



Grapevine Newsletter

Issue 4

Monday, 4 June 2018

Term 2 – Week 6 – 2018

Hasn't time flown! We are already at the half way mark of Term 2. Each edition we will introduce three people who are staff at Manning Gardens.

Rhiannon Hardy



Mrs Hardy is a teacher in our Support Unit.

Rhiannon started at our school in 2017 and works in our Support Unit four days per week, teaching SCH. Mrs Hardy is a real team player and is part of our Year 6 fundraising team and PBL team. Mrs Hardy has also taken students to events such as zone cross country.

Willie Richardson



Mrs Richardson is a teacher in our Support Unit.

Willie has been a permanent teacher at our school for a long time. Willie teaches SCR four days per week at the moment. Mrs Richardson is a strong advocate for the rights of students with disabilities.

Ann Rofe



Anne is a SLSO in our mainstream department.

Anne is a permanent SLSO in our mainstream department and in 2018 has been working with our kindergarten students. Ann is known for her caring and supportive approach to her role and enjoys seeing students make academic gains.

It is a real exciting time here at Manning Gardens PS! We have so many great things happening, lots of parent and community engagement and student learning across all departments going from strength to strength.

Since our last newsletter, we commenced Yarn-Ups on a Tuesday morning. Starting small with only one parent present, we now have eight parents attending our weekly meetings and we are enjoying the ideas, advice and suggestions being put forward by our community.

We have also been fortunate to re-form our school's Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). We have a full P&C executive and they are already looking at the process to get our school canteen back up and running. They have also commenced lots of funding raising initiatives for our school. All P&C fundraising initiatives are for the purpose of supporting students, so please support all their fundraisers, any way you can.

Judith, our Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) is doing an incredible job at the moment of enhancing cultural experiences for our students. At present, a new mural is being created outside our school canteen. Judith is a great asset!

Mr Paul Sortwell
School Principal

What's on?

Monday 4/6/18

Yarn-Up / P&C Meeting
Top block family room

Wednesday 6/6/18

Eisteddfod performances
MEC 9.30am

Thursday 7/6/18

Hot dog lunch pack
\$5 Year 6 fundraiser

Monday 11/6/18

Queen's birthday
PUBLIC HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 15/6/18

School assembly
Year 3 and Year 5

Tuesday 26/6/18

Athletics carnival
Taree Recreation Grounds

Monday 2/7/18

NAIDOC Week
Cultural activities start today

Tuesday 3/7/18

NAIDOC Week
Saltwater day, K-6 classes



Check out our school website. It is new, fresh and always up-to-date!
Use the QR code above!
Or search for Manning Gardens PS in your favourite search engine.

Fundraising at our school

Now that we have a P&C Association in place at our school, fundraising activities have begun in earnest.

We have a chocolate box fundraising happening right now. Chocolates can be purchased from our school office for \$1 each.

This week, as a Year 6 fundraiser, there is a hot dog lunch pack offer available on Thursday 7 June. This is being coordinated by a bunch of teachers. This is an extra activity for staff on top of their already heavy workloads. Supporting this activity will help to contribute to the end of year Year 6 celebrations. You may not have a child in Year 6 but you will one day. So we like to think that your efforts in supporting the Year 6 fundraisers, is an act of 'paying it forward'

There are some many fundraisers in the pipeline. Here are just a few coming your way:

- * Hebby's pie order
- * Colour run
- * Photography day with a professional photographer
- * Raffles with great prizes
- * Cake days
- * Sausage sizzles
- * And much, much more!



School vege patch



Our school vege patch which also includes a chook run.

Jenn Wiemes, our school chaplain, has been working hard in our school vege patch for the last 2 years. As the picture on the opposite page shows, her hard work is starting to pay dividends.

Over the last week or so, Jenn and a bunch of keen and enthusiastic students, have been paying gravel along all the pathways in the vege patch. This has given our vege patch a fresh new look and has also made the vege patch a much cleaner place to work, especially after rain.

Jenn works with students, K-6, mainstream and support unit, two days per week. This program is aimed at building student resilience and wellbeing.

DON'T FORGET!

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

School cultural activities

Judith Varagnola is our school's Aboriginal Education Officer and she has made a huge positive impact on the embedding of Aboriginal cultural activities at our school in 2018. Judith has been the driving force behind our very successful Yarn-Ups, held weekly on a Tuesday at 9.30am. Judith supports students in classrooms across the school and is also an important support person for Indigenous parents when they have meetings with school staff.

This week Judith was working with Jeremy Saunders to create a new mural, opposite our canteen, outside our mainstream primary classrooms. Year 6 Indigenous students were part of the entire process, from concept and design, through to painting the mural.



Sorry Day



Alicia (left) and Tamikah Browne (our Community Engagement Officer)

Our school acknowledged National Sorry Day on Friday 25 May. We held a Free Lunch Friday and everyone enjoyed the free pies and sausage rolls.

After lunch, everyone assembled in our school hall for a mini concert, hosted by our AEO, Judith Varagnola. There was singing by staff and students. There was a welcome to country. There was a didgeridoo session with Mervyn Brown, our of our fabulous school learning support officers.

After formalities, everyone enjoyed a series of activities, including aus tag, beading, nail painting and other fun activities. A great time was had by everyone.

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I'm going to the Gardens!
Manning Gardens PS: A quality Public School in Taree.



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Be Fair



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



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