

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL**

**The Ladder to Success**

Would you like to teach your child the road to success?

Where do you start? How can you change your life, or what do you tell your child? Well, you do not have to do everything at once. Step by step gets the job done best.

Start at the bottom of the ladder and work your way up.

**Step 10:** Set a good example.

**Step 9:** Speak positively, always check your words.

**Step 8:** Persist until you get things right.

**Step 7:** Monitor yourself.

**Step 6:** Set clear goals and have challenging targets.

**Step 5:** Dream of a better life and a better world.

**Step 4:** Dump the victim mentality.

**Step 3:** Focus on what you CAN do, not on what you CANT do.

**Step 2:** Get rid of all excuses and look for solutions

**Step 1:** Avoid the 'blame-game'.

Like climbing a ladder, you can only move onto the next step, when you pass the one that you are on. We all dream of a better world and try to set clear goals. But those efforts may prove fruitless if you don't have a solid foundation to stand on.

Consider steps 1-4 as your "foundation phase" and get working to pass these steps. Before you start changing the world, start with the first step - YOU!

**Challenge yourself/your child:** What can we do this week to get past the 1st four steps?

I would also like to take this opportunity to share an extract from an e-mail received by a past learner at Montrose, which reflects how the school can also help your child on their road to success:

*"The reason for this email is that I am very proud of being a student from Montrose Primary School. As I experienced in my 2nd week at Bryanston High School.*

*The grade 8s had an evaluation test for Mathematics and many students from other schools found it quite challenging, but the few students from Montrose Primary School had not struggled at all. In fact, when the teacher asked how we found our test, the Montrose students were the only ones that did not find it that hard.*

*It was a very proud moment when we said that it was probably because we were from Montrose."*



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

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS**

- 21 March:** Human Rights Day
- 22 March:** Public Holiday
- 23 March:** Test Week begins (Gr 4-7)
- 30 March:** Test Week ends (Gr 4-6)
- 31 March:** Test Week ends (Gr 7)
- 1 April:** School closes @ 12h00
- 2 April:** Good Friday
- 4 April:** Easter Sunday
- 5 April:** Family Day
- 7 April:** HPV and tetanus vaccinations (Gr 5)
- 8 April:** SGB Parent Elections



**SGB Parent Elections - 2021**

As we come to the end of the three-year term of our current SGB, SGB elections will take place on Thursday, 8 April 2021. Information on the elections and nominations will be communicated to the parents prior to the election date.

If you are thinking of being a part of the School Governing Body, please take the time to read the information on the Communicator (under Resources/Newsletters) which sets out what being a governing body member entails.

**Perusal of Learners' Books**

Learners' books will be going home for perusal by the parents/guardians on Tuesday, 23 March 2021. Please ask your child for any books they have with them and ensure that you sign their books acknowledging that you have perused the term's work.

**#MONTROSEEXCELLENCE**

**Speech and Drama College (SA) Johannesburg Festival 2021**

Congratulations to Anirudh Varadarajan who entered the Grade 7 Prepared Public Speaking Section and received a Gold Certificate for his speech on "Why reading makes you a better person". The adjudicator remarked on his sense of passion for the topic and his enthusiasm for the content.

Well done Anirudh! What an outstanding achievement!

**FROM THE INTERSEN PHASE DESK**

**Assessment Timetable**

- 23 March:** English (Gr 4-7)
- 24 March:** History (Gr 4-7)
- 25 March:** Afrikaans/isiZulu (Gr 4-6)
- 26 March:** Afrikaans (Gr 7)
- 26 March:** Geography (Gr 4-7)
- 29 March:** NS & Tech (Gr 4-6)
- 29 March:** Natural Science (Gr 7)
- 30 March:** Mathematics (Gr 4-7)
- 31 March:** EMS (Gr 7)

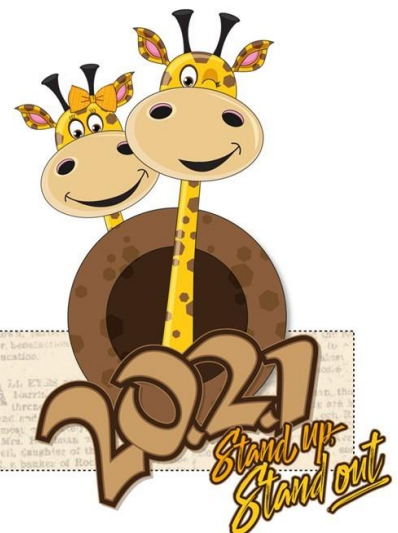
These assessments will be written at the beginning of the day and it is therefore imperative that learners arrive at school on time. Please ensure that you make allowances for load shedding and/or inclement weather and extended travel times as a result.

Should your child miss an exam, a doctor's note must be provided. The note can be sent via e-mail to [monty@montrose.org.za](mailto:monty@montrose.org.za) and the original given to the teacher for Miss Langkilde. Should no doctor's note be provided, the learner will be given a zero for the examination.



**STAFF BIRTHDAYS**

- 19 March:** Mr Jones
- 20 March:** Miss Langkilde
- 2 April:** Miss Zeelie
- 6 April:** Mrs Moodley
- 30 April:** Mr Edmeston



## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

### Arrival Times

We have a number of learners arriving late for school and this is very disruptive to teachers and learners in class and teaching begins promptly in the morning. Parents/guardians of learners who regularly arrive late will be contacted by the form room teachers to find out the reasons for the late-coming and the Department will be notified of continuous late-coming. **Please ensure that you make allowances for load shedding and/or inclement weather and extended travel times as a result.**

Please ensure that you get your children to school before the bell rings. Learners must be in line by no later than:

- 07h10: Grade 3, 6 and 7
- 07h20: Grade 2, 4 and 5
- 07h30: Grade 1

and preferably be in line at least 5-10 minutes before the bell rings for the relevant grades to ensure that they get to class promptly.

**Please note that gates will be closed at 07h25 (Netball Gate) and 07h35 (FP Gate) and no learners will be allowed through the gates after those times and will have to go through reception.**



### Dismissal Times

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.

- Grade 1: Monday: 12h40  
Tuesday - Friday: 12h55
- Grade 2: Monday: 12h55  
Tuesday - Friday: 13h10
- Grade 3: Monday: 13h10  
Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 4-5: Monday: 12h55  
Tuesday - Friday: 13h25
- Grade 6-7: Monday: 13h10  
Tuesday - Friday: 13h40

The Foundation Phase gate will be closed at 13h20 on a Monday and 13h40 from Tuesday to Friday. Any learners remaining at school will be taken to the Netball Court gate, which gate will be closed at 13h30 on a Monday and 14h00 from Tuesday to Friday.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Physical Education

Only the **Montrose PE shirt (yellow shirt with school badge)** and **Montrose shorts/skort** may be worn for Phys. Ed. and must be worn with takkies and the school blazer. If it is cold children may wear black or dark brown tracksuit pants (no leggings), the school blazer and the school jersey if needed. If you have school tracksuit, this may be worn, however this is not a compulsory item of the school uniform and need not be purchased specifically for Phys. Ed. No other coloured non-school garments may be worn on these days.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Accounts Department:**  
Fees: [molly@montrose.org.za](mailto:molly@montrose.org.za)  
Bursar: [terry@montrose.org.za](mailto:terry@montrose.org.za)  
Assistant Bursar: [sonya@montrose.org.za](mailto:sonya@montrose.org.za)
- **Social Worker:**  
[adell@montrose.org.za](mailto:adell@montrose.org.za)
- **Scadsys Parent Portal (registration queries and updating of details):**  
[monty@montrose.org.za](mailto:monty@montrose.org.za)
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Website:**  
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Home/ScadsysLogin>
- **Scadsys Parent Portal Registration:**  
<https://www.scadco.co.za/ScadCo2/Parent/Registrar>  
School reference: 0013
- **D6 School Communicator:**  
<https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/>
- **Mathletics (login queries):**  
[sophia@montrose.org.za](mailto:sophia@montrose.org.za)
- **Admissions:**  
[leyla@montrose.org.za](mailto:leyla@montrose.org.za)



Stay Safe  
and  
Healthy

## TUCK SHOP, AFTERCARE AND UNIFORMS

- 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 via e-mail at [tuckshop@montrose.org.za](mailto:tuckshop@montrose.org.za) or on 082-566-8566 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 Carbarns to confirm attendance should they not be attending on a daily basis. Any queries regarding aftercare must be directed to Mrs Carbarns on 082-888-0397 or via e-mail at [carbarns@mweb.co.za](mailto:carbarns@mweb.co.za).
- NO parents are allowed on the school premises at any time unless with a prior appointment with the office, and this includes aftercare. No learners may be collected at the aftercare gate after extra-murals unless the child is attending aftercare on the day.
- Although our in-house uniform shop, Uniformity, is not operating on the school premises on a fulltime basis, they are open for business. For help or assistance please call Mrs Alexis Scott on 082 453 7875  
**Uniformity School & Sportswear**  
[uniformity@outlook.com](mailto:uniformity@outlook.com): 082 453 7875 (M)
- Attaché is the second uniform supplier and can be found at Unit 6 Sak's Corner, 140 - 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkmore. For any queries, feel free to contact Attaché:  
Tel: (011) 783-4037  
E-mail: [fashion@attacheefashions.co.za](mailto:fashion@attacheefashions.co.za); or  
[schools@attacheefashions.co.za](mailto:schools@attacheefashions.co.za)  
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