

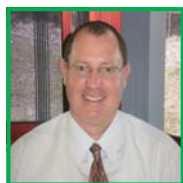


Manning Gardens Public School

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TOGETHER WE GROW - STRONGER SMARTER

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Principal's Message - We have almost all students in school uniform everyday and this is a wonderful achievement.

A reminder that the school day starts at 8:45am with morning play. Please ensure that your children are at school by this time so they can catch up with their peers and have social play and/or breakfast before starting lessons in the classroom at 9:15am.

An important notice – students who arrive at school before 8:45am are now required to sit quietly outside our admin block until the bell rings for morning play. No formal supervision of students occurs at Manning Gardens PS until 8:45am. Please keep this in mind if your children are getting to school early!

Easter falls during Term 1 this year. Easter holidays start on Friday 29 March and everyone returns from the Easter break on Tuesday 2 April. Our last school day for Term 1 is Friday 12 April.

We are celebrating **Harmony Day** on Thursday 21 March and we hope all parents and community will be able to celebrate this important event. If you haven't ventured up to school yet in 2013, this would be the perfect opportunity to see how our wonderful school operates! **Until next time – stay strong and smart!**

Whole School Assembly - 8/3/13

Class awards were presented to the following students:

KT: Liam, Tyrone, Ashton, Savannah and Gemma.

K/1S: Jackson, Tiffinie, Nicola and Joseph.

1/2B: Joel, Tyree, Wanay, Jordan and Liam.

2/3S: Tenikqua, Caleb, Connor and Jardin.

3/4M: Lydia, Kaili, Tiara and Tyreece.

5/6C: Jye, Janeeka, Tyson, Shayla, Shenice, Chris and Dimity.

1-3SCR: Dylan and Caleb.

3-5SCG: Andy and Joiada.

4-6SCS: Pangari and Latoya.

5/6SCB: Sarah, Jack, Nathan and Sam.

DA: Ethan, Jaidyn and Caleb.

Principal's Privilege: Arnold, Shenice and Dimity.

What's Happening at the Gardens!

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 13 March

6SCS Excursion.

Thursday 14 March

3-5SCG Excursion.

Friday 15 March

Buddy classes.

WEEK 8:

Thursday 21st March

'Harmony Day' at School

Friday 22nd March

School Cross Country

Breakfast Club

Everyday from

8:45am!

Active after

School

Monday and

Thursday



Mrs Madden's award winners

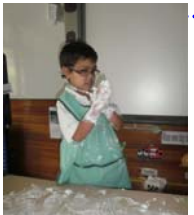


Mr Stevens award winners



2/3S conducted the assembly and they performed a wonderful song – "Count on Me"

KT's award winners



SCG and SCR have been practising their fine motor skills. They had the great sensory experience of playing with shaving cream. Some children liked it more than others. Check out our all the fun we had below!

What's Happening in our Support Unit?



Harmony Day

21st March

Harmony Day- 21st March **EVERBODY BELONGS**



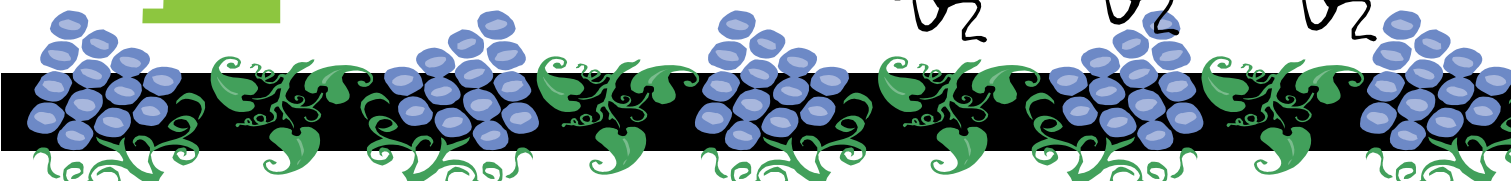
Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home- from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day is about respecting, learning and understanding how ALL Australians from diverse backgrounds enrich our nation.

To celebrate Harmony Day, all members of the school community are invited to join us for a special assembly on Thursday 21 March commencing at 9.30. This will be followed by approximately one hour of sport and art/craft activities from different cultures which students will participate in. Special lunches sampling food from different cultures will be available through the canteen. As these will be pre-ordered, a special note including the menu and order form will be sent home. Orders will need to be returned to school with the money prior to the day to assist with catering. The morning will conclude at 11.35 with lunch. We would love to see everyone at school for this special event.

Fitness



Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings students have been taking part in fitness. Students have been engaging in aerobics, circuits. Congratulations to all students for their participation, keep up the good work! This week and next week we will be power walking around the oval to prepare ourselves for the cross country in week 8.



Fundraising Friday's!

Every FRIDAY is Fundraising Friday where food is sold to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell/Gift to the school. Please encourage your children to bring money for food to school every Friday. This week's yummy food will be Hot Dog's for \$2 and ice blocks for \$1 or 50c Please help support our Year 6 students in their Fundraising efforts.

Week 6 - Fundraising

Last Week was a fantastic week of Fundraising for Year 6. A total of \$200 was raised altogether as students and staff participated in lots of fantastic activities offered by the Year 6 Students. Below are some photos from Last Week. Thankyou to everyone who helped support the fundraising!



Annie and Sarah on the Cake Stall



What a great effort! Well Done Year 6!!!

\$200 Raised Wow!!!



Dylan and Ashton playing the Wii

Canteen News!

The canteen is now open 3 days per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. *A big Thankyou to our new Thursday Volunteers - It is great to be open an extra day each week!!!* If you are still able to help please see our school office staff. We welcome all new volunteers!

Easter Meal Deal Special

From 19-28th March the canteen will be selling special Easter Meal Deals.

1. Fish Cocktails, Chips and LOL drink \$4
2. Fish Burger and LOL drink \$5
3. Fish & Salad Wrap and LOL drink \$6

Order must be placed at the canteen no later than 9.15am on the day required.

Uniforms

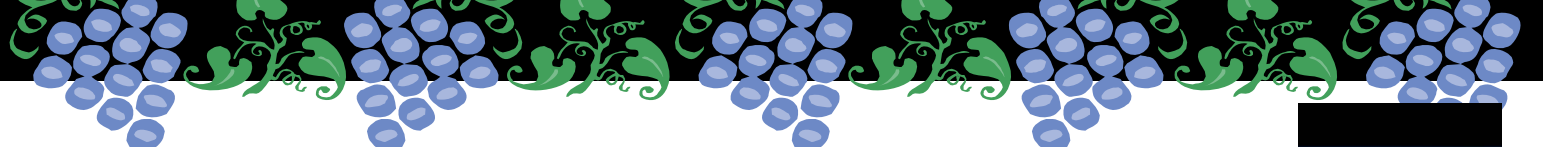
All orders for girls dresses have now arrived, if you placed an order please arrange payment and pick up as soon as possible. If there are any concerns please speak to the ladies at the canteen.

Have the kids outgrown their uniforms? The canteen gratefully accepts all donations to our clothing pool, especially girls dresses. If you are needing more uniforms, be sure to check out the clothing pool, items are just \$2 each and dresses (when available) just \$5 each. We also have good stocks of all new summer uniforms. (winter stock coming soon!)



February Raffle Winner

Congratulations to M Kiker the winner of a \$35 Meat Voucher from McGraths Meats.



Staff Profile - Tracey Theophanous - Kindergarten Teacher

Name: Tracy Theophanous

Status: Married to Nathan Theophanous and we have two children Zaiden 8 and Jayda 3.

On the weekends: I love spending time with my family and friends, going to the beach and shopping!

Best thing about teaching: The light bulb moments! When a student masters a new concept, the smile on their face is priceless. Very inspiring and motivating.

Something you may not know about me: I am the oldest in my family. I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Our ages range from 33 to 8.

What I am afraid of: The dark (I sleep with the lights on when my husband is away!!)

Dislikes: Putting petrol in my car and washing up.

Likes: Going out for dinner and reading.

P & C News

The P&C are pleased to announce a second Easter raffle. Tickets available now for huge Easter Egg basket, full of yummy chocolate treats. Tickets just 50c.

Also don't forget our **next meeting** which is on the **20th of March** in the School Staffroom. We hope to see you all there!

Year 6 - Year 7 2014

Expression of Interest forms are to be completed and **returned to school** as soon as possible but no later than **22/1/13**. Thankyou to those families that have already returned their forms.

Stewart House - STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

The Stewart House Donation Drive is on again. This is a very important cause that helps support many Australian School Children each year, giving them the opportunity to be involved in and experience things that they would not normally get to experience. For more information please see the envelopes attached.

Library News!

The **second Book Club issue** for 2013 was sent home last week. Orders and money are **due into the library by Thursday 21st March**. 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.

TINONEE PUBLIC SCHOOL EASTER FETE 2013

When: Saturday March 16th

Where: Tinonee Public School, Manchester Street Tinonee

What: A fantastic Day of entertainment including, Band and Dance performances, Belly Dancing, Art Show plus much much more....

