

# MANNING GARDENS PS NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News

I am so excited to be back after some sick leave and time spent in hospital. During my absence, I really missed our students and look forward to quickly getting back into the swing of things.

Student reports went home today for most classes. If you didn't get your child's report, it will probably be sent home tomorrow. Your class teachers spend a lot of their own time outside of working hours writing comprehensive and detailed student reports. Please take the time to read the reports and discuss the results with your children. On the first page we always record attendance data. We still have too many children having far too many days off school. Absences are also categorized into explained and unexplained absences. Lastly, NAIDOC Week is almost upon us. We will have a full week of wonderful and diverse activities from Monday 27 June.

Don't forget you are most welcome at school at any time - we work with you to educate your child!

Stay strong!  
Paul Sortwell

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Our school staff have been continuing their professional learning about KIDsmatter - a mental health initiative for children. At the moment, staff are looking at social and emotional learning.

*We Make It Happen*

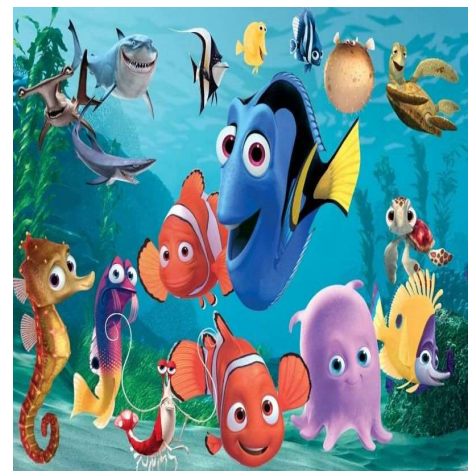
## Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

- ◆ 6 May
- ◆ 3 June
- ◆ 17 June
- ◆ 27 June (NAIDOC Week)

## Finding Dory Movie Premiere Fundraiser

Tomorrow night is the event we have all been eagerly awaiting, the premiere of Finding Dory, the sequel to the hugely successful Pixar Animation blockbuster, Finding Nemo. This is a school fundraiser, coordinated by our very own Ms Somerville. We hope you have bought your tickets and that we will see you there from 5.30pm for nibbles, with the movie commencing at 6.30pm. We also have a special raffle with tickets at \$1 each. There are some really great prizes on offer. Thank you Ms Somerville for this very special event.



## Parent Teacher interviews

Parent teacher interview notes went home to all families earlier this week. Please make a real effort to attend these meetings, as they allow you to spend 10 quality minutes with your child's class teacher, talking about your child's social and academic progress for the first half of the year. Refreshments will be provided and the interviews will take place in our school hall.



Wednesday 22 June 3.30-5pm  
Thursday 23 June 3.30-5pm



## NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Mr Amidy, Aunty Karen, Uncle Ron and Jodi have been hard at work planning some great NAIDOC Week activities for our students and our community. There will be events at school, in the local community and also at Saltwater. We hope to see all our parents and community at these events - they are FREE and for everyone, Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. Events start Monday 27 June with a very special assembly.



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

## Update Your Details and You Could Win \$50

Want a chance at winning a Coles \$50 gift card? We have 4 to give away. Simply update your personal details with us and we will put you in the draw to win. It is critical that we always have correct and up to date contact details for you and your emergency contacts. You never know when we might need your urgent assistance and the wrong details could impact on us having communication with you.

**UPDATE YOUR DETAILS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD!**



## Upcoming P&C Meeting

Wednesday  
22 June  
At 5:30pm

New members are always welcome!

### WHO DO I TALK TO AND

### HOW DO I ORGANISE IT?

#### A parent's guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

It is important to work on problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

#### These guidelines aim to:

- ✓ Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ✓ Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- ✓ Support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- ✓ Help reach an agreed solution.

On occasions, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

*Teachers, parents and community working together for success at school.*

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of my own child	Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone, email at <a href="mailto:manning@del.nsw.edu.au">manning@del.nsw.edu.au</a> or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The wellbeing of own child	Directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. The Assistant Principal and Principal are available to discuss complex or ongoing issues. Contact the office so a mutually suitable appointment time can be made.
Change of personal details	Please contact the office to inform change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Email is suitable.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom or playground problem. Contact the Assistant Principal for ongoing playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact Office. State nature of concern. The appropriate member of staff will contact you to discuss further.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the Office. Speak to the Assistant Principal or Principal. An appointment will be made if necessary.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Inclosed Lands Act' to:

- ✦ Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- ✦ Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- ✦ Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without the permission of the Principal.