



# MANNERING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 2 Monday 3 February, 2020

## WHAT'S COMING UP

Meet the teacher afternoon TODAY 3:15PM

**Tues 18 Feb: All notes & money due for  
Swimming Carnival (no late notes or money  
accepted)**

**P&C Meeting Tue 18 Feb 6:30pm**

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

**2020** - 2020 Kindergarten started their primary education and it has been great to see them settle into school routine so quickly. Our teachers have done a wonderful job ensuring the activities are engaging as the children learn new routines. We also have some of our senior students working with the classes to assist with their learning and ensure they have a familiar face if they are a little lost or anxious. Please note, Kindergarten students now finish school at 2:55pm each day. It's amazing to think that when this year's Kindergarten hit year 12 in high school it will be 2032! Students were placed into their 2020 classes last Thursday. This year we have 8 mainstream classes as well as our new support class. I've been around to classes and all have hit the ground running and are settled. It will no doubt be another fantastic year with high quality teaching and learning the focus for teachers and students.

**Canteen CLOSED** - The canteen will be **closed** until further notice due to ongoing concerns around safety of the building. Last week, the wonderful ladies were able to provide a limited canteen menu and I would like to thank Lisa Brown and Kirsty Mutu for their effort and hard work in providing lunches to our students. However, this limited menu is not a financially viable option for our small P and C run canteen.

**As a result, there will be no lunch orders or lunch and recess service available.**

Please ensure your children have enough food to keep their bodies fuelled during the day. I am working closely with the Department of Education to have the canteen up and running as soon as possible and I will continue to keep you informed. I apologise for any inconveniences caused however, staff and student safety are my priority. I thank you for your understanding.

**Student banking** - Student banking with the Commonwealth Bank is now on Wednesdays. Students are to bring their bank books to the front office BEFORE the 9am bell. I would like to thank Jennelle Hands for her ongoing support with student banking at MPPS.

**Code of Conduct** - I have attached our school's 'Parent Code of Conduct' document to this newsletter. This document sets out guidelines for all parents' and visitors' expected conduct when entering our school. Please read the document carefully so you are aware of the procedures we have in place for parents and visitors.

**Swimming Carnival** - On Thursday, 20 February we are holding our annual swimming carnival for children in years 3-6 (8 years old and older) at Swansea Pool. Every student is required to attend. Students can spectate at the pool and earn points for their house by attending and cheering on the friends. They don't have to partake in the races. Department of Education guidelines state that students are **not** permitted to participate in unstructured water events including free swims, only structured lessons or races. Please note that the cost of the carnival is \$12 and includes bus travel to and from the venue. Notes and money are due back **tomorrow Tuesday, 18 February 2020**. Due to system changes, late notes and payments can no longer be accepted.

**Student safety** - As you are no doubt aware the main road in front of the school can be quite busy and hectic during drop off and pick up time. If you do drive to drop off or collect your children, please ensure the safety of our students and community are your priority. Always follow road rules, don't park illegally and be patient.

### Head Lice

Already this term we have had to inform some classes of head lice.

We strongly urge all parents to be vigilant in checking their child's/children's hair regularly. It can be very expensive and frustrating for parents to keep treating.

**Keeping you informed** - The school provides a variety of communication options for parents and carers. These include:

- \* The School Newsletter - The fortnightly newsletter will remain as the most comprehensive source of regular information. No hard copies will be sent home to students as they will be available on our media pages. There will be a small number of hard copies available in the office should you need one. Please ensure that you take the time to read it each week in order to stay informed about what's happening in our great school. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each fortnight, please contact the office.

- \* School website - <https://mannringpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

- \* Skoolbag - download the app on Android or App Store

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.singleapp&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.singleapp&hl=en_US)

<https://apps.apple.com/au/developer/skoolbag-pty-ltd/id561683743>

\*Class dojo – your class teacher will provide you with access to this online resource. Please see your class teacher if you do not have access.

\*Facebook - School events and special achievements are regularly posted on the Mannering Park Public School Facebook page as an additional source of information for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/manneringparkps/>

Please remember as adults, we all need to be aware that even if you have a 'private' profile or think that you think you are limiting your audience by selecting a few people to view your post or posting on a group page, screen shots are easily shared with others and the following information applies.

Australia's first social media defamation case proceeded to full trial recently, with a former student ordered to pay more than \$100,000 in damages over a series of defamatory posts about a teacher at the school. Now that's an expensive tweet! And not too recently, a school parent was ordered to pay damages to a staff member in QLD for damages as a result of Facebook posts on the school Facebook page and in the community.

It's also a reminder to the online community that defamation laws extend online; and it's no surprise that we're probably going to see more.

Rather than expanding the definition of defamation under Australian law, this case reminds us that defamation already extends to the internet, and it should be a wake up call for anyone using social media to be careful about what they post. A split second decision to share information through social media could be very expensive.

**Social media is no different to other forms of publishing in terms of defamation, and the fact that social media can assist broadcasting it further adds risk.**

When posting on Facebook or Twitter, take the newspaper test – think of yourself as an editor of a newspaper or media outlet, because you will be just as liable if you defame someone.

Here are five things you should know about social media defamation:

1. In general terms, defamation occurs when a person intentionally spreads information about another person, group of people, or small company that damages their reputation, or can make others think less of them.
2. Defamation is actionable regardless of the medium. A person can be defamed, for example, in print, through photos and on the internet.
3. Defamation cases involving the internet and social media are relatively new, but the same principles apply.

4. A person who did not create the defamatory material, but only shares it (for instance, by "retweeting" a tweet), can also be held found liable guilty of defamation.

5. There are several defences to defamation, including that the statement was true, or that it was an expression of an honest opinion. Consequently, you may be liable for defamation if you spread information which constitutes a hurtful and untrue statement of fact about another person.

#### **What if I'm accused of social media defamation?**

The best thing to do if you are accused of defamation is to take down the offending post, and offer an apology. If you're lucky, the person will forgive you and you won't end up in court.

With the rise of social media, ordinary citizens are becoming publishers and will be subjected to the same laws as newspapers and other news outlets.

<https://www.slatergordon.com.au/blog/5-things-to-know-about-social-media-defamation>

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mrs King  
Relieving Principal

#### **Term 1 2020**

**Mon 17 Feb:** Meet the Teacher afternoon

**Tue 18 Feb:** P&C Meeting 6:30pm

**Thurs 20 Feb:** 8-13 Years Swimming Carnival Swansea

**Tue 3 & Thur 5 Mar:** School Photos

**Wed 4 Mar:** Zone Swimming Carnival

**Thurs 19 Mar:** National Day against Bullying & Violence

**Fri 20 Mar:** Cross Country 9:15am

**Wed 25 Mar:** CWA Cooking Competition

**Thurs 9 April:** Easter Hat Parade & Grandparents Day

#### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The uniform shop opening hours are as follows:

**Mondays 8:30am-9:00am**

**Thursdays 2:15pm-2:45pm**

Order forms are available on Skoolbag, school website or at the office.

If you are unable to get to the uniform shop, order forms with payment can be left at the office with correct money in a sealed envelope.

We have maroon skorts and micro fibre shorts (with money pocket) new in stock @ \$15 each.

We are currently out of polo's except size 4 due to a delayed delivery. We are expecting it very soon and will let everyone know when it arrives.

Thank you  
P&C Uniform shop.



# J&B DANCE

CLASSES HELD AT  
**LAKE MUNMORAH COMMUNITY HALL**

## Monday

4:00 PM - 9-12 Yrs Jazz Technique  
4:30 PM - 9-12 Yrs Jazz Concert  
5:00 PM - 9-12 Yrs Concert Hip Hop  
5:30 PM - 9-12 Yrs Concert Acrobatics  
6:00 PM - 9-12 Yrs Concert Contemporary  
6:30 PM - 5-12 Yrs Concert Ballet  
7:00 PM - 5-12 Yrs Concert Tap



## Tuesday

3:30 PM - 2-5 Yrs Jelly Beans Ballet  
4:00 PM - 2-5 Yrs Jelly Beans Jazz  
4:30 PM - 5-9 Yrs Jazz Technique  
5:00 PM - 5-9 Yrs Jazz Concert  
5:30 PM - 5-9 Yrs Concert Hip Hop  
6:00 PM - 5-9 Yrs Concert Contemporary  
6:30 PM - 5-9 Yrs Concert Acrobatics



## Thursday

4:00 PM - 11+ Yrs Jazz Technique  
4:30 PM - 11+ Yrs Jazz Concert  
5:00 PM - 11+ Yrs Concert Hip Hop  
5:30 PM - 11+ Yrs Concert Contemporary  
6:00 PM - 11+ Yrs Concert Acrobatics



**TRY YOUR FIRST WEEK FREE!**

**SAVE UP TO \$200!**  
WITH YOUR CREATIVE & ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

For more information go to:  
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**ZOE'S DANCE ACADEMY**

## HOW TO HAVE AN AMAZING 2020

### SHOW UP

To our Enrolment Days  
WESTON CIVIC CENTRE  
Wednesday 22nd January 3:30 - 6:00pm  
Wednesday 29th January 3:30 - 6:00pm  
MANNERING PARK COMMUNITY HALL  
Thursday 30th January 3:30 - 6:00pm

**ZDA**  
ZOE'S DANCE ACADEMY

### CONVERSE

With Our Amazing ZDA Team about our massive range of classes available for you to participate in. Dance styles include JAZZ, TAP, BALLET, HIP HOP, MUSICAL THEATRE, CONTEMPORARY, LYRICAL, CHEERLEADING & ACROBATICS. Exam & Eisteddfod Classes Available.



### CONTACT US

CALL/SMS US NOW!  
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### DANCE, LAUGH & FEEL PART OF A TEAM

Whatever you do at ZDA is totally up to you. You can dance, laugh and be part of a team with friends, new & old. Come and see what's fun for YOU!



### GET EXCITED

NO EXPENSIVE REGISTRATION FEES  
CLASSES START FROM \$7.00  
INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY DISCOUNTS  
BOYS ONLY CLASSES  
ADULT CLASSES FOR FUN.



**Register now!**



**NORTHERN GIANTS AFC**

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Open for Boys and Girls 5-17yo



Sign up for junior footy **play.af!**



## Books BAS & Tax

**Kate Sinclair 0418 612 806**

- Registered BAS Agent
- Accounts Receivable & Payable
- Payroll & Superannuation
- Bank Reconciliations
- BAS preparation & lodgement
- Financial Reports / Compliance
- Business Training
- On site or off site
- Reasonable rates - Fully Insured
- MYOB QUICKBOOKS EXCEL



Manning Park Public School will be running **Breakfast Club**, which is funded by *Food Bank's School Breakfast 4 Health* and is open to every student.

Every child, every day, needs to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast, and we understand it can sometimes be difficult to get your child to eat in the morning. We are here to help to provide a nutritious start to the day.

**When:** Commencing Week 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

**Time:** 8.30-8.50am

**Where:** The Old Quad area (beside the Community Room)

**Further information:** Food Bank's School Breakfast 4 Health <https://www.foodbank.org.au/homepage/who-we-help/schools/?state=nsw-act>



Respectful relationships.

Responsible learners.





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## Parent Code of Conduct

### Preamble

A school community contains a wide variety of individuals and groups who strive to work together to educate students to become confident, well-educated students who are prepared to lead happy, successful lives and make contributions to local and global communities. Shared community values enable the members of the community to work together and enjoy the fellowship that arises from their collaborative efforts.

### Our Mission

Our mission, at Mannering Park Public School is to provide Successful Learning For All. The children's education is characterised by: an environment that develops basic human virtues of courage, persistence, optimism and effective interpersonal skills in individuals building responsible community members who are able to solve problems creatively through wise decision making; an expanding curriculum that ensures equitable access to information with an emphasis on resource and technology based enquiry learning providing for diversity amongst learners resulting in the development of cooperative, responsible community leaders who value life-long learning.

### School rules

Respectful Relationships

Responsible Learners

### Aim

Mannering Park Public School staff and students work to a Code of Conduct. This document aims to provide similar guidelines for parents. Specifically, this Code of Conduct is intended to:

1. provide a set of general principles to guide parents in their interaction with staff, students and other parents;
2. communicate the School's expectation as to how parents conduct themselves when on the School grounds or at School events; and
3. explain how parents can direct their concerns.

### Scope

This policy applies to all adults including parents, guardians, step-parents, grandparents, extended family, caregivers and any others while involved in activities or communication related to Mannering Park Public School. For the purpose of this policy, the term "parent" refers to all caregivers as listed above.

### Ethical Conduct

Parents play a key role in the education of their children and should act in the best interests of students, their families, staff and the School community. The School values its diverse community and respects the rights, beliefs and practices of individuals and their families.

Parents are students' most significant role models.

Accordingly, the School expects a high standard of personal behaviour from parents when they are on School grounds, attending events or communicating with staff or other students. For example:

- Refraining from engaging in malicious or judgmental gossip (either directly or online), and ensuring that anything they say about others is fair and truthful.
- Refraining from actions and behaviour that constitutes bullying, harassment, discrimination or vilification.
- Refraining from offensive, insulting or derogatory language or conduct. This includes wearing clothing with offensive language or insignia.
- Dressing appropriately according to the occasion.
- Not smoking on School grounds or within 4 metres of the School boundary. (This is required by New South Wales law.)
- Not possessing alcohol on School grounds.

- Not attending School events if affected by alcohol or any other intoxicant.
- Showing proper care and regard for School property, the property of others and Work Health and Safety considerations.

#### **Communication and interaction with staff, other parents and students**

Parents are expected to interact civilly with staff, students and other parents at all times. Written and spoken communication should be courteous and respectful. Abusive language, raising your voice, insulting or violent behaviour to **anyone** on School grounds or at any School-related event, is not appropriate.

Parents are expected to ensure that relationships with students are strictly in accordance with appropriate roles and that favouritism and special treatment are avoided.

Parents are expected to ensure that physical contact with students is appropriate given the age of, and relationship with the student that questions of impropriety do not arise.

Whilst interaction between students can be unruly it is not appropriate to discipline another parents' child whilst on school grounds, unless there is a reasonable health and safety concern. Physical contact should be avoided unless there is a reasonable health and safety concern.

In some circumstances parents are required by law to advise the School of areas of potential conflict, such as parenting and family court orders. The School expects parents to behave lawfully on School grounds and observe the terms of any order, obligation or undertaking they may be subject to.

#### **What parents can expect from a staff member if communication becomes inappropriate**

In cases where a parent does not interact civilly with staff, either in person in or outside of the school grounds, during a phone call, or via email, the staff member may take one of the following actions:

- Request that the parent cease their inappropriate communication in order to allow the communication to proceed.
- Inform the parent that unless the inappropriate communication ceases, the staff member may put an end to the phone call, meeting or discussion.
- Request another staff member is present for the remainder of the meeting, if deemed necessary to proceed with such.
- Lodge a complaint against the offending parent.

#### **Use of Social Media**

Social media can be defined as how we use technology to communicate and connect with others. Despite the range of positive uses for social media, there are also a number of ethical and legal issues associated with its use. Many people may hold the mistaken belief that anything published online will be without legal consequence.

However, parents should be aware that there are a number of potential legal liabilities that may arise, particularly in relation to issues pertaining to reputational damage, and defamation.

Parents can ensure they abide by the laws and the School's expectations of its parents, by complying with the following:

- The School, its staff and members of its community should not be mentioned or discussed in a negative or defamatory way.
- Photographs of students in school uniform represent the School and its students, and should not be posted if they have the potential to bring negative connotations towards the Schools or its staff and students.
- Photographs containing other students should not be posted without the consent of the other child/children's parents.
- Email addresses of parents, staff and students should not be given to other people without their consent.
- Parents are not permitted to make contact with other students via any form of social media without the express consent of the student's parents.

#### **What parents can expect from the School**

The School takes seriously any issues that are brought to its attention. If parents express their concerns to the School, they can expect to be treated with courtesy and respect in order to try and resolve the matter.

As a general guide, minor issues may be raised with your child's teacher. Cases of more serious inappropriate conduct or misconduct ought to be directed to the Principal.

Each situation will be considered as it arises and based on the issues.

The School will act in accordance with its Complaints Resolution Policy when dealing with complaints.

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct**

With these guidelines in place it is hoped that parents can appropriately direct their concerns and contribute to a harmonious school community that reflects and builds on the School's values.

The consequences for breaches of this Code of Conduct will be determined by the Principal and may include one of the following:

- The School may ban a parent from entry to School grounds or from attending co-curricular activities or other events under the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901.
- The School may direct that a parent may only communicate with members of staff through a nominated School representative.
- The School may, where appropriate, involve other authorities.
- The School may take other such steps as it deems appropriate according to the nature of the breach.