



Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

I am looking forward to seeing our parents/guardians at next week's School Governing Body Elections, which will take place on **Thursday, 8 April 2021** between 12h00 and 14h00.

The school applied for e-elections, but the GDE indicated that they are not prepared and ready to monitor any elections in this format and no schools were granted permission. We therefore opted for an extended mode of elections to ensure that we do not have to be concerned about the number of parents on the school property during this period and to hold the elections during a timeframe when most parents will be at the school to collect their children. This year the elections will be managed by Rivonia Primary School and all documentation/instructions will be directly from them. This mode of elections differs from the normal mode and parents must take note of the following information so that you are prepared for election day.

SGB Parent Nominations close @ 13h00 on Wednesday, 31 March 2021 and the **Nomination Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, 31 March 2021 @ 14h30-15h00** on the **Netball Courts**. The nominations of all candidates will be verified by the electoral officer at this meeting. Please note that only the entrance to the courts on Marie Street may be used for this meeting.

A School Governing Body is a statutory institution. This means that it is composed in terms of law. It must consist of parents of learners, educators, non-educator staff members, the Principal and co-opted members (if required). Every parent has a responsibility and democratic right to show interest and participate in the way in which the school is governed and managed. Parents may participate by standing for election and/or casting their vote.

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. Parents on the current SGB attend monthly meetings, fill certain portfolios such as building and maintenance, security, treasurer, exemptions, etc. This may mean that they initiate and implement new developments, apply their professional knowledge and attend other meetings during the course of the year. Please attend the meetings to nominate and elect new parent members of our SGB.



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

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The election meeting will only be held if more people are nominated than the number of parents to be elected for the SGB (i.e. six parents). Should we go to elections, all candidates will be introduced to the parent body via a biographical sheet which will be sent out one day prior to elections, together with the procedures to be followed on election day.

Voting takes place by way of secret ballot and the electoral officer will inform parents of the election results. A quorum of 15% of parents on the voters' roll is required for the election meeting to be valid. This will only be determined at the end of the elections. Should a quorum not be achieved, a second election meeting will take place on **Thursday, 15 April 2021 at 14h30**.

Two parents or legal guardians may vote per family. Please make sure you will be able to vote by ensuring that the school has your correct details. Please note that no proxy votes are allowed.

A South African identity document or card or a valid passport must be produced at the nomination and election meeting to sign the voters' roll. **Please note that no drivers' licenses or certified copies of documents will be accepted.**

We hope to see you all there, as a nominee or a voter. Let's make this work for Montrose. YIELD NOT!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Jewish families Chag Sameach and our Christian families a Happy Easter. We hope that you have a wonderful long weekend with your families. Please travel safely if you are traveling; please stay safe and we will see you on Tuesday, 6 April 2021!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 31 March:** EMS Test (Gr 7)
SGB Parent Nomination Meeting @ 14h30 (netball courts)
- 1 April:** **School closes @ 12h00**
(note staggered dismissal times)
No extra-murals due to early close
- 2 April:** Good Friday
- 4 April:** Easter Sunday; Passover ends
- 5 April:** Family Day
- 7 April:** HPV and tetanus vaccinations (Gr 5)
No extra-murals due to SGB Staff Elections
- 8 April:** **SGB Parent Elections @ 12h00**
No extra-murals due to SGB Parent Elections

IMPORTANT!

Please note the dismissal times for **Thursday, 1 April 2021:**

- Grade 1:** 11h30
- Grade 2:** 11h40
- Grade 3:** 11h50
- Grade 4:** 11h45
- Grade 5:** 11h50
- Grade 6 & 7:** 12h00

Please ensure that you collect your child/children promptly after school.

CANCELLED!

Please note that no extra-murals or bridging will take place on the following days:

- **Thursday, 1 April 2021** - due to early close for Easter weekend
- **Wednesday, 7 April 2021** - due to SGB Staff Elections
- **Thursday, 8 April 2021** - due to SGB Parent Elections

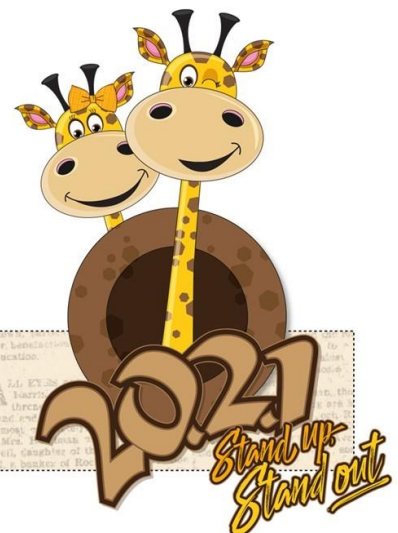
GENERAL MONTROSE NEWS

Parent Portal

The assessment portion of the Parent Portal has been deactivated for the remainder of the term in preparation of reports.

Staff Birthdays

- 2 April: Miss Zeelie
- 6 April: Mrs Moodley
- 30 April: Mr Edmeston



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parking and Traffic on 12th Street

Please remember that 12th Street is a one way at certain times in the mornings and afternoons and you are required to adhere to this one-way system.

Please note that parking on pavements, on yellow lines and across Zebra crossings is not only illegal, but also impedes the flow of traffic and pedestrians around the school. It hampers the flow of traffic and endangers the lives of both our learners and parents. The school prides itself on the good relationships we have built up with our neighbours and urge all parents to respect the neighbours' rights to access their properties. Please do not park across any driveways! Our neighbours are being blocked in and, in an emergency (and just generally), are unable to get out of their properties. Please also take every care not to damage lawns and gardens in 12th Street and keep the street and parking area in Marie Street litter free.

Please note that we do not operate a drive-thru system at the Foundation Phase Gate in the afternoons and parents are required to park before requesting that their child be sent up to the gate. Please lead by example and teach your children to respect the property and rights of others!

Arrival Times

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.

Please ensure that you make allowances for load shedding and/or inclement weather and extended travel times as a result.

Dismissal Times

- 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.

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.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Accounts Department:**
Fees: molly@montrose.org.za
Bursar: terry@montrose.org.za
Assistant Bursar: sonya@montrose.org.za
- **Social Worker:**
adell@montrose.org.za
- **Scadsys Parent Portal (registration queries and updating of details):**
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
- **Admissions:**
leyla@montrose.org.za



MySchool

The MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet fundraising programme is one of South Africa's biggest community programmes. They raise funds for schools, charities and environmental organisations through a card system that allows supporters to raise funds for their beneficiary (school or charity) every time they shop at our partner stores. Partners make a contribution, on behalf of the supporter/ cardholder, towards the beneficiary they have selected.

In order to become a supporter, you need to be registered with MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet and select a school or charity to support. You can register online or get a card from your local Woolworths.

It's quick and easy! Use the following link to register today - <https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply>



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 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.
- 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: 082 453 7875 (M)
- Attaché is the second uniform supplier and can be found at Unit 6 Sak's Corner, 140 - 11th Street, Parkmore. For any queries, feel free to contact Attaché:
Tel: (011) 783-4037
E-mail: fashion@attacheffashions.co.za; or schools@attacheffashions.co.za
info@attacheon11th.com

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

COVID-19 Online Resource & News Portal
SAcoronavirus.co.za

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