

# Grapevine

Our weekly Preschool  
to Year 6 newsletter

Term 3  
Week 5

## Principal's message

We are now at the half way mark of Term 3. The weather is getting warmer but is still rather erratic. Routines and programs are well and truly embedded and operating smoothly. The school is 'humming' along.

This week we are holding parent teacher interviews, Monday to Wednesday, in the afternoon from 3.30pm. I encourage all parents to get behind these meetings and to work in partnership with teachers, to support the education of your children. Not only will you be updated with the progress of your child at school, but teachers will listen to your thoughts and ideas. They will then formulate realistic and authentic goals for your child to cover the last half of the 2019 school year. Please don't miss this opportunity to set some learning goals for your child. Let's make this happen!

Last Friday staff attended the funeral of Deb Ross. It was a celebration of a life well lived. There were tears and laughs as the funeral service was created just how Deb would have liked it. More information below.

At the half way mark of Term 3, it is appropriate to speak about student attendance at school. School aged children need to be at school every day. It has to happen and we will do our best to ensure it is achieved.

Children who don't attend school regularly are missing out on friendships, learning opportunities and access to experiences many of us take for granted. Attendance matters. All day, every day.

Stay Strong!  
Mr Paul Sortwell



## Parent teacher meetings this week

# Together We Grow

A Service of Thanksgiving for the precious life of



Deborah Lyn Ross "Deb"

10th January, 1962 - 2nd August, 2019  
Aged 57 years



Deb's service held at Manning Great Lakes  
Memorial Gardens Chapel, Pampoolah  
led by Garry Woolnough  
on Friday, 16th August, 2019 at 11.00am

Last Friday, we celebrated the life of Deb Ross, a school staff member, who passed away suddenly two weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with Deb's children, Mrs Anne-Maree Ross and Olivia.

Words will not wipe  
away your tears and hugs  
may not ease the pain  
but hold onto your  
memories because forever  
they will remain.

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

#### ***Our staff engage in learning all the time***

School staff are constantly learning new things, sharing ideas, and keeping up to date with best teaching practice. We work and learn together to provide exceptional education for your children.



**"It's a simple idea: We all do better when we work together and invest in our future."**



#### ***Parent teacher meetings***

We will be holding parent teacher meetings this week to allow teachers and parents to come together to discuss the progress of their children so far and to also plan for the last half of the school learning year. When teachers and parents partner together, we can achieve great results in student learning.

#### ***Book Week is coming!***

Book Week will be held at Manning Gardens PS in Week 9, starting Monday 16 September.



#### ***Father's Day is almost here***



Our Year 6 students are looking for donations to use as raffle prizes for the Father's Day raffle. ❤️

If you are able to help, please drop donations to the front office or send them in with your children.

We appreciate your ongoing support.

**Happy Father's Day**

**FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

Please help support our Year 6 students by purchasing tickets in our Father's Day Raffle.

👉 3 tickets for \$1.00

Great prizes to be won!!!

Raffle drawn on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at the school assembly.

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## Keep calm and buy a hotdog lunch pack....

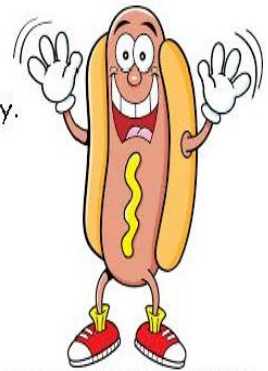
Please support our Year 6 students by joining in on our hotdog day.

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

**Time:** Hotdog lunch packs will be delivered to classrooms at 11.15am

**Cost:** \$5.00 due by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

**Includes:** Hot dog, Tropical juice popper or water, Popcorn



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle preference below:

Hot dog with sauce / without sauce (tomato sauce only)

Tropical juice popper / water



### Kindergarten Transition



Kindergarten Transition 2019

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*Starts  
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Kindergarten Transition 2019

For more information about our  
kinder transition,  
call us on 6552-6333



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### ***Baaya Yurrung preschool***

The preschool children have been busy this week creating, exploring, constructing and problem solving. Our main focus for this week has been identifying healthy food that makes as strong and smart. We worked collaboratively to create a life-sized poster of Stuart. To this poster the children are adding their knowledge of healthy and unhealthy food. Jessica told us that when she eats junk food she gets a belly ache. We have found images of fruit and vegetables to add to the top of the poster and our unhealthy food packets from our lunch boxes we have added to the bottom of the poster. Did you know that almost every lunch box item that comes in a packet is unhealthy; even if it has fruit juice? The preschool children want to be healthy, strong and smart so please add more fruit and vegetable to their lunch box and remove the packet foods (NQS 2.1.3).

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### Canteen news

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

# MCPS Canteen Menu Term 3

**Canteen open every  
WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY and  
FRIDAY.**

**V5: Starts Monday 22 July 2019**



#### Cold Options

Egg sandwich	\$1.70
Egg sandwich with lettuce	\$2.00
Cheese sandwich	\$1.70
Cheese & vegemite sandwich	\$2.00

Mini salad wrap	\$2.00
Salad wrap	\$4.00
Salad wrap with chicken OR ham	\$4.50

Small salad tub	\$2.50
Small salad tub with chicken OR ham	\$3.00
Large salad tub	\$4.00
Large salad tub with chicken OR ham	\$4.50

#### Treats

Moosies	\$0.80
Bulla vanilla cup	\$1.50
Frozen juice – cube	\$0.05
Frozen juice – mini cup	\$0.30
Frozen juice – cup	\$0.60
Fruit tubies	\$1.00
Juicy pouches	\$0.70

#### Hot Options

Chicken burger with lettuce OR cheese	\$3.50
Chicken burger with lettuce and cheese	\$4.00
Chicken tender wrap	\$2.00
Beef pie (45g)	\$0.80
Beef pie (90g)	\$1.50
Sausage roll	\$1.50
Chicken nuggets (3)	\$1.20
Chicken nuggets (6)	\$2.00
Mini pizza	\$2.50
Mini muffin pizza	\$1.50
Mini 'toasty' wrap – cheese, ham and Pineapple	\$1.00

Large 'toasty' wrap (quesadilla)	\$2.00
Noodle cup	\$1.50

#### Meal Deals

Mini 'toasty' wrap OR mini muffin pizza, mini water, mini fruit cup OR small popcorn	\$1.50
Large 'toasty' wrap OR 2 mini muffin pizzas, water, standard fruit cup OR bag of popcorn	\$3.00
Chicken burger, water, standard fruit cup OR popcorn	\$5.00

#### Price

Plain popcorn – small	\$0.30
Plain popcorn – large	\$0.60
Yoghurt – Vanilla, strawberry and banana	\$1.00
Fruit cup – mini	\$0.30
Fruit cup – standard	\$0.50
Fruit cup – large	\$1.00

#### Drinks

Water 250ml	\$0.50
Water 600ml	\$1.00
Flav milk - choc. or strawberry	\$1.80
½ cup plain milk	\$0.30
Full cup plain milk	\$0.50
Fruit juice	\$1.50

**NO lunch orders taken after 9.30am.**

**Contact our canteen on 0434406380**

**MGPS P&C Association**

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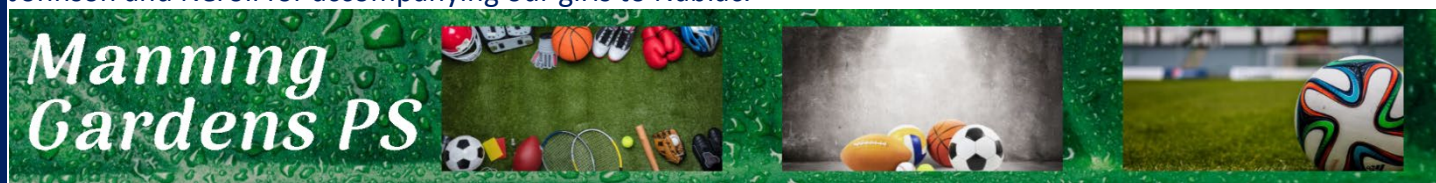
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### **Sport news**

School sport day is Friday for all classes at our school. Sports uniform is worn on a Friday. Our sports uniform consists of your child's house sport coloured polo shirt (blue, red or green) and royal blue shorts or a skirt. Each child who wears sports uniform on a Friday earns their sporting house (dingoes, sharks or eagles) five house points.



Round 2 of girls PSSA knockout touch footy was played against Wingham PS at Nabitac on Monday 12 August at 10am. We played fantastically and gave our all, but we were up against a more experienced team in Wingham PS. We lost 3-1 but the score does not reflect our effort and energy on the field. Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Neroli for accompanying our girls to Nabitac.



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# MANNING GARDENS

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## BREAKFAST CLUB

OPEN DAILY FROM 8.45AM  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

### **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.

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# MGPS P&C Father's Day Gifts

Items sold individually or in great value packs.

Packs on sale from canteen from Tuesday 31 July to 23 August.

Individual items on sale 26 August and 27 August as well as 2 Sept and 3 S Sept.

## PACKS:

Pack 1: \$12.50. You get a cooler bag, thermo mug and keyring.

Pack 2: \$10.00. You get a dad plaque, snow globe and magnet.

Pack 3: \$10.00. You get a Grandfather mug, fridge magnet and keyring torch.

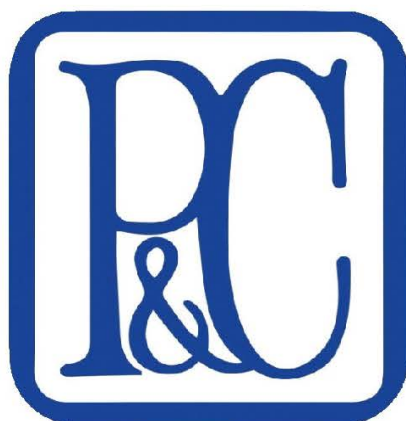
Pack 4: \$8.00. You get a coffee cup and a 5 in 1 screwdriver set.

Pack 5: \$9.00. You get a coffee cup and a 7 in 1 screwdriver set.

Pack 6: \$4.00. You get a superdad gift and back scratcher.







***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!***

Our next P&C meeting is Thursday 12 September.

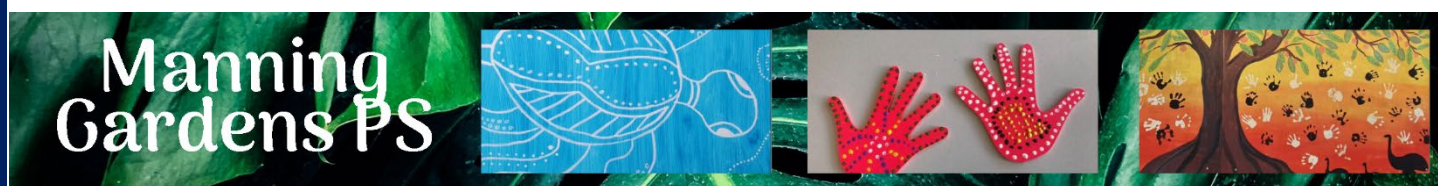
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## Aboriginal Education

Judith is our Aboriginal Education Officer. Judith is happy to help our parents.



## 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.



## Upcoming events in Term 3

Parent teacher interviews ..... Monday 19 August – Thursday 22 August.

Our next school assembly ..... Friday 23 August.

End of term disco ..... Wednesday 25 September.

Last day of Term 3 ..... Friday 27 September.



## 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.

# Contact us:

6552-6333 [manninggdn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:manninggdn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)





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**\$200 worth of activities for FREE!\***

As an approved provider of the NSW Active Kids Program we are making it easier for kids to be active. School aged children can now claim **2 x Active Kids Vouchers** worth **\$100** each! That's **\$200** to reduce your child's fees on Swimming and Gymnastics lessons or Sports competitions at the Y!

**CLAIM YOUR VOUCHER ONLINE!**  
[YMCANSW.ORG.AU/ACTIVEKIDS](http://YMCANSW.ORG.AU/ACTIVEKIDS)

Programs available vary across our locations. Visit us online for more information.  
\*Conditions apply.

*We believe in the power of inspired young people*

### New resource for preschool families

Do you have a child that could attend preschool in 2020? We have a great resource for you! This new publication explains everything you need to know about starting preschool. You can pick up a copy from our front office.



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**Anti-bullying**

### **Upstanders**

the best defence  
against bullying



### **Speak out**

words can hurt  
and words  
can heal



# **Bystander to Upstander**



**Build your  
courage**



**Kindness  
matters**

**Tell your parents and tell your school.**

Visit the Office of the eSafety Commissioner to learn more about reporting online bullying.  
If you think added support would help, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. It is free and private.

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# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



## It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

### That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

### As a Parent:

- ☒ Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- ☒ Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- ☒ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence.
- ☒ Consider catching-up on missed work.
- ☒ Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom – that is where ill kids should be.

### Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

### It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "It's not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!"

Nice try. But the answer should be "No!"

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.





*All pedestrians should enter the school via our Mudford St walkway. Please **DO NOT** walk through the car park. Little children cannot be seen by motorists!*

*Drop your child here in the approved parking spaces. Your child can then walk safely into school on the designated walk way. Please **DO NOT** walk through the car park, as it is not safe.*



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