

MANNING GARDENS PS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

At the moment you can feel a real sense of energy around our school as class programs move into top gear. Our enthusiastic and experienced teachers and school learning support officers are connecting with our students to bring out their best. The buzz of learning always puts a smile on my face and even though I have been at Manning Gardens PS for four years now, I still feel as fresh and optimistic as I was when I first arrived at this school.

We have some incredible volunteers at our school too. Our Breakfast Club operates every morning thanks to the passion and energy of Alan Green. We have volunteers working in classes helping out our teachers, people who give their time for our kids. We have volunteers running wellbeing programs. Twice a week you will see Jen weeding our gardens, planting shrubs and teaching our students how to care for their local environment. Our volunteers

are precious and make our school a better place. Have you thought about donating time for your child, for your school and for your community?

We are awaiting confirmation of our final staffing entitlement before we can finalise classes for this year. As I stated on the first day, all current classes are temporary and changes may occur if our staffing allocation, the number of teachers we can have, increases or decreases.

Thank you for ensuring your children are wearing school uniform on a daily basis. Like any other school, we expect all students to be in uniform and wearing their school colours with pride and passion. School uniforms can be purchased from our front office. Just pop in and see our admin team, led by Mrs Lee.

Have a great weekend and enjoy this lovely summer weather.

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We Make It Happen

Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

- ◆ 12 February
- ◆ 26 February
- ◆ 11 March
- ◆ 1 April

Hats and Head Lice

Hats are part of our school uniform. To encourage the wearing of hats, we allow students to bring their own hat from home. We find this helps children take responsibility for their own property and reduces the complaints about wearing 'daggy' school hats. Another reason we encourage children to bring their own hat from home is that it reduces the spread of head lice, which can be spread by the sharing of communal hats.

Parents have a responsibility to make sure that their children are wearing hats

that are suitable for school. Our students are not allowed to wear hats with offensive slogans or inappropriate images on them.

Head lice love summer and the start of the school year. Please check your child's hair and take action if you find lice or nits. We don't want an outbreak of head lice at our school. Girls should always have their hair tied up to reduce the chances of getting head lice. If everyone is vigilant, we can stop the cycle of head lice at our school.



*Our School Beliefs
are
Be Safe
Be Fair
Be A Learner*



Next P&C Meeting

**Wednesday
16 March
at 5:30pm**

**New members are
always welcome!**

After School Learning Centre

Our After School Learning Centre starts next Monday. The establishment of our ASLC is a result of a partnership between the University of Newcastle and our school. Students from our mainstream classes have a chance to engage in safe, supervised activities three afternoons a week throughout the school term.

The Monday session is run by Mr Sortwell and Ann Rofe. The session will occur at our breakfast club and under the Cola.

Tuesday afternoon Ms Gilchrist and Kim Hammond run the ASLC from the EI classroom.

Thursday afternoon Mrs Deehan and Jodi Tisdell supervise students in the preschool area.

Operating hours: 3:20-4:20pm.

School Sport

School sport starts for mainstream classes next week. Our primary classes (2/3T, 4/5S and 5/6B) will have organized sports lessons every Monday. Our infants classes (KH and 1S) will join together for organized sport every Tuesday.

Students are awarded house points for wearing their sports uniform on their sports day.

Our sport uniform is a shirt in the colour of a sports house (red, blue or green). Students then wear their usual shorts or skirt in the royal blue of our school. Affordable coloured shirts can be purchased from Best and Less.

Last year the Eagles (green) won the annual sports score. Help your house by wearing sports uniform on your sports day.

School Picnic Day

Once a term the entire school from preschool to Year 6 will be coming together for a very special picnic day.

This will be a time set aside from the usual learning schedule to celebrate our success and have bit of family time in the great outdoors.

We hope to make it an event by having some live music and special activities for the kids.

Our first whole school family picnic will be on Wednesday 2 March from 11am. We encourage all our families to attend this event.



Reminders

Too many of our students come to school without something substantial to eat like a sandwich or a roll. Please don't fill your child's lunch box with salty snacks and items laden with sugar.

Students should not bring chewing gum or bubble gum to school. It is not appropriate for a school setting.

There have been reports of parents double parking and driving dangerously

in our car park. If you engage in unsafe behavior, your vehicle details will be given to the local police. Student safety is paramount at our school.

We have a fruit break in all classes mid morning to help students with their learning. Please ensure your child brings a piece of fruit to eat. Your support is appreciated.