

Dear Parents, Staff, Boys and Girls

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

**Positive Attitudes**

Having a positive attitude to life is one of the most powerful attributes we can help our children to develop. It is amazing how often attitude plays a greater role than intellectual ability. A positive attitude can attract happiness and friends, solutions and prospects, and it helps in achieving goals and success. It energises, inspires and motivates and it affects how we experience life. Some children may be naturally more positive, but ultimately everyone can choose the attitude they want to adopt. Elements parents might want to encourage are:

- a cheerful and positive approach towards self, others, tasks and life in general;
  - enthusiasm;
  - reliability and honouring commitments;
  - choosing and expecting to be happy;
  - keep company with positive and happy people;
  - searching for solutions when presented with a problem;
  - flexibility and the ability to adapt to circumstances;
  - giving others the benefit of the doubt;
  - a sense of humour and the ability to laugh at oneself;
  - an ethic of working hard, with dedication and a focus on quality output;
  - good listening skills and being genuinely interested in others;
  - an awareness of the impact that attitude has on the people around us;
  - willingness to undertake any tasks that may be necessary;
  - the ability to learn from mistakes and bounce back.
- Armed with a positive attitude, we might classify negative experiences as a temporary setback that we will soon overcome. This magic is free and available to anyone who wants it and what better way to teach than to lead by example!

From: Life Talk for Parents - Izabelle Little



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19 May: English Speech Festival Top 5 (Gr 4-7) (by invitation) @ 13h45
- 19 May: Study Skills and Values Programmes (Gr 5) (during school)
- 22 May: Horizon Mathematics Competition @ Brynneven Primary from 09h30 (by invitation)

FROM THE SPORTS & CULTURE DESK

**Soccer**

Please note that all inter-school soccer matches scheduled for this term have been cancelled with immediate effect by the Johannesburg Primary Schools Football Association ("JPSFA"). The JPSFA will reassess the situation in June 2021. The school will however continue with practices (in line with JPSFA guidelines) and are also planning to start an internal, fun Mini World Cup Tournament which will take place at school on the scheduled match days for each of the age groups. More information regarding this will be communicated to all the players shortly.

**Night Challenge**

After much consideration and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, we felt that it would be prudent to postpone the remaining two weeks of the Montrose Night Challenge to later this year. The fixtures scheduled for the last two Fridays in May, will now take place on Friday, 10 and 17 September 2021 respectively. While we wish to return to a more normal routine and have taken all precautions and followed all protocols, the health and safety of all participants and officials, as well as the impact on the broader community, remains a priority of the school. We look forward to hosting the last two weeks of the event in September and more information will follow closer to the date.

**Extra-Murals**

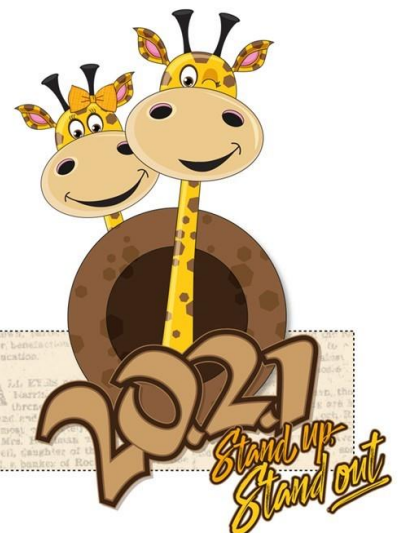
All extra-murals (e.g. netball, ball skills, soccer) will continue at this stage, focussing on fitness and skills, as has been done since the move to Lockdown Level 1.

All Grade 1-3 children attending extra-murals will exit at the Foundation Phase Gate (Gate 1) after extra-murals. All Grade 4-7 children attending extra-murals will exit at the Pedestrian Gate (Gate 4) next to the staff parking.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- All learners are now required to be wearing their full winter uniforms. No exceptions.
- Children must always carry a pocket size hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol with them and have a spare mask in their school bag.
- 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](mailto: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.
- No items will be allowed to be dropped off at school for learners (e.g. lunch, books, projects or extra-mural/PE kits).
- Communicate arrangements with any driving service being used and ensure that anyone collecting your child knows their full name, which grade and class they are in and whether they are participating in any extra-murals.
- 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 a 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

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



## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

### Staff Birthdays

19 May: Mrs Brink  
27 May: Mrs van Loggerenberg  
2 June: Mrs Molepo  
7 June: Mrs van Wyk  
19 June: Mrs Rix  
22 June: Mrs Sauer



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### 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 07h30 (FP Gate) and no learners will be allowed through the gates after those times and will have to go through reception.

### 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.



## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION



- 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



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



- 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)



- Admissions:  
[leyla@montrose.org.za](mailto:leyla@montrose.org.za)



- Social Worker:  
[adell@montrose.org.za](mailto:adell@montrose.org.za)



- D6 School Communicator:  
<https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/>

## 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. Their hours are as follows:  
Monday - Thursday: 07h00 - 17h00  
Friday: 07h00 - 16h00  
Saturday: 09h00 - 13h00  
For any queries, feel free to contact Attaché:  
Tel: (011) 783-4037

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

