

Manning Gardens Public School Term 2 Week 9 2019

GRAPEVINE

Our Preschool to Year 6 newsletter



Principal's message

This is the last Grapevine newsletter for Term 2. I hope you have enjoyed the new Grapevine format! I will be taking some leave from Thursday 27 June until the start of Term 3. Mrs Rutten will be relieving principal in my absence. Mrs Trudgeon and Mrs Ross will support Mrs Rutten in their roles as assistant principals.

Please do not double park in our staff car park. If the drop off bay is empty, please use this area! Double parking is not only illegal but also impacts on student safety.

We have held many fortnightly school assemblies this term to celebrate student achievement and success. Have you ever attended a school assembly? Come along and experience this most uplifting event! Our last assembly for Term 2 occurs this Friday.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS

FRIDAY

9.25AM IN OUR HALL

I would like to thank everyone for a very successful Term 2. There has been exceptional quality teaching occurring across our school, enrolments are up and we have been enjoying some great success with our sporting endeavours and special events.

Two wonderful farewells were held for Miss Bryden last week. We will miss the presence of Miss Bryden. We wish Miss Bryden every happiness and success at her new school.

All permission notes have due dates for the return of permission slips. We need to follow and enforce these deadlines. When we don't it can impact negatively on the organisation of the event and the running of our school. You will note that all staff will follow cut-off dates for participation in excursions and special events, including sporting activities. We need your support too, by returning permission slips and associated money on time. For this, we say thank you. Please note: We cannot accept verbal (over the phone) approval for your child to attend events.

School are dynamic places, where changes are constantly occurring. There will be some staffing changes across our school from Term 3 onwards. This is a result of both changes to our school staffing allocation and also as we keep pace with our school budget. I will keep all stakeholders posted as changes are implemented.

Stay Strong!

P. Sortwell

Mr Paul Sortwell



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Calendar

Dates to
Remember



Term 3 Dates:

School staff return on Monday 22 July.

Preschool to Year 6 return on Tuesday 23 July.

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Small schools are great schools!
We offer exceptional educational
programs in a beautiful and
spacious setting where your
child's wellbeing is always our
number one priority.
Happy kids have a special place at
Manning Gardens Public School.
ENROL NOW for 2019.

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What's on at our school?

There are chicks galore in MSR at the moment, eight chicks to be exact. Mrs Ross, Jenn and Moo are the students of MSR are the surrogate parents of some beautiful little chicks that started hatching last week.

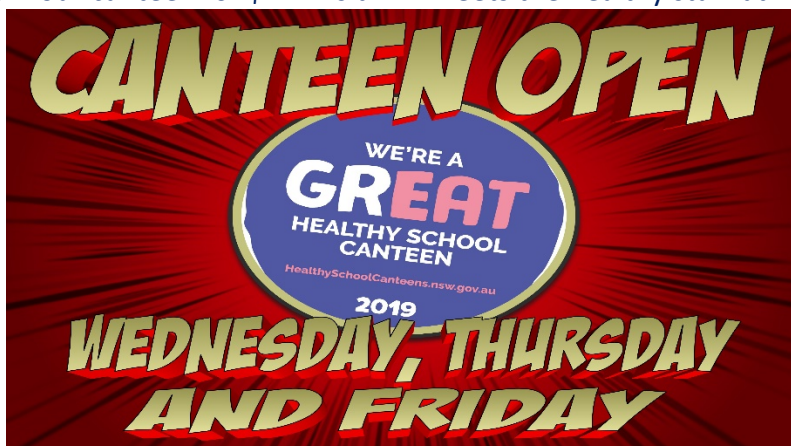


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Canteen news

Our school canteen operates every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our canteen is operated by our P&C association; so by supporting our canteen you are supporting our school. During winter, deliciously warm milo cups will be available from our canteen for \$1. This drink meets the healthy star rating too.



Baaya Yurrung preschool

Thank you to all the families who contributed fruit each day to the shared fruit basket. This shared fruit gave children the opportunity to try fruit that they have never tried before. We will continue to use the shared fruit basket next week and ask families to add to it each day.

We are still taking enrolments for our preschool. It is not too late for four year olds to have a preschool experience before starting big school in 2020.

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Baaya Yurrung Preschool

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Baaya Yurrung means 'Rise Above'



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.

MGPS YARN-UP

Tuesday 9.30am
Everyone welcome!

News from across the school

Photos from our last school assembly in Week 7.



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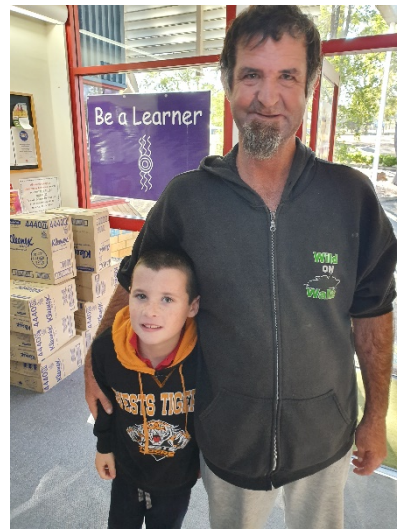
Last Friday we held a Footy Jersey Friday to have a bit of fun and to also celebrate the upcoming second State of Origin game in Perth. Many staff and students dressed in their favourite footy team jersey or colours as part of this day.

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Our teachers are learners too. Every Thursday afternoon, your teachers spend one hour reflecting on their teaching, learning new skills and keeping up to date with key information.



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Sports update

Don't forget that Friday is our sports uniform day! We expect all students to be wearing their house colours in the form of a plain polo shirt. We sell these shirts from our school office. All students in sports uniform get five house points that go towards their sports house yearly points tally.



Our boys and girls played a touch footy PSSA round last Friday at Taree Recreational Grounds against Chatham PS. Our girls were victorious 2-0. Our boys lost 8-5.



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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.

Our P&C raised \$410 at last Friday's raffle at Club Taree. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising activity.

Our next P&C meeting is: Term 3 – Thursday 8 August 2019.



**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

Our next school assembly Friday 28 June.

Athletics carnival Thursday 27 June.

Canteen days: Wednesday – Friday.

Semester 1 student reports go home Friday 5 July.

Last day of Term 2 Friday 5 July.



Contact us

We value and appreciate your feedback and input into all aspects of our school. If you have a general school enquiry, please contact our school office on 6552-6333. If you have a specific matter relating to your child and their education, please contact our school office and ask for your child's teacher. Our school office hours are 8.30-3.30pm each school day. School uniforms can be purchased from our school office. We have a full range of uniforms including summer and winter gear. We also stock school hats so your child can be sun safe.

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Phone: 6552-6333 Email: manninggdn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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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**



In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS**

Primary school attendance



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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EVENTS



MGPS CANTEEN

*Our Canteen
Is Open
Wednesday,
Thursday
and Friday.*

We lunch orders taken after 9:30am.

**PHONE THROUGH YOUR
ORDER ON 6552-6333**

Our canteen is operated by our P&C.

**LOWER MANNING SMALL
SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**

ANNUAL CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

FOR STUDENTS 8 YEARS AND
OVER

COST \$8.50 PER STUDENT

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PUBLIC SCHOOL

**END OF TERM
DISCO**

NRL FOOTY THEME

3 JULY • WEDNESDAY • 4.30-5.45PM

MGPS STUDENTS ONLY!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

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We Make Learning Fun!

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ADDING 10 MINUTES A DAY TO A CHILD'S READING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE OVER THE YEAR.

A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN



*Adapted from Adams (2006) with baseline data from Anderson, Wilson & Fielding (1998).

DID YOU NOTICE?

THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY, THE MORE FLUENT THEIR READING BECOMES.

FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND

A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!

RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT THE BENEFITS OF READING MORE IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN:

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, VOCABULARY,
READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY
AND SPELLING.****

**Cunningham and Stanovich (1998).

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Let's Raise Readers!

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Beeswax Wraps

Learn how to make your own beeswax wraps with our Waste Education team. Includes 3 wraps to take home.

Wingham Library

Tues. 9 July 10.30am - 12.30pm

Gloucester Library

Mon. 15 July 10.30am - 12.30pm

Ages 10-17 yrs. Supervised activity.



Science on the Move

Explore science in this fast paced and fun activity. Bookings are essential.

Forster Library

Wed. 10 July 10.30 - 11.30am

Hallidays Point Library

Wed. 10 July 2.00 - 3.00pm

Harrington Library

Mon. 15 July 10.30am - 11.30am

Ages 5-12 yrs. Supervised activity.

Cost: \$6 per child



GAMES

Kids Bingo

Enjoy the fast-paced game of bingo. Bookings are required.

Hallidays Point Library

Thurs. 11 July 2.00 - 3.00pm

Ages 5yrs+. Supervised activity.



Puzzles, games, colour-in

Come along to enjoy puzzles and board games together or colour-in a master-piece!

Each day in the July holidays during opening hours. Bookings are not required. All ages.

Parental/carer supervision required.

Taree, Forster, Nahiack, Harrington,

Wingham, Hallidays Point and

Tea Gardens Libraries



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Forster

4-12 Breese Parade
6591 7256

Gloucester

27 Denison Street
6538 5258

Taree

242 Victoria Street
6592 5290

Bulahdelah

63 Stroud Street
4997 4764

Hallidays Point

87 High Street
6559 3066

Harrington

Caledonia Street
6556 1652

Nahiack

44 Nahiack Street
6554 1355

Old Bar

49 Old Bar Road
6553 6535

Stroud

6 Church Lane
4994 5204

Tea Gardens

135 Marine Parade
4997 1265

Wingham

20 Wynter Street
6553 4555



Stay updated on what's happening
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School holidays April 2019

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holidays
in the library



July 2019

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MOVIE SCREENINGS

All the fun of the movies. Bookings essential. All ages, but kids 5yrs and under must be supervised. Bring a cushion to sit on and bottle of water.



Smallfoot (PG)

A Yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist.

Gloucester Library
Mon. 8 July 10.30am - 12.10pm



Early Man (PG)

Early Man tells the story of Dug, and his sidekick Hognob as they unite his tribe against a mighty enemy Lord Nooth and his Bronze Age City to save their home.

Harrington Library
Tues. 9 July 10.30am - 12pm



Mary Poppins Returns (PG)

Decades after her visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks family through a difficult time in their lives.

Tea Gardens Library
Wed. 10 July 2.00 - 4.10pm



How to Train Your Dragon 3 (PG)

Hiccup must find a secret Dragon Utopia before hired tyrant Grimmel finds it first.

Taree Library
Thurs. 11 July 2.00 - 3.45pm



Show Dogs (PG)

Max, a macho, solitary Rottweiler police dog is ordered to go undercover as a primped show dog in a prestigious Dog Show, along with his human partner, to avert a disaster from happening.

Wingham Library
Fri. 12 July 2.00 - 3.35pm

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Creative fun where you'll make something to take home or learn a new skill. Bookings are essential. Age restrictions apply, and some activities require parental/carer supervision.



Weaving & Woolcraft Workshop

Weave funky owls using wool and fabric.

Hallidays Point Library

Mon. 15 July 2.00 - 3.00pm

Ages 5-12yrs. Supervised activity



Drawing Workshop

Learn drawing and cartooning techniques with former Disney artist Brian Dawson. All materials supplied.

Taree Library

Tuesday 16 July 11.00am - 12.00pm

Ages 8+yrs. Supervised activity.



Drama Workshop

Create scenes, skits and learn fun drama games that will have you laughing!

Wingham Library

Wed. 17 July 10.30 - 11.30am

Ages 5+yrs. Supervised activity.



Cooking with the CWA

Join us in making delicious traditional recipes. Previous chefs bring cook books and aprons. Wear enclosed shoes, long hair tied back and bring a container.

Harrington Library

Wed. 17 July 10.30am - 12.00pm

Ages 8+yrs. Supervised activity.



Dream Catchers

Come along and make your own dream catcher. We have loads of threads, beads and feathers. All materials provided.

Forster Library

Wed. 17 July 10.30 - 11.30am

Nabiac Library

Thurs. 18 July 9.30 - 11.00am

Ages 5+yrs. Supervised activity.



Crafty Corner

Head on down for a morning of puzzles, games, craft and a delicious morning tea.

Stroud Library

Wed. 17 July 10.00 - 11.30am

Ages 5+yrs. Supervised activity.



Charlotte's Web (G)

Wilbur the pig is scared he will end up on the dinner table. He hatches a plan with Charlotte, a spider that lives in his pen, to ensure that this will never happen.

Hallidays Point Library

Tues. 16 July 2.00 - 3.30pm



Oddball (PG)

An eccentric chicken farmer trains his dog Oddball to protect a penguin sanctuary from fox attacks in an attempt to save their seaside town.

Tea Gardens Library

Wed. 17 July 2.30 - 4.05pm

Bookings are required for all movie screenings and creative workshops, at www.midcoastlibraries.com.au

Explore Connect Learn Enjoy



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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