

OUR SCHOOL

BELIEFS:

- BE SAFE
- BE FAIR
- BE A LEARNER

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TIMES:

Morning play starts at 8:45am. NO supervision is provided before this time.

Lessons start at 9:15am.

First break 11:30-12:15pm.

Second break 1:45-2:15pm.

School finishes at 3:15pm.

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CANTEEN:

Our school canteen is operated by our P&C.

The canteen operates Monday - Thursday and opens at 9am.

Welcome Back

I am sure parents are breathing a sigh of relief as we mark the start of another school year after this very hot summer break.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to new families that have moved into the Bushland area and whose children are attending our school for the first time.

I also offer a very warm welcome to all our returning families who are once again entrusting their children's education with us here at Manning Gardens PS.

Whilst it is often perceived in the press that teachers have too many holidays, I can assure you that most of our teaching staff here at MGPS have used these summer holidays to recharge their batteries and also plan new and exciting learning programs for 2015.

This year we have 5 classes in our Support Unit, led by our AP, Mr Alex Beckton.

We also have 5 classes in our mainstream department.

Our AP responsible for infants (Kindergarten and

Years 1-2) is Mrs Joanne Inglis.

Our primary team that covers Years 3-6 is being led by Mrs Tracy Theophanous.

If you have questions or issues, our APs are also available to help you out.

Class groupings are flexible at the moment until we finalise total student enrolments in mid February.

If you have any education questions, we have the answers!

Paul Sortwell
Principal

Kindergarten Students Start 9 Feb

Whilst Years 1-6 have already started school, our Kindergarten students in the Support Unit and Mainstream Department will not be starting until Monday 9 February.

Why is this?

Kindergarten is a crucial time in a child's education as it marks their starting of formal education. Here at MGPS, we like to carry out assessments before children start school so we can offer personalised

and specific learning programs. This ensures a happy and safe start for all our Kindy's. All kindy enquiries should be directed to Mrs Joanne Inglis Ph: 6552-6333.

Be Safe



Be Fair



Be a Learner



“Our school beliefs are for students, staff and our community to embrace and follow. They will make our school a better place for everyone.”

Our School Beliefs

Our beliefs epitomize the expectations we have of staff and students.

Everyday we strive to be safe, to be fair and to be a learner.

By following our school beliefs, we are creating a harmonious, happy and safe place for everyone.

Join with us on this important journey!

Our beliefs become our thoughts.

Our thoughts become our words.

Our words become our habits.

Our habits become our values.

Our values become our destiny.

--Gandhi

Admin Team Are Front And Centre

Our Admin Team are the frontline staff meeting, greeting and helping our students, staff, parents and visitors.

If you need information or assistance, let Mrs Maxine Lee and her team help you out. Our school office is open

from 8:30am each school day.

If you would like to speak with an Indigenous staff member, we generally have someone available from 8:30am until 9am each morning.



Hats On Heads Everyday

Sun protection is very important for everyone, especially young children. It is a mandatory requirement that all students and staff wear a hat on their head whenever they are outside.

At present we provide a

school bucket hat for students to wear. Students should not be bringing their own hats to school. We also encourage all students to remove their hat when they venture indoors.

Quality All The Way In 2015

This year marks the start of a new three year planning cycle for all public schools in NSW.

Our school has undertaken considerable research, reflection and analysis to determine our strategic directions that will guide and direct the way we do things this year. As such, our three strategic directions are:

Quality Wellbeing.
Quality Teaching.
Quality Leadership.
We hope you will see some very clear and positive changes for the better at our school in 2015. If we can improve anything - please let us know!



“ Our preschool is one of the best DEC preschools in the whole of NSW. How do we know? We have the certification to prove it.”

Preschool Starts 16 February

Aunty Donna and Uncle Ron continue their strong education partnership and early years leadership when our preschool reopens on Monday 16 February.

Prior to the opening of the preschool for another year, Aunty Donna and Uncle

Ron will be ensuring that last year’s preschoolers get the best start in their kindy year by supporting our kindy teacher, Mrs Joanne Inglis.

Mrs Anne Gilchrist and Mrs Kim Hammond continue their strong partnership

leading the Early Childhood team in our Early Intervention Unit in 2015. Your under 5’s are in safe hands with our Early Childhood team!

Annual Meet The Teacher BBQ Breakfast

We want all parents to get to know their child’s teacher! Come up and have a BBQ breakfast with us on Friday 27 February from 9am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and find

out what your child will be learning in their classroom this term. Our BBQ breakfast has been very successful over the last few years. We certainly hope we will see you this year.





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Together We Grow



Manning Gardens PS is a vibrant and dynamic school, catering for students from Preschool to Year 6. We have a Support Unit and Early Intervention class for children who require specialised, additional support. Staff work tirelessly to create a caring and supportive environment where children feel safe and can develop a lifelong love of learning.



News From Our P&C Association

Our P&C Association works solely to benefit the students of Manning Gardens PS. Run by a small group of enthusiastic and very friendly parents and community members, the P&C operates our school canteen and also leads all fundraising activities at our school. Our P&C welcomes new members and the input of parents and

community is very important and valued.

The next meeting of our P&C Association occurs on Wednesday 11 February from 5:30pm in the school staffroom (admin block).

The Annual General Meeting of our P&C will take place on Wednesday 18 March at 5:30pm, once again in the school staffroom.

We hope to see you there!

Together we can make a difference for the students at Manning Gardens PS.

