

# MANNING GARDENS PS NEWSLETTER

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## GRAPEVINE

### Principal's News

I am currently on leave to address some health issues. Ms Hudson and Ms Theophanous have been sharing the role of relieving principal in my absence and have been doing a great job. As a school staff, we try to always work as a team, because as the saying goes, together everyone achieves more. The same can be said for the partnership between the school and parents and caregivers. Your children will have a better educational experience when we all get together in their best interests. This can be demonstrated in a variety of ways. From ensuring your child is in school uniform every day and has a healthy and appropriate lunchbox to chatting with your child's class teacher so we know what is happening. We, the school also need to share information, keep you in the loop and talk to you about your child's educational progress and goals. A strong and effective partnership between home and school will enhance

your child's education experience.

At the moment mainstream and support unit class teachers are holding PLP meetings. PLP stands for Personal Learning Plan. We create a PLP for each child and it is created with input from each individual student and their parents, in conjunction with data and information from the class teacher. This is the plan that the class teacher will use to guide the education of your child.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who made the Royal Easter Show excursion such a huge success last Friday. It took a huge amount of work to plan this excursion and it is always worthwhile when things go well and we receive positive feedback. We always try to make learning fun at Manning Gardens PS! Stay strong!

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*We Make It Happen*

### Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

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

### Happy Easter

On behalf of the entire school, I would like to wish all of our families a very happy and enjoyable Easter holiday. If you are travelling on the roads, stay safe and drive to the conditions.

Whole school Easter activities occur on Thursday 24 March with a traditional Easter Hat Parade. This year we will also have Easter Peddlers who will be showing off some lovely Easter treats that will be on sale as a Year 6 fundraiser. As we always say, parents and community are always welcome to our school celebrations. Your presence

and your enthusiasm always enhances and makes any school events feel that much more special. Easter activities start from 12:30pm, immediately after 1<sup>st</sup> play break.

This Friday is GOOD FRIDAY and it is a public holiday. Monday is also a public holiday. Enjoy the long weekend and we will see students on Tuesday 29 March.





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



### **Next P&C Meeting**

**Wednesday  
11 May  
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,

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.

## **Daily Attendance At School**

All students need to be at school everyday. If for some reason your child cannot be at school, we need to be notified why your child was away. If you do not provide a reason, your child's absence from school is recorded on their attendance record as 'unjustified'. The Skoolbag app is a simple and easy way to notify us of your child's absence from school. Don't forget that the same rules apply to partial absences. Children

who arrive late by 10 minutes each day, lose an hour of school a week. Over a term, this equates to two whole school days missed! Be on time and ready for learning every day!



## **Respectful Relationships**

Imagine going to the shops or your work each day and having people swear at you and threaten you with violence. Sadly, this is what happens on occasion at our school. As a school we promote and endorse respectful relationships and we hope you will support us in this endeavour. There is no justification or excuse for a student to threaten, harass or swear at an adult on the school site. We will take action against this anti-

social behavior. We expect and trust that all families will support us and speak to their children about how wrong it is to swear and be rude to school staff. In the end, it is all about respect, respect for yourself and for others.



## **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.

The staff car park is for authorised vehicles only. Mainstream parents are not to use this area for pick-ups in the afternoon.

All students should be coming to school with a hat. Please ensure your child has a hat in their school bag as they set off for school.

We will be holding our whole school end of term disco on Wednesday 6 April in the school hall.

Are your contact details up to date? Can we reach you in an emergency? Let us know when your details change!