#### MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#### OUR SCHOOL BELIEFS:

- BE SAFE
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#### SCHOOL TIMES:

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

Lessons start at 9:15am.

First break

Second break 1:45-2:15pm.

School finishes at 3:15pm.

#### SCHOOL CANTEEN:

Our school canteen is operated by our P&C.

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

# Off To A Great Start

With Term 3 off to a flying start, it is timely to remind everyone of some of the great programs and initiatives that occur at our school, for the benefit of students and their families.

Every morning from 8:45am, we have our breakfast club providing a nutritious and delicious breakfast for all students. Even if your children have had some breakfast at home, they are welcome to 'top-up' with us. Our breakfast club has been running for many many years and I must acknowledge our two brilliant volunteers, Allan and Kathryn.

Every day Mr Amidy provides one on one reading instruction to students in Year I. Our Reading Recovery program helps students achieve success in reading and writing. At every play break, students in our mainstream classes can access our library, where they can play games, read books, work on projects or access our computer lab. We also operate an activi-

ty room during play breaks whereby students can partake in arts and crafts and quieter activities off the playground. Students also have access to our Koori Room for cultural activities as well as organised games under our covered area with our friendly and simply awesome SLSOs. All of these initiatives are designed to enhance our students experiences at school and provide quality wellbeing for all.

Paul Sortwell

## **Minions A Huge Success**

Our Minions movie premiere fundraising night was a huge success at the end of last term. We almost filled the entire cinema and a wonderful time was had by everyone in attendance. The movie was

really good too! Special thanks to Ms Somerville for her efforts in leading this fundraising effort. Thank you also to everyone who provided the refreshments before the movie.



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### Calling All Preschoolers!











Family Barbecue for Kindergarten Orientation 12th August 2015 1.30pm Kindergarten Orientation Information Session 21st October 2015 10.00am Transition visits throughout Term 4

# If Our Hall is A-Rocking .

You have to come aknocking!

Once again Ms Somerville and Mr Stevens put on a tremendous whole school community disco in the last week of Term 2. Our end of term discos have been hugely successful and are a great way to end a very busy and productive term by letting our hair down and cutting loose on the dance floor. This is just another way we are working hard to provide quality wellbeing for our students and helping them connect, succeed and thrive in the school setting.



Together

### **Support Unit Art Auction**

Our annual Support Unit art auction will take place on Friday II September. Our students in the support unit are starting to plan and create some brilliant art and craft, demonstrating their talents and skills with creative pursuits. This is always an event not to be missed and also helps to raise much needed funds for our support unit playground.



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

### **Partner With Us - Be A Volunteer!**

We value and appreciate the work of our volunteers that enhance the learning and wellbeing of our students at Manning Gardens PS.

Our school canteen is run by volunteers. Some of our music programs are coordinated by volunteers. We have volunteers operating our breakfast club, helping in our library and also helping to beautify our school surrounds on a daily basis. We are especially proud of the fact that many of our volunteers have gone on to paid employment at our school and with other organisations.

If you would like to lend a hand, you can have a chat with your child's class teacher or enquire at our friendly front office.



### Winners Are Grinners In Term 3

This term we will be announcing the nine winners of our name the chooks competition. Our chooks are thriving here at school and are happily laying lots of eggs. Special thanks to one of our fantastic dads, Dale Patterson, who volunteers his time to ensure our chooks are always happy. How did your child go with school attendance on their Semester I report? We

had a few students with perfect attendance in Term 2, no absences, not even sick days. A prize draw will take place this term for these special students. Stay tuned! "We teach our students how to think, not what to think."

#### Whole School Assemblies

Whole school assemblies occur every fortnight during the school term and parents and community members are always welcome to come along. We hold assemblies in our school hall at 9:25am each fortnight.

What happens at whole school assemblies? This is our special

time to acknowledge and congratulate a large number of students from each class in our mainstream and support unit departments, who have been following our school beliefs. We also reward students who are achieving great things by moving up the levels on our Precious Gems positive reward program. If you haven't been to a whole school assembly this year, make a point of coming to an assembly this term!





### **Upcoming Community Event**





Eternity Aid (NGO) aims to bring about significant positive and sustainable changes for people through care and compassion, especially for the disadvantaged and young people at risk. We achieve this by building relationships with communities and offering early intervention, Allied Health and Transition Programs in schools.