



Grapevine Newsletter

Issue 1

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Term 1 – Week 8 – 2018

Welcome to our new look whole school Grapevine newsletter. Each edition we will introduce three people who are staff at Manning Gardens.

Mr Paul Sortwell



2018 is Mr Sortwell's sixth year as principal at Manning Gardens PS.

Mr Sortwell was previously principal at Toomelah PS and has worked at schools in Sydney and across New South Wales. Mr Sortwell is married and has three young children. He is a keen Sharks supporter.

Miss Kelly Bryden



Miss Bryden is a passionate educator and this is her second year at Manning Gardens.

Miss Bryden is our school's Deputy Principal and also leads our Early Action for Success initiative as Instructional Leader. Miss Bryden's role is all about improving literacy and numeracy at MGPS.

Mrs Anne-Maree Ross



Mrs Ross joined Manning Gardens PS in 2017 and loves working at MGPS!

Mrs Ross is our mainstream Assistant Principal. This means Mrs Ross is the supervisor of all staff who work in our mainstream department. Mrs Ross is also a Curriculum Leader, supporting teachers every day.

Last Friday we celebrated the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Bullying in any form, whether at home, at school or in the community is not acceptable. We all need to be buddies, not bullies!

On Wednesday 21 March we held our annual Harmony Day celebrations. Students created a class page for a Harmony Day book. In the afternoon, classes decorated biscuits with colourful and delicious toppings.

A major focus for our school this year will be increasing student attendance at school. To this end, we will be communicating with parents every five weeks to let you know your child's attendance rate. We will be sending home encouragement letters when attendance, including full days and partials, falls to 90% or below. We will also be sending home letters to acknowledge and praise students for attendance at 95% and higher.

It is important that you update your contact details on a regular basis and also advise us of any changes to such areas as permission to publish. If we have permission to publish, we cannot remove or retract images if you suddenly change your mind. Have a great week and stay strong!

Mr Paul Sortwell
School Principal

What's on?

Monday 26/3/18
Biripi dental screening
During school time

Tuesday 27/3/18
Biripi dental screening
During school time

Wednesday 28/3/18
School cross country carnival
1pm on back oval

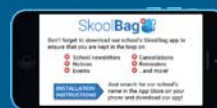
Thursday 29/3/18
Easter celebrations
12.30pm in our hall

Friday 30/3/18
Good Friday
Public Holiday

Monday 2/4/18
Easter Monday
Public Holiday

Friday 6/4/18
Small Schools Cross Country
Mitchell's Island PS 9.45am

Wednesday 11/4/18
End of term disco
4.30-5.45pm in our school hall



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More School News

The school's leadership team is currently finalising our school plan for 2018-2020. The school plan will have three main areas, called strategic directions. These strategic directions will be: Teaching, Learning and Leading. We plan to hold some information sessions about our school plan throughout the remainder of 2018. As always, if you would like more information about our school plan, please contact our school principal or one of our school leaders.

We have a lot of school community engagement initiatives coming up before the end of Term 1. Next week we have our school cross country carnival on Wednesday 28 March. There will be races for all our students, from kindergarten to Year 6. Students aged 8 years and older will have an opportunity to be selected for a school team to participate at the Lower Manning Small Schools cross country carnival at Mitchell's Island PS before the end of Term 1. These same students will also be eligible to participate at the Manning Zone cross country carnival at Wingham in Term 2.

Your child should be receiving a class newsletter each and every week of the school term. If your child is not bringing home a class newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher. We enjoy communicating with you!



Harmony Day



Peter and Jenoha enjoying Harmony Day celebrations

We have three beliefs at Manning Gardens Public School. We expect everyone to follow these beliefs when they are on our school site. Our first belief is being safe. We want everyone to be safe on our school site. Students can stay safe at school by following all staff directions and using their hands and feet for helping. Our second school belief is being fair. Being fair is a general belief that ensures everyone is treated equitably and without bias. Being fair can be seen in the classroom when students take turns and respect the right of everyone to do their job. Our third school belief is be a learner. All students are learners and all staff are learners. Everyone is entitled to be a learner at school. We will protect this right of every student.

DON'T FORGET!

Our school has a fabulous website, that will shortly be given a huge makeover. You can find information about school attendance on our school website. We have a special tab.

Go to www.manninggdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

school cross country



this wednesday



back oval at 12.45pm

parents welcome!

**EASTER
CELEBRATIONS
THIS THURSDAY
PARENTS WELCOME!**

Be Safe



Be Fair



Be a Learner



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