



# Grapevine Newsletter

Issue 3

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## Term 2 – Week 1 – 2018

Welcome to Term 2. This term is 10 weeks long. Each edition we will introduce three people who are staff at Manning Gardens.

*Leanne McMaster*



**Mrs McMaster is our preschool teacher.**

Mrs McMaster has been with our school since Term 4 2017. Mrs McMaster has many years of experience in early childhood education and is very passionate about preschool education. We are thankful to have her at our school.

*Ron Case (Uncle Ron)*



**Uncle Ron works in our preschool and is our Elder in Residence.**

Uncle Ron has been a school stalwart for many years now. Uncle Ron has worked in our preschool since it opened and supports Mrs McMaster to provide a great preschool experience. Uncle Ron is a great supporter of our kids.

*Tamika Browne*



**Tamika is our school's Community Engagement Officer.**

Tamika works in our preschool, with Mrs McMaster and Uncle Ron. Tamika coordinates our Tunin'In initiative with our preschool parents. Part of Tamika's role at MGPS is to encourage greater parental participation in all aspects of schooling.

We have an amazing preschool at Manning Gardens Public School. At the moment we are offering two programs, a two day program every Monday and Tuesday and a three day program covering Wednesday to Friday. Our preschool has been rated as 'exceeding' under the National Quality Standard. Our preschool offers fantastic teacher to student ratios (small student numbers), a quality learning program and a fantastic environment which is both stimulating and challenging for young children. Our fees are the most affordable in Taree and we can offer 100% fee relief. For more information about our preschool, come into our school office. We can offer a tour of our preschool, at a time that suits you.

We have three Free Lunch Fridays in Term 2. Free Lunch Fridays are a unique community engagement activity where we provide our students, parents and community with a free lunch. Not only do we provide a delicious all you eat experience, we also hold special events such as sports afternoons and cultural activities, open to everyone. Our Free Lunch Fridays are characterised by lots of fun, positive interactions and a chance for everyone to connect.

**Mr Paul Sortwell**  
School Principal

## What's on?

### Friday 4/5/18

Zone cross country  
Wingham Sports Centre

### Friday 4/5/18

School Assembly  
School Hall at 9.25am

### Friday 15/5/18

Free Lunch Friday  
12.35pm

### Tuesday 15/5/18

Naplan Day 1  
Year 3 and Year 5

### Wednesday 16/5/18

NAPLAN Day 2  
Year 3 and Year 5

### Friday 18/5/18

School Assembly  
School Hall at 9.25am

### Wednesday 23/5/18

School Photo Day  
All students in school uniform

### Friday 25/5/18

Free Lunch Friday  
12.35pm

RATED  
**EXCEEDING**  
NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



We have a fantastic preschool on site at Manning Gardens Public School.

*We are taking enrolments now in our preschool.*

Enrol your child in a preschool with a quality program and great staff.

## More School News

We expect all students to be in school uniform every day of the week. Students wear our standard school uniform every Monday to Thursday. On Friday, our students wear sports uniform. You can purchase a sport polo shirt from our school office for \$15. This is great value as our polo shirts are 100% quality and have the school emblem on them. When your child wears their sports polo shirt on a Friday, they also get 5 house points. These points go towards the annual house points tally to find our winning sports house.

At Manning Gardens PS, we have a bike and scooter policy that has been in existence for many years now. The bike and scooter policy is all about keeping your child safe and protected as they ride to and from school. Only students 10 years or older can ride a bike or scooter to school. They must also have a bike/scooter permit and be wearing a helmet, in compliance with the law.

This term your child's class teacher will be writing a Semester 1 student report. This report will document your child's academic and social progress at school in Terms 1-2. Don't forget you can meet with your child's class teacher at any time to discuss issues and matters relating to your child. We simply ask that you contact our school office and make an appointment that suits both you and your child's class teacher.



## School Assembly



*Olivia and Travis were the major Term 1 PBL award winners.*

We hold school assemblies every fortnight for our mainstream and support unit students. At a fortnightly assembly we celebrate student success. We acknowledge students in all our classes that have followed our three school beliefs. We acknowledge and celebrate students who have achieved new Precious Gems levels for good behaviour. We also reward students for great attendance at school and for sporting success. Parents are always welcome at our school assemblies. Our school assemblies are held in our school hall and commence at 9.25am. School assemblies only go for around 50 minutes or so. If you want to see student success, then our assemblies are the place to be each fortnight.


## 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](http://www.manninggdn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

# FREE LUNCH FRIDAY

## TERM 2

CONNECT with us on facebook 



# 11 MAY

# 25 MAY

# 8 JUNE

**TERM 2**

# SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

## FRIDAY FORTNIGHT

4 MAY  
18 MAY  
1 JUNE  
15 JUNE  
and NAIDOC assembly


Be Safe



Be Fair



Be a Learner



## GET THE LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION!

Our school Facebook page is updated daily with great photos and key information for you.  
Visit our school Facebook page.

# MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

**PARENT COMMITMENT:**

To partner with the school and let us know about their child's absences from school.

**TEACHER COMMITMENT:**

To partner with our parents and to follow up all student absences in a prompt and efficient manner.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

*every student, every day*



**IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**



## GET SCHOOL INFO ON YOUR SMARTPHONE!

The Manning Gardens PS Skoolbag app has updated key information for you, reminders, and electronic notes for things like student absences and requests for emergency lunches.

**GET OUR SKOOLBAG APP FROM YOUR APP STORE.**

