

Grapevine

Our weekly Preschool to Year 6 newsletter Term 1
Week 8

Principal's message

Last Friday was a special moment for our student leaders 2020. They received their leadership medallions from our State MP, Stephen Bromhead. We are very proud of our student leaders at the moment. They are leading our fortnightly school assemblies and doing a marvellous job. We have finished school assemblies for Term 1. Assemblies will resume in Term 2 Week 1.

Plans are underway for some major excursions and a senior camp. These events will only go ahead with support from you, our parents. Both events, the excursion and camp are being subsidised by upwards of 90%. Whereas for my children, I have to pay \$350 for their comparable school camp. We are only asking \$35. Last year we cancelled the camps due to a lack of interest. We do hope they will all go ahead in 2020. Please partner with us and back these two special events for your children.

Some families owe our school significant money for uniforms, previous camps etc. School debts are payable because it is the right thing to do. Please note, outstanding debts to our school need to be paid before your children can attend future excursions or camps.

The school is continuing to work on attendance as a major priority. From this week, students will need average school attendance of 80% and above to represent the school in sporting events. All students at school every day. All absences explained by parents. This is our attendance motto.

Stay Strong!
Mr Paul Sortwell

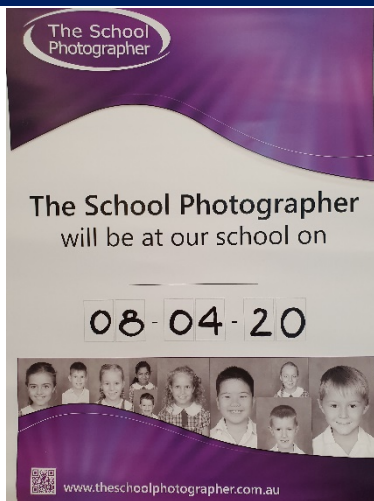


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UPCOMING EVENTS

at Manning Gardens PS

- Rep cross country at Mitchell's Island 26 March.
- Harmony Day celebration Monday 23 March.
- School Photos Wednesday 8 April.
- Easter Celebration Thursday 9 April.
- Timbertown excursion (infants) Thursday 11 June.
- Timbertown excursion (primary) Thursday 18 June.
- Adventureland Camp for Years 5/6 2-4 November 2020.

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Baaya Yurrung Preschool

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Preschool news with Miss Patrice:

Baaya Yurrung Preschool has welcomed some wonderful new children and families last week. It is lovely to see we have 11 children enrolled in Term 1 2020. This is an accomplishment for our school and we are proud of our families and little learners here at Manning Gardens Public School. We are looking forward to share some of our journey here with you.

Last week our little learners have been making new friends and helping show them around our indoor and outdoor learning environments. We have been teaching our welcome to country song around the mulberry tree and are looking forward to share the traditional Guthang language with the children. Our morning greeting is "Guudji Yiigu", this means hello and welcome.

Our Preschoolers love being in the outdoors and have so many wonderful discoveries each and every day. Last week we found our very own hungry caterpillar eating a green leaf. This led us to read the beautiful story from Eric Carle 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. So many wonderful learning experiences come from nature. We are very lucky to have such a nice place to explore and play.



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Parents and community helping our kids

Our P&C operates to help our school and our students. We have a great P&C made up of parents and community who are friendly and fun people – no politics or fighting here! Our P&C runs our school canteen with all profits going back to our school.

Our next P&C meeting is **Thursday 9 April at 9.30am.**

**MANNING GARDENS PS
CANTEEN**

**Open every
Wednesday – Friday**

Proudly operated by our MGPS P&C Association

From Term 2, our P&C operated canteen will be open Tuesday to Friday. This is exciting and fantastic news! We think our canteen and our P&C are tops!
Here are some new products sold in our canteen, all healthy canteen approved.



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Our Attendance Expectations

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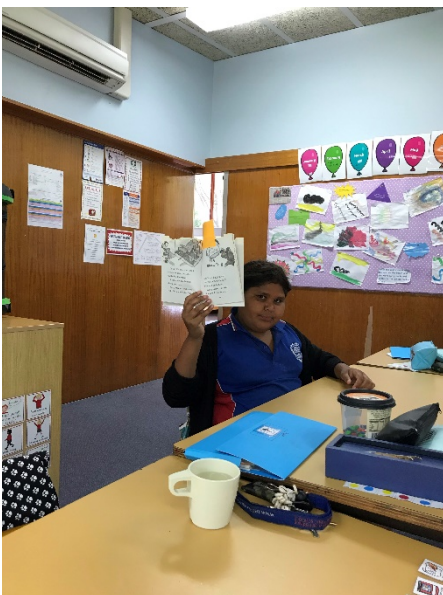
Contact us

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 are available for purchase from our school office; every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10.30-12.30pm. 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

what's happening across our school?



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Students in the Spotlight

Students are our No.1 focus at MGPS!





Absence from school daily text message from MGPS.



We send out a daily text message when your child is not at school and we don't have an explanation.

We also send out a daily text message if your child is late to school. We consider late to school as any time after 9.15am.

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MANNING GARDENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Harmony Day Celebration

Everyone belongs at our school!

Monday | 23 March 2020 | 8.45am

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FOUR WAYS TO EXPLAIN SCHOOL ABSENCES



in person

Speak to your child's class teacher or visit the school office and speak with the admin team.



drop us a note

Write a note and send it to school with your child.



give us a call

Call our school between 8.30-3.30pm to tell us your child is going to be absent from school or to explain an absence from school. Ph: 6552-6333



use skoolbag app

Use our Skoolbag app to report an absence from school at any time and any where you like. Download our skoolbag app at your app store. It's totally free.



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Children experience more success when they attend school on a daily basis. Working in partnership, we can ensure your child has access to the best learning experiences. This can only happen when your child is at school.

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School uniform update

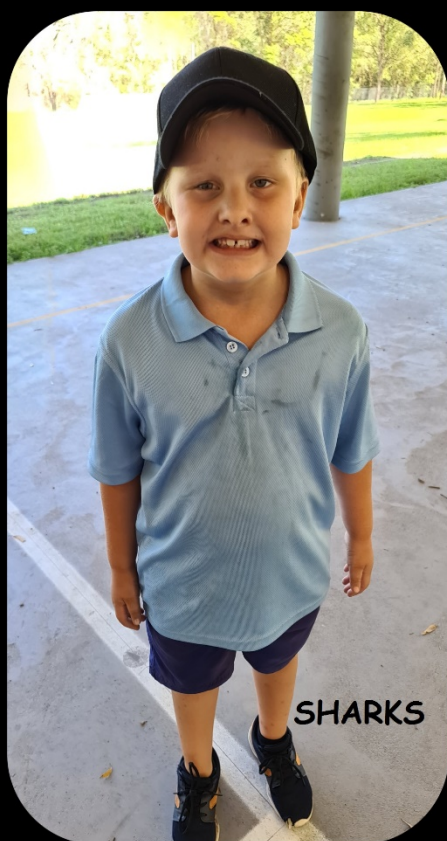
A reminder that our school uniform is worn every Monday to Thursday. Our sports uniform is worn every Friday. Students wear their sports house polo shirt and our royal blue shorts or skirt. What is our sports uniform? See the picture below.

SHARKS – Wear a pale blue polo shirt.

DINGOES – Wear a red polo shirt.

EAGLES – Wear a green polo shirt.

We stock and sell the sports day uniform. The coloured polos are only \$15 each. For this, you get a quality polo shirt with our school logo on it. Great value!



Below is our Monday to Thursday uniform. Note: White polo shirts are not part of our school uniform.



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School
Assembly



superstars



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