth was empowering for all.



A huge thank you must go out to Bob, Alana, Jen, Dale and Dave for their enormous efforts during the camp. Mrs Madden and I could not have done this without you all. Our sponsors, All Vehicle Services and Ability Tree Service, who kindly donated a substantial amount of money and the raffles organised by Jen Cameron certainly made this camp possible for all students. We cannot thank you enough. Mr Keith Davy, again, impressed all with his enormous amount of knowledge and wisdom. Mrs Madden did think he was crazy when it was suggested that we let a slithering native animal free into the bush, not far from our camp home.

Lastly, I would like to thank Camp Elim for all their support to make our participation fun filled and cost effective. Thank you from all of us.

Memories from camp

- Janeeka Paulson* – The Commando Queen
- Izayah Paulson* – Our nature and survival expert
- Shikira-Lee Anderson* - Determination award
- Hope Napier* - The Graceful Capsize
- Jade Hannaford* - Trapeze/Circus star
- Jen Cameron* – The only adult who attempted the giant swing!
- Alana and Ms Somerville* - Kayak Rescue Team
- Dale* - The Rescue King



*There are so many other stories to share, but what happens at camp,
Stays at camp!*

Ms Somerville



Library News!

The first Book Club issue for 2013 was sent home last week. Orders and money are **due into the library by Tuesday 19th February**. 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.

Remember that whenever you order a book for your child you will not only be supporting your child's literacy but you will also be supporting the school. Every order placed with Book Club earns bonus points for the school to order more library books for your child to learn from and enjoy.

This issue, **look out for the Extra pamphlet** which contains craft books, joke books, the Big Book of Billie B Brown, Star Wars, Roald Dahl, Lego Ideas, Dreamtime stories, Dr Seuss, Spider-Man, Goosebumps, Australian stories as well as useful school items such as a dictionary, spellings tips and times table mats. Enjoy!

Staff Car Park

Parents are reminded that the Staff Car Park in Mudford Street is not to be used as a drop off or collection point. Cars should be parked outside of the school grounds and the paths used to walk through the school. The Bushland Drive car park is available for parents wishing to park.

Parents of students attending the Support Unit may use the drive in bay to pick up and drop off students.

Thankyou for your help in this matter!



Community Notices/Events

Are you looking for a great team sport to play?

Come to **Taree Tigers Hockey Club** & give Hockey a go. There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.



It is a great team sport for boys and girls of all ages from 5 years of age and Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2013 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you. Registration days are Mondays February 11th & 18th from 4.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre. Please contact Di Cubbin on 65526870 or Tony Lewis on 65510986 for more information.

So come on, give hockey a go in 2013!

Taree City Netball Club inc - Registration days

Wednesday 6th February 3.30-5pm at the Taree Netball Courts, Bligh Street Chatham

Wednesday 13th February 3.30-5pm at the Taree Netball Courts, Bligh Street Chatham

The Taree & District Out Door Competition is set to Start 9th March 2013

Players are welcomed to register. From 5 years - Seniors

For Enquiries Phone Lorraine

0427832401 0265539605

TareeCity NetballClub

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Taree Auskick Registration Day is Thursday the 28th of February at Taree City Centre between 4pm & 6pm. Registered Participants in the program receive an Auskick backpack containing a football, pump, drink bottle, cap, pencil case and lots more. For further details contact Taree AFL Auskick on 65533345.

ALL VEHICLE SERVICES

For Your Suspension Kits
Shock Absorbers, Coils, Leaf Springs
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6557 8855
6 Bent St, Taree

Club Taree Wildcats Soccer Club – Registration days:

Saturday 1st February – 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 5th February – 4pm to 6pm

Thursday 7th February – 4pm to 6pm

Saturday 9th February – 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 12th February – 4pm to 6pm

Thursday 14th February – 4pm to 6pm



All new players are required to supply proof of age.
All u/6 & u/7 players will receive a pair of shinpads and ball
(may not be available at registrations)

Online Registrations are now available:

www.myfootballclub.com.au

You will need your FFA number and password.

Any enquires to Michael Wallace on 0410442538

At Omaru Park, Muldoon Street Taree
FEES: 5yrs to 7yrs - \$70 8yrs to 11yrs - \$90
12yrs to 18yrs - \$110
Families with 2 or more players receive a discount.