

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Staff News

We welcome Miss Sian Savenije to the school. Miss Savenije is teaching Grade 2 Orange and we wish her a very successful time at Montrose. Miss van der Schyff and Miss Zeelie both got engaged during the school holiday. We wish both couples the best for the future.

Masks

All learners received two masks which were supplied by the GDE. These are not the branded masks the school will be supplying to all learners free of charge. We are awaiting delivery and the masks will be distributed soon.

We would like to compliment the children on wearing their masks all the time, even the little ones. We would however like to remind parents that all learners are required to wear a cloth mask, even if wearing a shield, and that no buffs are allowed.

Daily Procedures

As a school we will review the daily procedures, specifically the drop-off and collection procedures, until we find the way which works best for us as a school, in the same way in which we did it last year. In this way we will soon have a streamlined process again and we ask parents to be patient whilst the children are settling into these procedures. We would like to thank the parents for their cooperation and understanding and for following the procedures set out in the letter of 15 February 2021.

School Calendar and Attendance

The amended school calendar has been posted on the D6 School Communicator. Parents must please note that NO permission may be given for any holiday leave during school terms. School attendance is compulsory, and absence is only allowed with a valid reason. Holidays, weddings and birthdays are not valid reasons. Any absence longer than 10 days must be reported to the GDE and it might lead to the deregistration of a learner. Any travel plans must be considered carefully as the GDE will not accept being stuck in a country and not being able to return due to COVID-19 restrictions as a valid reason to miss school and assessments. The impact of the change to COVID-19 regulations should be expected at any time before planning to travel overseas. Parents must please understand that we are bound by departmental regulations and may not veer from these.

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Reminders

- Under no circumstances may any child be sent to school if they are not feeling well (as this is a departmental regulation). The moment the child tells their teacher they are not feeling well, you will be contacted telephonically and requested to collect your child immediately.
- Should a family member or person living in the same household test positive for COVID-19, any learners living in the same house will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Should this occur, please send an e-mail to monty@montrose.org.za, so that measures can be put in place for the learner.
- NO parents are allowed on the school premises at any time unless with a prior appointment with the office.
- Please note that no items will be allowed to be dropped off at school for learners (e.g. lunch or books). We encourage parents to ensure that their children pack their bags the night before school to ensure that they have everything they need for the following day.
- Children must always carry a pocket size hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol with them and have a spare mask in their school bag.
- All learners are encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen to school every day, especially during the summer months. No caps/hats other than the Montrose branded ones may be worn with the uniform outside of the school property, but may be worn during breaks.
- The tuck shop is open but only to provide food to the children whose parents have pre-ordered and paid for the order. No child will be allowed to go to the tuck shop at all. This is just as a service to the parents. Please communicate directly with the tuck shop (tuckshop@montrose.org.za) should you wish to place an order or have any queries.
- The aftercare is open and operating under strict protocols. They will take both fulltime and part-time learners daily. Parents/guardians are however required to send a message via WhatsApp to Mrs Carbars to confirm attendance should they not be attending on a daily basis. Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbars on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at carbars@mweb.co.za.

GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Extra-Mural Activities

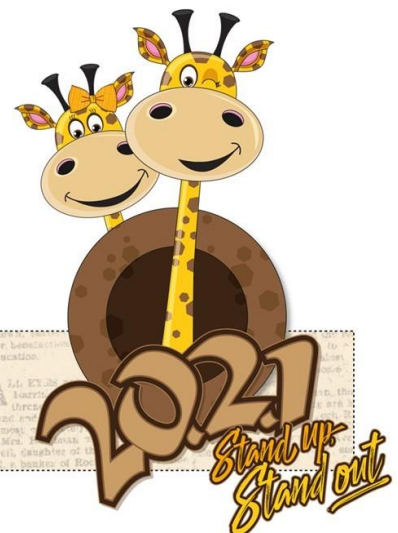
- As set out in the letter of 3 February 2021, we will slowly start with extra-murals from Monday, 22 February 2021. Only children who have been invited directly via e-mail may attend the extra-murals. NO other children will be allowed. Please refer to the abovementioned letter for all the information.
- The siblings of the invited learners will be able to wait on the stands so that they can leave together with their sibling, only if indicated to the coach on reply to the invitation email. If there is no communication, the sibling will wait at the relevant gate for collection directly after school and you will be contacted telephonically should you not collect your child.
- At the end of the extra-murals the learners will be taken to the netball court closest to the teachers' carpark and will be dismissed through Gate 5 (the gate next to security).

SGB Elections - 2021

As we come to the end of the three-year term of our current SGB, SGB elections will take place between 1 March and 23 April 2021. Information on the elections and nominations will be communicated to the parents 30 days prior to the election date.

Staff Birthdays

- 22 February: Mr Makara
- 25 February: Mr van der Linde
- 2 March: Mrs Bragge
- 8 March: Miss van der Schyff
- 12 March: Mr Guedes
- 19 March: Mr Jones
- 20 March: Miss Langkilde



Don't forget to check the D6 Communicator and the Parent Portal regularly for more information and updates.

SCHOOL TIMES AND PROCEDURES

Drop Off

Please ensure that your child enters through the correct gate, i.e. Foundation Phase gate for Grade 1 - 3 learners and Netball Court gate for Grade 4 - 7 learners and siblings.

No Intersens Phase learners will be allowed to enter through the Foundation Phase gate.

Siblings must be dropped off at the Netball Court gate to enter the school together and this will include siblings in the Foundation Phase (**unless both siblings are in Grade 1, 2 or 3**, in which case they can enter through the Foundation Phase gate).

Collection

Children who have siblings in the Intersens Phase will be taken down to the Netball Court gate for collection in the afternoon. Where siblings are all in the Foundation Phase, they are required to be collected from the Foundation Phase gate.

Where parents collect more than one learner, the collection time for the eldest sibling may be used for collection to avoid having to queue for two different time slots.

Please note that all learners must be collected on time. Parents will be contacted telephonically if their child has not been collected by 13h30 on a Monday and by 14h00 from Tuesday to Friday. Please notify the office if there is a once off emergency, but this cannot be a daily occurrence.

Parking

Please adhere to the one-way system in the car park. Parents are driving out of the entrance gate which is causing traffic jams and turning in the open area where parents are waiting for their children. **This is not only inconsiderate, but extremely dangerous as it places all the people waiting at risk.** Please note that it is not the school's responsibility to manage and control parents' behaviour and conduct and we appeal to all parents/drivers to be considerate of others and ensure the safety of all.

Please utilise the second carpark should the first carpark be full.

Parents of Foundation Phase learners are reminded of the one-way system in the mornings and afternoons.

FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY DESK

Montrose Pre-Primary School
Open Day
Saturday
13 March 2021
10:00-12:00

• We are a private Pre-Primary school offering Grade 000, Grade 00 and Grade R.
• We have qualified, passionate educators that embrace each learner's individuality and create a safe, loving and nurturing environment for them.

School tours: By appointment only.
Please contact the school office on (011) 869-9003 or via email on admin@montrosepreprimaryschool.org.za

Experience an educational journey of note!
Cnr Essenwood Ave & Rosewalk St, Dolorescrest, Sandton

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION



- Scadsys Parent Portal (registration queries and updating of details):
monty@montrose.org.za



- Mathletics (login queries):
sophia@montrose.org.za



- Accounts Department:
Fees: molly@montrose.org.za
Bursar: terry@montrose.org.za
Assistant Bursar: sonya@montrose.org.za



- Admissions:
leyla@montrose.org.za



- Social Worker:
adell@montrose.org.za

GENERAL REMINDERS AND INFORMATION

Severe Allergies

Please note that should your child have any severe allergies (e.g. where an EpiPen is required), both their class teacher and the front office must be given full details of this allergy. The details required include your child's full name, the relevant allergy, what medication must be given, the procedure to follow and contact details in an emergency.

It is of vital importance that we have this information as sometimes it could be the difference between life and death!



Updating of details

We have had various instances where very important e-mails sent out to parents are undeliverable as details have changed or we have tried to contact parents telephonically and the number no longer exists.

Please note that if you have moved to a new house, changed jobs or any other contact details have changed, the school needs to be notified of these changes. This can be done by sending an e-mail advising of the relevant changes to monty@montrose.org.za. Please include your child's name, your ID and cell phone numbers and your e-mail address for verification purposes.

Please note that it is vitally important that the school has your current contact details to ensure effective communication.



High School Information

Any information the school receives regarding high school applications, scholarships and open days will be posted on the d6 School Communicator.

Communication

The d6 School Communicator and Parent Portal are the school's main form of communication to the parents.

The d6 School Communicator



The Parent Portal



COVID-19 Public Hotline: 0800 029 999
WhatsApp Support Line: 0600-123456



Stay Safe and Healthy