

# MANNING GARDENS PS NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News

I must start by saying what a fabulous whole school picnic we had last Wednesday on our school's back oval. We had a huge number of parents and caregivers in attendance and everyone had an amazing time. What really impressed me was the positive energy that was generated by this special event. We always hope that parents and caregivers feel welcome coming to our school and also feel comfortable interacting with our staff.

At the moment we are finalising our special wellbeing excursion to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. We wanted to plan and organise an excursion for our students so they could experience all the great things that the Sydney Royal Easter Show has to offer. If your child is not attending the Easter Show excursion, it will be a normal school day. We will have staff at school to educate your child.

We welcome Christie Wilson to our school as a classroom teacher. Ms Wilson will be teaching 2/3T when Mrs Theo is on Executive release. We also welcome Ms Alice Green to our staff as a school learning support officer. Alice will be working in KH and 1S supporting students with specific needs.

We also have some great news, Deb from our front office will be back from this Monday. Deb has been on leave and she will be back greeting parents and visitors as they enter our school office each day.

Great things are still happening in classrooms and across our entire school. You are always welcome to pop in and visit your child's class. Some schools have an open day once a year, it is open day everyday at our school - we are proud to have parents on our school site!

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*We Make It Happen*

## Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

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

## School Improvements

We continue to use our school funding (called 'RAM funding') to improve and enhance our school facilities.

Recent improvements include the addition of two HUGE interactive TVs in our library and Koori Room. These are super smart TVs that allow teachers to access the latest technologies in teaching via the internet. The installation of an interactive TV in our library, in the tiered learning space, means all teachers have access to an air conditioned learning area that can hold up to 80 students. This space was

previously used as a storage area.

We have added air con to two new areas across our school. The Koori Room now has air con and the latest technology for quality teaching by Mr Amidy.

More funds will be used throughout the year to upgrade the air con in some other areas, add a new storage shed in our Support Unit and also add general fencing and gated areas providing more safe learning and play areas for students.



*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!**

## Anaphylaxis Update

We have students with anaphylaxis at our school. This medical condition can be life threatening in some circumstances. We ask all parents and caregivers to ensure they are not packing foods or treats that contain nut products. This means no peanut butter sandwiches, no nutella sandwiches and certainly no nut treats like chocolates with peanuts.

If everyone tries to eliminate the risks,

## Easter Show Excursion

At the moment Ms Hudson and Ms Theo are putting together the final plans for this HUGE excursion to Sydney for the Royal Easter Show. Being a school excursion, we have to ensure and maintain the highest levels of safety for all attending students, staff and parents. Yes, there are some very tight restrictions in place. That is not because we want to be meanies, it is because the safety of students is

we can keep all students safe and sound.

We also have a staff member who has anaphylaxis in relation to bananas. At the moment we are managing this situation with the specific class.

High levels of hygiene, including proper handwashing can also reduce the incidence of any anaphylaxis situations in our school.

paramount to everything we do.

In some cases, we will be insisting that a parent attend the excursion to partner with us to provide the highest quality support and safety for their child. We believe in strong partnerships to provide the best education for each and every child.

Don't forget, if your child is not going, it is a normal day at school.

## National Day of Action Against Bullying

Friday 18 March is a National Day of Action against Bullying across the whole of Australia.

Bullying is a big issue in all communities or settings where there are large amounts of people. Here at MGPS, we do our every best to stop bullying and ensure that all children have a happy and safe day at school.

As parents, we all must teach our

children to say 'no' to bullying and bullies and always teach them to tell someone they trust if they feel they are being bullied. Here at school, students should tell their class teacher, another teacher they know, a school learning support officer or any adult working at the school. Being silent, or not telling anyone, will only make things worse. Once again working together, we can eliminate bullying.

## Reminders

Primary sports day is every Monday. This is when primary students wear their sports shirt in red, blue or green.

Infants sports day is every Tuesday. This is when infants students wear their sports shirt in red, blue or green.

Students should wear our uniform everyday.

Our staff car park is not a general pick up area and is off limits to mainstream

families in the afternoon from 2pm. At this time the staff car park is for staff, deliveries and Support Unit families. Parents who continually ignore our requests to stop parking or picking up their children in this area may get a rude shock when the Police come calling. Sadly, this is the only action that will stop people breaking our school rules. We will always put student safety first!