

# GRAPESVINE

Our Preschool to Year 6 newsletter



## Principal's message

After the very cold weather of last week, we have been experiencing almost spring-like weather of late. You just cannot predict the weather conditions at the moment.

We continue to have parents double parking in our staff car park. Not only is this behaviour illegal, it is highly dangerous. The staff car park on Mudford Street is a staff car park and drop-off point for our support unit students. All other families should seek parking on Mudford Street or use the car park on Bushland Drive near our wonderful preschool. We have a safety first approach to caring for our students at Manning Gardens Public School.

Our preschool and early intervention shared outdoor learning space is currently being renovated and upgraded. New shade sails over the sandpit, new bridge area, tiered step area and other enhancements will be created for the enjoyment and learning of our youngest children. We are very proud of the facilities in our early childhood area and these finishing touches will ensure both our preschool and early intervention class remain a great place for children under five years of age.



This week we farewelled Miss Bryden. Miss Bryden has been successful in gaining a principal position at another public school. Miss Bryden has made a lasting positive impact in her time at our school. We wish Miss Bryden every success at her new school and in her new role as a teaching principal.

## Stay Strong!

P. Sortwell



Mr Paul Sortwell



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### ***What's on at our school?***

This year during the NRL season we will be holding regular Footy Jersey Fridays where you can wear your favourite NRL gear! Our first footy jersey Friday will be Friday 21 June.



Our end of term disco will occur on Wednesday 3 July in our last week of Term 2. This disco is for our students only. The canteen will be operating before and during the disco.



*Student reports go home every semester in Terms 2 and 4.*

*Your child's Semester 1 student report will go home on Friday 5 July.*

*For more information, call the school on 6552-6333.*

### ***Canteen news***

Our school canteen operates every Wednesday to Friday. Our canteen is operated by our P&C association so by supporting our canteen you are supporting our school.

To ring through a lunch order for your children, call the school on 6552-6333 and ask for the canteen. Please, no orders after 9.30am!



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**MGPS CANTEEN**

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Is Open  
Wednesday,  
Thursday  
and Friday.*

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***Baaya Yurrung preschool***

The Preschool program this week is taking advantage of having trucks and bobcats right in our playground. We are watching the builders cut wood and dig massive holes in the playground whilst they make us a brand new play space. The Preschool children are even planning their own playground with tunnels, rock climbing and

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slides as they draw and write their designs. Whilst we cannot use our playground we are using the Support Unit playground each day, and we absolutely love riding their bikes.

This week we are also cooking healthy food that we could bring to preschool in our lunch boxes. The recipes are very easy to cook and would be a fun activity for children and parents to do together at home. On Thursday we cooked scones and the only ingredients were flour, cream and lemonade. We have also shared our cooking with the builders in our playground; which they have loved. Next week we would like all children to bring a piece of fruit to share each day. We will use these fruits to create a fruit platter to share and taste test new fruit. At Preschool we promote healthy lunch box options because we want our children to be healthy and strong (National Quality Framework 2.1.3: Healthy eating is promoted).

# Baaya Yurrung Preschool

@ Manning Gardens Public School

Baaya Yurrung means 'Rise Above'



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### **Aboriginal education**

We don't see Aboriginal education as a 'bolt-on'; we embed Aboriginal culture and perspectives in everything we do at Manning Gardens PS. Our AEO is Judith and we have a weekly meeting every Tuesday from 9.30am. Circle of Security is starting this week. If you want to be part of this great initiative, please chat with Judith.

# MGPS YARN-UP

**Tuesday 9.30am**  
**Everyone welcome!**

### **News from across the school**

Students from our support unit attended a sports activity day in Newcastle two weeks ago. They had an amazing time. Thank you to the staff who organised this special event.



### **Sports update**

Our senior students played PSSA basketball on Tuesday 11 June against Taree West. It was a great game with our students showing great skill and perseverance against a more experienced team. The final score was 30-22 in favour of Taree West. Our best and fairest player was Shaytarna. Thank you Mrs Masters and Merv for taking our students to this activity.

This Friday we have PSSA touch at our school from 12pm. Come along and cheer on our kids as they play touch footy against Chatham PS.



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### **P&C association**

Our P&C is our parent representative body. The school consults with our P&C regarding key decision making. Our P&C also has the very important role of fundraising for our school and students. New members are always welcome.



***Manning Gardens Public School P&C Association  
meets the 2nd Thursday every month at 9.30am.  
Note: During school terms only!  
All parents and community members welcome!***

### **School banking**

School banking is a great initiative to help young children save their money. School banking is also a fundraiser for our P&C. To be part of our school banking, just visit the Commonwealth Bank Taree branch and open a youth saver account.



***Every  
Thursday  
at our  
school!***

### **Upcoming events in Term 2**

- Athletics carnival ..... Thursday 27 June.
- Our next school assembly ..... Friday 28 June.
- Footy jersey Friday ..... Friday 21 June.
- End of term disco ..... Wednesday 3 July (theme: favourite footy team).
- Semester 1 student reports go home ..... Friday 5 July.
- Last day of Term 2 ..... Friday 5 July.



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SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

# ANNUAL CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 27 JUNE



FOR STUDENTS 8 YEARS AND  
OVER

**COST \$8.50 PER STUDENT**



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