

MANNING GARDENS PS NEWSLETTER

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Principal's News

Welcome to the half way point of our first term of the school year. Hasn't the time just flown by! I would like to begin with some positive points. Firstly, all classes at our school are locked in, for the time being. Sometimes changes occur, generally due to staffing issues. Secondly, I am so proud to see the vast majority of students wearing our great school uniform everyday. Research shows that when children are in school uniform, they feel part of the school team and have less breaches of school rules and beliefs. Thirdly, I am proud of the way our staff are working to get the job done in providing a quality learning curriculum throughout the school day. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and praise the great work being done by a small but very dedicated team of volunteers at our school. Allan at Breakfast Cub, Joanne, Alice and Aunty Mary in the classrooms and Jen in our gardens every Wednesday and Thursday.

Staff and students love helping Jen in the garden as she toils to turn our school grounds into a great outdoor learning space.

Now for some pressing issues! Firstly, we have too many students turning up to school late, by this, I mean at a time between 9:30am and 10am. School starts at 8:45am with morning play and learning in the classrooms starts at 9:15am. If your child arrives late to school by only 15 minutes a day, over the course of a week, they miss 105 minutes, which is the equivalent of one reading and writing lesson. Doing this, puts your child at a disadvantage. Please get your children to school on time. My other issue is the wearing of hats at school. Please check your child has a hat packed in their school bag everyday. Sun protection is everyone's business and we discourage the sharing of hats for health reasons.

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We Make It Happen

Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

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

Term 1 School Picnic

This year we will be holding a whole school picnic day every term. We want to bring the whole school together once a term and celebrate the success that happens across our very busy school, from preschool and early intervention to our support unit and mainstream classes.

Our first picnic day for 2016 will be this Wednesday 2 March from 11-1pm. Come up to the school with a picnic and have a relaxing and enjoyable two hours with your children and the entire school community. You bring the picnic lunch

for your family. We will provide treats, live music, free face painting and a lucky prize draw for the adults. We hope you will support this event!



KH - Kindergarten 2016

Check out our fabulous kindergarten class in our mainstream department.

Ms Hudson and Mrs Masters are the very proud teachers of these students. Uncle Ron is the SLSO on this class.

All students wear school uniform everyday and follow our school beliefs of be safe, be fair and be a learner.



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

Sports House Captains 2016

Our sports house captains for 2016 are:

Eagles House (wear green t-shirts on sports days): Matthew Davis and Asha Clarke.

Sharks House (wear blue t-shirts on sports days): Kyana Burgess and Caleb Mitchell.

Dingoes House (wear red t-shirts on sports days): Hayden Patterson and Shanequa Clarke.

We congratulate all our student leaders at Manning Gardens in 2016.

We know you will show all other students how to be safe, how to be fair and always how to be a learner.



School Car Park

The school car park near our front office is for authorised vehicles only. By authorised vehicles, we mean staff cars, vehicles making school deliveries and also the parents of students in our Support Unit.

We are very sorry but this car park is not for the use of parents with children in the mainstream classes.

Over the last few weeks there have been some close calls due to people

double parking, blocking the drive through pick up area and parking on the grass areas.

There will be an accident if people continue to ignore our rules and warnings. Where we notice repeat offenders, we will simply provide your car rego details to the police and then they will take action against people. The safety of students and staff is paramount at our school.

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday
16 March
at 5:30pm

New members are
always welcome!

Reminders

Wear sports uniform and earn your house some valuable house points! Primary (Years 3-6) wear sports uniform on Monday. Infants (K-2) wear sports uniform every Tuesday.

Sports uniform is either a blue, green or red polo shirt with the normal royal blue shorts or skirt.

Affordable plain coloured polo shirts can be purchased from Best and Less. No shirts with motifs!

Dobbing	vs	Telling
Trying to get someone in trouble	vs	Trying to keep people safe
Could work it out by yourself	vs	Need help from an adult
Harmless, didn't hurt anyone	vs	Dangerous, harmful or threatening
Unimportant or Not on purpose	vs	Important or On purpose