



Manning Gardens Public School

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Lots of exciting things are happening at Manning Gardens at the moment. Yesterday, we were privileged to have renowned author Mem Fox at our school. Mem kindly made time to read to our students and talk about her love for story books. Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the state-wide NAPLAN testing. We wish all these students well! Our athletics carnival is coming up in Week 3 and we hope we will have a large number of parents here at the school to cheer the children on as they participate in all the events.

A reminder that students should be coming to school prepared for the cooler weather. Please ensure all school clothing has your child's name and class on it – it makes it easier to return lost property.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents who attended the Term 2 Meet the Teacher BBQ breakfast last Friday. We loved speaking with you!

Mem Fox Visit

Yesterday students and Staff at Manning Gardens P.S had a wonderful opportunity to meet a well known children's book author - Mem Fox! Mem Fox has been writing stories since she was ten years old. She has written and published over 40 children's books some of which are very well known across Australian homes including: 'Where is the Green Sheep?', 'Possum Magic', 'Tough Boris', 'Whoever you are' and 'Good Night Sleep Tight'.

Students in all classes at Manning Gardens P.S enjoyed many different creative Arts Activities to go with a Mem Fox book that their class was studying. These wonderful displays looked fantastic in our school hall! We cannot thank Mem enough for her visit to our school. It was a wonderful opportunity for all students and staff and as part of her visit we were very lucky to receive such a wonderful new book for our school library - Woo Hoo Ladybug, which has not even been released in Australia yet!



What's Happening at the Gardens!

Tomorrow

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY** - from
9:30am in the School Hall
everyone is Welcome to
attend!

Next Week (Week 3)

**Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday - NAPLAN
Testing** for ALL students
in Years 3 & 5

Upcoming Events

**SCHOOL PHOTOS -
22nd May, 2013**

Breakfast Club

Everyday from 8:45am!

Computer Lab After
School Program

**Open Wednesday from
3:15pm - 4:15pm**

Anzac Day

On Thursday the 25th of April, 2013, 21 happy, cheery Manning Gardens Students proudly represented our school in the Local Taree Anzac Day March. Students represented the school with pride and enthusiasm proudly wearing their school uniform. Congratulations to our school leaders Ebony Hutton, Dylan Patterson and Robert Mills-Walsh for their presentation of the school wreath. A highlight of the day was a flyover by a jet plane from Williamtown Airbase during the service. A special thankyou to Amanda Patterson and Judy Clarke who helped organise and coordinate the march. Without the help of these wonderful volunteers it would not be possible, so thankyou ladies!



Happy, Cheery Marchers



School Leaders presenting the Wreath

Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday the 6th of May 6 School Leaders went to Club Foster to attend the 'Grip Leadership' Conference. Students learnt how to be a good team member and learnt all about quality leadership skills and what it means to be a great leader. All students had a great day and will now bring the skills that they learnt at the conference back to school and will teach these skills to others in order to teach others how to be good leaders also.



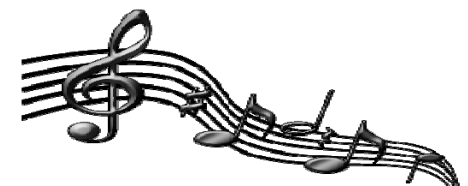
"Leaders in still in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."

Eisteddfod News!



Our School Band, Ms Cattell and Tish

Last Thursday the 2nd of May our School Band and Kindergarten performed at the Eisteddfod. All students represented the school with Pride and confidence. Both the Band and Kindergarten each walked away with Encouragement Awards, which is a fantastic effort! We would like to thank our wonderful Music Teachers Tish and Jay for all of their help and dedication - Without them we wouldn't have the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful musical program!



Kindergarten at the Eisteddfod

Soccer Gala Day



On Wednesday 10th April, 25 students from Stage Two attended Northern NSW Football Schools 5-a-side Football Challenge. Students participated in 5 rounds of games and two extra challenges.

The team work and sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the day was impressive. All students behaved in a way that would make their teachers proud.

Stand out players of the day were Matthew Davis and Caleb Mitchell, who demonstrated a responsible attitude and impressive soccer skills. The aim of the competition was team work and using passing and dribbling skills and both boys did this well. Matthew also represented the boys in a juggling competition and won! Well done Matthew!

A special thank you to our two Game Leaders, Dimity Pett and Dylan Patterson and to all the parents who came out to support us.

Bob Lee and Ms Somerville



Are you up to the Challenge?

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is a challenge to YOU to read and read widely. Kinder, Year 1 & 2 students complete the challenge by experiencing 30 shared books in class, at home and during Library lessons.

However, if you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 YOU have to keep track of the books YOU are reading by writing the PRC number on your reading logs. You need to read 30 books by the end of August!

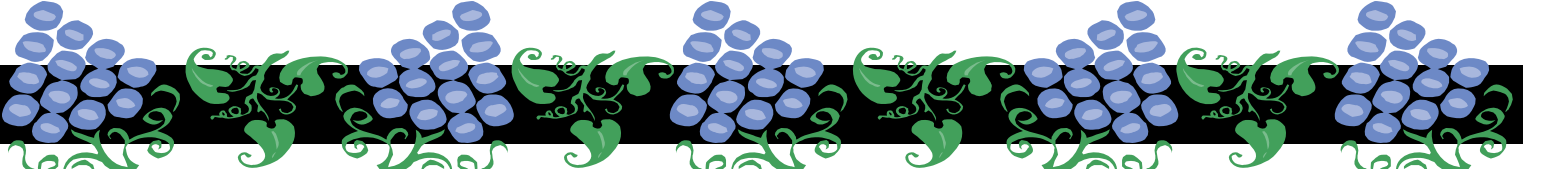
PRC Countdown: 17 weeks to go!

Too easy!



Support Unit News!

Ryan Shakeshaft's parents, Amanda and Matt, have kindly **donated two spectacular outside timber tables** to the Support Unit. Matt and his friend Victor constructed then delivered the tables to the playground, where they are being used for the children to have picnic lunches and engage in outside activities such as drawing and play dough. We truly appreciate their generosity and are in awe of the skilled craftsmanship displayed in their construction.



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Book your personal makeover agent now!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

is nearly upon us!

The School Photographer
will be at Manning Gardens
on

Wednesday 22nd May



Order envelopes will be sent home next week
and will need to be returned BEFORE our Photo Day.

Book Club



Issue 3 pamphlets have been distributed to classes. Orders and payment need to be placed with the Library by Thursday 16th May. You may pay by cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia) or credit card.

Love

P & C News

This month's raffle is a gorgeous hamper for Mum, tickets are \$1 available from the canteen.

Mothers Day Stall will be held in the canteen all week from Tuesday 7th May, bring along some money and get a lovely gift for Mum's special day.

Fun Run

This year our fun run will be held on **Friday 9th June**. The fun run raises money for our school to help with education costs. Students should only raise money from their family - we don't encourage door knocking for child safety reasons!

We are still waiting on some more sponsorship forms to arrive so we will be sending these home will students next week. We look forward to seeing you at the event on the 9th of June, 2013!



Athletics Carnival

Don't forget that our Athletics Carnival is on Next **Friday the 17th of May**. We have three new houses Sharks (Blue), Eagles (Green) and Dingoes (Red), we would love for all children to support their house team on the day by wearing their colours. If your child is not sure what house they are in then please get them to ask their teacher before the day.

We would love to see you all there!

