



THE GRAPEVINE

TERM 4 WEEK 8 - 28 November 2016

Principal's Message

Last week I received correspondence from the Manning Zone PSSA that impacts on our school's involvement in PSSA sport from 2017 onwards. Due to our reduced student numbers, we will no longer be a stand-alone school within the local PSSA. As such, from 2017, we will be part of the Lower Manning Small Schools competition, which includes Taree PS. Another implication is that we will not be able to send individual students to the broader PSSA competitions for swimming, athletics and cross country. Should our student numbers increase, we should be able to return to the larger Manning PSSA competition, further down the track. It is our goal to increase sporting opportunities for our students in 2017 and we should view this situation as a positive, as we will be competing against similar sized schools and not against schools with enrolments 3-4 times our size.

In 2017 you will be able to buy your child's sports shirts from the school. For \$15 you will get a quality polo shirt in your child's house colour (red, blue or green) with our school logo on it. As well, the special Year 6 senior shirt will be available early in Term 1 for \$35. This will mean that Year 6 students will get a full year's worth of wear out of their Year 6 senior shirt.

Finally, I would like to announce that we will have a Deputy Principal appointed to our school from 2017. Ms Kelly Bryden will be both our Deputy Principal and Instructional Leader coordinating literacy and numeracy programs in Preschool to Year 2. Kelly will be a welcome addition to our school, thanks to our participation in the Early Action for Success program. This is a very exciting time for our school! You will get to meet Kelly from next year.

Stay strong and smart!

Paul Sortwell, Principal.

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Farewell Dinner	Tuesday 29 November	Time – to be confirmed
Year 6 Farewell Disco	Wednesday 30 November	Time – to be confirmed
Preschool last day for 2016	Thursday 8 December	
School Presentation Day	Tuesday 13 December	9.30-11.30am
Class Christmas Parties (M and SU*)	Thursday 15 December	Time – to be confirmed
Last school day for students in 2016	Friday 16 December	8.45-3.15pm

M and SU: mainstream & support unit



Celebrate student success with us!
WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS

FRIDAY

@9.25am **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE GROW



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No Hat, No Play

A reminder that students are expected to wear a hat at all times when outside. Staff model our sun safe expectations at all times when outside too. Students are allowed to bring their own hat to school, as long as it does not contain any offensive messages or pictures. We sell school hats from our front office for the very affordable price of \$5.

Does your child bring a hat to school?



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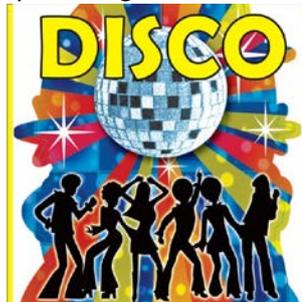
New Furniture In Our Classrooms

This week we will be fitting out two classrooms in our school with new, modern furniture, designed for 21st century learners. Our school is starting a refurbishment program of all our classrooms from 2016. One classroom in the Support Unit and one classroom in the Mainstream will start the process of renewal. We will also be fitting at our Connected Classroom as an adult meeting place and upgrading ageing furniture in our staffroom and principal's office.



Congratulations To Our Graduating Year 6 Students!

This week we will be celebrating the impending graduation of our Year 6 students in our Mainstream and Support Unit departments. Celebrations kick off with their graduation dinner this Tuesday evening at Taree Leagues Club. Then on Wednesday there is the traditional Year 6 farewell disco. Our Year 6 students have been fundraising all year to put on these celebrations. Currently Year 6 are also involved in transition to high school programs with our partner school, Chatham HS. Also underway are the procedures for electing a new student leadership group for 2017. Busy times at MGPS! We wish our mainstream Year 6 students and the three Year 6 students from the support unit every success as they start high school in 2017.



 **THIS WEDNESDAY**
YEAR 6 FAREWELL DISCO

